

## ***RDGHA Competitive Program***

Hello, my name is Steve Stringer, and I am excited to be coaching the U13 Coyotes Competitive team for the 2026–27 season.

### **Hockey Background**

I played AAA minor hockey with the Peterborough Petes and went on to play Varsity Hockey at the collegiate level with the Seneca Sting. I have been involved in coaching both of my children and their respective teams at U7 and U9 with the Metcalfe Jets organization as an Assistant Coach for 5 years, and Head Coach for U11 Rep Coyotes this past year. I am committed to teaching the game, building strong team dynamics, and helping young athletes grow both on and off the ice. I am very much looking forward to working with the U13 Coyotes.

### **Coaching Philosophy & Goals**

My philosophy on coaching is to educate, motivate and mentor these young athletes through hard work, dedication and a mutual respect. We are developing great people as well as great hockey players. We will have positive attitudes and strong work ethics, all the while maintaining fun on and off the ice and never forgetting the importance of the love of the game. Practices will be up-tempo and well-structured, with drills planned in advance to minimize lengthy on-ice explanations and maximize ice time. Core skills will be developed, puck control/stick handling, shot accuracy and power, skating speed and edge work, and roles and responsibilities of each position. My goals for the year are to make sure every girl improves continually throughout the season and enjoys being with the team and coming to the rink. We will emphasize lifting each other up and being accountable not just for ourselves, but for the teammate beside us. I expect total buy-in from every player, our success is built from the logo on the front of the jersey, and not individual achievements. Clear guidelines and expectations will be established from day one for both athletes and parents to ensure a positive and respectful team culture.

We will have off ice sessions to help build hockey fitness and skills but also to build team camaraderie and fun. We will have additional on ice development sessions on top of our regular practices.

### **Tournaments/ Provincials**

The team plans to participate in a minimum of four tournaments throughout the season (2 local, 2 away). We will also have our sights set to qualify for Ontario Provincial Championships in April!

