

Annual Report: Director of Goaltending

Season: 2024 / 2025



Accomplishments:

Season Recap – Goalie Development

This season marked a major step forward in our goaltending program, and it was truly an exciting time for development. We've generated noticeable momentum across age groups, with more players showing interest in stepping between the pipes. By the end of the season, we had 18 goaltenders in our system—nearly double the number from just two years ago. We will have goalie options at every level next year.

Director of Goaltending – Highlights of several key accomplishments from the season:

1. **Goaltender Coach Recruitment**

We expanded our coaching team to ensure stronger goaltender support at all levels. Tony March, Benji Shanks, and Jon Bowie played pivotal roles in this initiative. Their leadership and hands-on involvement were instrumental in properly outfitting goaltenders, maintaining communication with players and families, and working on core development progress throughout the season.

2. **Power Skating Integration for Goalies**

We held goalie-specific power skating sessions. On average, eight goaltenders attended each session, allowing us to split the ice into three dedicated training stations, each tailored to different skill levels and technical needs.

3. **Bi-Weekly Goaltending Clinics**

We held a goaltending clinic every other Sunday lead by Tony March. These sessions emphasized core fundamentals for goaltenders

4. **Equipment Development & Accessibility**

One of our major priorities this season was improving both the quality and accessibility of goaltending equipment across all age levels. We focused on ensuring every goalie had access to properly fitting quality gear. Its extremely important for a new goalie to feel comfortable in their gear.

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Challenges:

1. Sunday goaltending – Getting good coaches/quality shooters out to make sure we keep the interest of the older goaltenders. Very important that if we get someone out on Sunday morning at 7am we make sure they are challenged. This will be a work in process as being the first year we didn't know what the numbers would be.
2. Thanks to increased involvement from goaltending coaches, as well as growing interest in the position, the challenges were pretty limited.

Next Season:

1. Continue focus on goalie recruitment starting as early as U9, U10 for future growth
2. Continued goalie development ice times (Friday and Sunday mornings)
3. Continue the development of more team dedicated goalie coaches