

Coach Profile: Kyle Shiry

Position: Head Coach Team: U10 AA Kitchener Jr. Rangers

Biography

Kyle is born and raised in Kitchener and played all of his minor sports locally. Since graduating from minor sports, Kyle has been a dedicated volunteer across both hockey and baseball programs for more than 15 years.

Through a deep appreciation for his coaches growing up, and his love for sports and the team environment, Kyle started coaching house league baseball as a non-parent coach. Very quickly he moved to AA, and then AAA in the Kitchener Minor Baseball Association. After 4 successful years coaching AAA, Kyle moved on to coach the U22 Panthers as an Assistant Coach and Head Pitching Coach.

After 3 years with the U22 Panthers, a new challenge presented itself, and he made the switch to coaching U18 Select with KMHA. Kyle served as an Assistant Coach for 2 seasons, and then a Head coach for 2 seasons before stepping back into a supporting role in 2024-2025.

In 2025-2026, Kyle served as the Head Coach for the Kitchener Jr Rangers Blue team.

Hockey Coaching Experience

- U18 Select (5 seasons) including 2023 Alliance Championship
 - U7 House League (1 season)
 - U9 Blue Tier 2
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Coaching Focus

As a minor hockey coach, my primary focus is long-term athlete development — building strong hockey players while helping shape confident, respectful, and resilient young people. At this stage, development always comes first. My goal is to create an environment where players learn how to train properly, compete hard, and take pride in the details that make great teams successful.

On the ice, our program emphasizes skating fundamentals, puck control, decision-making, and individual skill development within a strong team structure. Practices are fast-paced, detail-oriented, and designed to challenge players at their level while pushing them to improve every day. We focus heavily on habits — body position, puck support, tracking, stick detail, and playing with purpose — because strong habits built early translate into confident, effective players as the game gets faster and more competitive.

Compete level and work ethic are non-negotiables. Players are expected to work hard, support their teammates, and compete in every drill and every situation. At the same time, we emphasize playing the game the right way — with respect for teammates, opponents, officials, and the crest on the jersey. Team success comes from accountability, trust, and a shared commitment to doing the small things well.

Development Philosophy

My development philosophy is simple: focus on the process, not the scoreboard. At U10, success is measured by improvement, effort, and engagement — not wins and losses. Players will be put in situations that challenge them, help them grow their confidence, and expand their understanding of the game. Mistakes are expected and embraced as part of learning, provided players are competing and giving an honest effort.

I believe strongly in developing complete players. That means encouraging versatility, hockey sense, and a willingness to play both sides of the puck. It also means teaching players how to be good teammates — supporting one another, handling adversity, and taking pride in collective effort over individual results.

Ultimately, my goal is to help players develop a strong foundation that prepares them for future levels of hockey while ensuring they love coming to the rink. If players leave the season more skilled, more confident, more competitive, and better teammates than when they arrived, then we've done our job.

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