



HAMILTON HUSKIES HOCKEY OPERATIONS



DIRECTOR OF PLAYER & COACH DEVELOPMENT

Robert Kitamura

- Amateur Scout – Tampa Bay Lightning (2011 – Present)
- Director of Central Scouting and Player Development - Ontario Hockey League (2005-2011)
- Director of Operations Team Ontario U17- 3 Gold, 1 Silver (2008-2011)
- Experienced AAA Hockey Coach and Hamilton Huskies Alumni

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Jeff Toole

- Hamilton Bulldogs OHL Training Camp Coach (Rookie and Main Camp) 2017, 2018, 2019
- Hamilton Junior Huskies Jr. Blues Director of Player Development
- High Performance 1 Certified Hockey Coach. Course Facilitator/Conductor for the ALLIANCE Hockey
- Team Alliance U-16 Gold Cup Head Coach 2016
- Team Alliance U-16 Gold Cup Asst Coach 2015
- Turek Elite Hockey League Coach
- Several years of experience as an Instructor with Pro Hockey Life Academy
- Winner of the 2018 Wismer Award for High School Coaching Excellence
- Several years as a AAA and AA Head Coach within the Hamilton Huskies.

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Brendan Brooks

- 20 years of playing experience in the NHL, AHL, ECHL, OHL and DEL, Swiss Europe leagues
- International experience with Team Canada at the Spengler Cup
- Several years of coaching experience in the EIHL

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Anthony Herrington

- Golden Horseshoe Scout – Oshawa Generals (OHL)
- High performance 2 Coach Certification
- Hockey Canada Skills Academy Teacher/Operator
- Hockey Canada Certified Skills Coach
- Several years of coaching at the Minor Hockey and High School levels of Hockey

Rich Vrataric

- 2nd round Draft OHL Draft pick. Played in the OHL from 1994-1997. C.I.S. - Men's Varsity Ice Hockey Team Member, Brock University, Jr. B - Niagara Falls Jr. B Sutherland Cup Champion
- NCCP Hockey Instructor with over 20 years of Coaching and Development Experience working with multiple Hockey Associations and players across the City of Hamilton and Golden Horseshoe
- High Performance 1 Coach Certification
- Certified Fitness Instructor
- Hamilton Huskies Alumni

OFF ICE DEVELOPMENT

Don Cameron

- Don is a Personal Trainer Specialist through Can-Fit-Pro
- His credentials include certification in:
 - Sport Conditioning – Twist Conditioning
 - BOSU – Twist Conditioning
 - CrossFit Level 1 – CrossFit
 - National Coach Certification Program – Development 1 and Speak Out
 - First Aid and C.P.R. (Level C) – Red Cross

The Hockey Operations Department will oversee the following:

- Coach Recruitment and Selection
- Player Evaluation and Selection
- In Season and out of Season Player Development
- Procurement of Development Resources
- Implementation of coaching and specialty clinics
- The overall player experience from a Hockey Perspective

Support Development Team for the 2018-2019 season:

- Kelly Reed (Kelly Reed Hockey) – Hamilton Huskies AAA Development
- Pro Hockey Life Academy – Hamilton Huskies AA Development
- Jeremy Bloomfield (3D Hockey Development) – MD Development
- Grainger Goaltending Development – AAA, AA and MD Goaltending Development
- Mike Walsh – 7 and 8-year old Huskies Development Program and Coach Mentor to our Minor Atom AA and Novice MD programs