



HAMILTON HUSKIES HOCKEY OPERATIONS GROUP (2022-2023)



Mike Spadafora - Director of Hockey Operations

- President Hamilton Kilty B's Jr Hockey Club (2022-Present)
- Hamilton Huskies GM (2013 - Present)
- AAA Head Coaching positions with Hamilton Huskies (10+ Seasons)
- Brantford Golden Eagles Jr. B Assistant GM & Assistant Coach (2009-2011)
- Co-Owner and GM - Brantford 99ers (2013-2015)
- GM - Dundas Blues (2018-2020)

Robert Kitamura - VP of Hockey Operations

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

Jeff Toole - Director of Coach Development

- OHL - Hamilton Bulldogs Training Camp Coach (Rookie and Main Camp) 2017-Present
- AAA/AA - Head Coaching positions with Hamilton Huskies since 2006
- Hockey Canada - High Performance 1 Certified Hockey Coach
- Physical Education Teacher/Coach @ St. Thomas More & Cathedral Secondary since 1998
- Team Alliance U16 Gold Cup Head Coach 2016
- Team Alliance U16 Gold Cup Asst Coach 2015
- Turek Elite Hockey League Coach
- Course Facilitator/Conductor for the ALLIANCE Hockey
- Development Instructor with Pro Hockey Life Academy since 2002
- Winner of the 2018 Wismer Award for High School Coaching Excellence

Rich Vrataric - Director of Player Development

- Hockey Canada Certifications - High Performance 1, Power Skating, Level 2 Skills Coach
- Assistant Coach - Hamilton Kilty B's Hockey Club since May 2022
- Certified Personal Trainer & Power Edge Pro Instructor
- Teacher/Coach/Athletic Director @ Blessed Trinity Secondary School since 2005
- AAA/AA - Head Coaching positions with Hamilton Huskies & others since 2015
- Development Instructor with association, teams & private camps since 1998
- U Sports Player - Brock University Men's Hockey Team (1999)
- GOJHL Player - Niagara Falls Jr. B Sutherland Cup Champions (1998)
- OHL Player - 200+ Games in the OHL with Erie Otters, North Bay & Niagara Falls Thunder
- OHL Player - Ontario Hockey League 2nd Round Draft Pick (1994)
- OJHL Player - Hamilton Kilty B's (1993-1994)
- AAA Player - Hamilton Huskies Alumni (7 Seasons)

Mike Walsh - U8-U9 Program Director

- **Hamilton Huskies - U8 & U9 Developmental Program Director since 2016**
- **Hamilton Huskies - AAA Head Coach 2016-2017**
- **Minor Hockey Coach/Mentor/Development Instructor with 32 years experience coaching A-AAA hockey, U8-U18 in Dundas, Ancaster & with the Hamilton Huskies**
- **Played Junior B/C Hockey with the Dundas Blues for 4 Years**
- **Teacher/Coach/Athletic Director @ Ancaster Secondary School - 31 Year Career**
- **Operator of Ancaster High School's Hockey Canada Skills Academy – 13 Years**
- **Certified Power- Edge Pro Instructor**
- **Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS)**
- **Alliance Hockey Head Coaches Certification Instructor**
- **Head Instructor U7-U10 Developmental Program for Ancaster Minor Hockey - 4 Years**

The Hockey Operations Department will oversee the following:

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