



### **Hamilton Huskies Profile of U-13 AAA**

The Hamilton Huskies are very excited and pleased to profile the coaching staff of the **U-13 (2009) AAA** team for the 2021-22 season. The proud members of this staff include returning Head Coach **Rich Vrataric** along with Assistant coaches **Chris Jedrzejewicz**, **Drew Jedrzejewicz** and **Nick Bruccoleri**. **Ian Douglas** is the team's experienced trainer.

Head Coach **Rich Vrataric** is a proud Hamilton Huskies AAA alumnus who was drafted in the 2nd round of the OHL Draft. **Rich** played in the OHL with the Niagara Falls Thunder/Erie Otters and North Bay Centennials before finishing out his final year of Junior hockey with the Junior B Niagara Falls Canucks winning the All-Ontario Sutherland Cup. **Rich** then went on to play for the Brock University Badgers Men's Varsity Hockey team while completing his degree. He has spent the past 17 years working in education as a Secondary School P.E teacher and Department Head as well as a local development/skills and power skating instructor. **Coach Vrataric** developed and has successfully ran the Hockey Canada Skills Academy at Blessed Trinity Secondary School. **Rich** holds a High Performance 1 coaching certification and is also a certified (PEP) Power Edge Pro and Strength and Conditioning coach.

Assistant **Chris Jedrzejewicz** is entering his 15th season coaching, 8 of those years have been with the Hamilton Huskies AA & AAA system which included many seasons as a Head Coach. **Chris** brings a wealth of coaching knowledge and experience in working with minor hockey players. He is also a Hockey Canada High Performance 1 Certified Coach.

Assistant **Drew Jedrzejewicz** is entering his 5th season coaching AA & AAA hockey within the Hamilton Huskies organization. He has a strong knack relating with players and helping them with their hockey journey. **Drew** is also a Huskies Alumnus and played 5 seasons of Junior Hockey with the Glanbrook Rangers and Tier 2 Burlington Cougars.

**Nick Bruccoleri** is entering his 3rd season of coaching AAA hockey within the Hamilton Huskies organization. **Nick** effectively uses his background in education as a teacher to breakdown and help players understand the game better. He is an excellent resource for staff and players moving forward.

Team Trainer **Ian Douglas** is a former member of the Canadian Army Medical Corps and long-time Supervisor within the Hamilton Paramedic Services. **Ian's** incredible knowledge and experience working in health care has made Ian the ideal choice as the Hamilton Huskies Head Trainer. **Ian** holds a Level 3 Certification and continues to be a wealth of knowledge for the entire organization.

Looking forward to watching Coach **Vrataric** and his incredible staff lead their Huskies Team!