

Coach of the Year Award

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- "We had a shortage of coaches this season and so our team started out late looking for a coach. Tim stepped up and offered to coach even without a player on the team. He has dedicated many hours of his time and shown passion for hockey, coaching and care for the whole team. Truly a gentleman who is a mentor and positive role model for our kids and for the entire hockey community."
- "Hockey season started but the U15 NBC4 Hawks did not. My son would ask why the team hadn't started and I had to tell we have no coach. Thanks to Glenlake's recruiting efforts, and with no child of his own in hockey, Tim Coli came to the rescue.

I still wondered how the dreary start would turn around but that question was answered at the first team meeting.

With confidence and humor, Tim instantly established himself as Head Coach and Leader of the Hawks. He started the season by recruiting a volunteer for every possible role a team could have, setting the team up to be heavily supported and creating an instant parent community.

Our family felt privileged to have a coach with Tim's experience leading the team. We may have wondered if Tim would really be available for the community hockey schedule but he missed very few practices and games and if he did he was messaging the team to send encouragement and get updates.

When the Team won their Winter Tournament that Tim couldn't be at, it was such a thrill but also the feeling that Coach Tim would be proud was ever present.

In addition to game play IQ, and skill development, Tim also emphasizes conditioning and wellness practices for general performance along with off ice programs like the 20 day shooting challenge. Tim's able to do these things will still maintaining a commitment to fun and I know practices are fun when my player never complains about going and complains that the season is too short.

Tim is a mentor in every sense of the word to everyone, helping us gain confidence in our roles on the team. We want to express our gratitude and recognize Tim for leading us through an often nail biting but always gratifying season of hockey (not to mention the CITY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS!)"

- Coach Tim has been an outstanding leader, mentor and coach for our players and also for all of his assistant coaches (I was one), volunteers and parents. At the start of this year we didn't have a head coach. Without a child on our team, or any real affiliation with our team, Tim stepped up to be our Head Coach. Tim came in and immediately established himself and a true leader. He set expectations around accountability and ownership. He challenged his team to be

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the best they could be on and off the ice. He instilled in our team an environment of responsibility, team work, sacrifice...all while having fun and being a team player. Tim did an outstanding job of ensuring every player felt valued and knew their role and contribution to the team. He found a way to connect with every player and volunteer to get the best from everyone. He built a confident, proud team of young men and women and ensured they all knew they were learning, not only hockey skills, but life skills. Tim stressed the importance of a healthy lifestyle (rest, exercise, eating well, doing homework, etc.). Today our team won the City Championship. While my nomination is not based on that outcome it was a great way to end the year and would not have been achieved with Coach Tim's approach and dedication. The best coach I have ever worked with.

- We had an interesting start to our season. With no head coach for our team, we could not have any scheduled ice time. It looked like our season was never going to get started until an outside person, Tim Coli stepped forward to coach our team. He does not have a player on the team, but he has made our team a priority and when he can not make a game, he is following us on TeamSnap and encouraging the players along the way. He has prepared practices that are relevant and a tremendous help to the development of our players. He also stresses off ice preparations as well; eating and sleeping well, additional stretches and strengthening exercises, 20 day shooting challenge. It is easy to nominate a coach when your team is doing really well and even won the City Championships, however, Tim is a calming influence when the going gets tough, is encouraging, supportive and treats every member of our team with the upmost respect. This year, our team has really come together as a team, and that really due to the leadership that Tim has provided. He has made every player feel that they are an important part of the team and are contributing. As a parent, Tim has always been there to answer any questions or provide support. We are so grateful that Tim stepped up to coach our team and made hockey so enjoyable that there is no doubt my player will be returning next year.
- Coach Tim offered his time and expertise to a group that desperately needed a Head Coach, even though he doesn't have any children or formal connection to any of the kids on the team. His years of coaching experience shined through in not only the skill development on the ice, but the life lessons on determination, sacrifice and teamwork. The team grew in skill and confidence throughout the year, emerging to form a tightknit group, winning the Springbank Tournament and eventually going undefeated in the playoffs and capturing the City Championship. His coaching methods truly gave these kids everything they need, and they're all better for it. I can speak for my son especially that Coach Tim has provided him all the confidence and inspiration to take his hockey to the next level. Thanks Coach!
- Tim volunteered to coach this team, not having any prior connection with our kids. He immediately set the tone, one of hard work, respect and accountability. Tim guided our kids through practices, enticed them to take more shots, set a 100 shots a day for 20 days challenge and encouraged them to make small sacrifices to push them toward success.

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When he couldn't attend a game, he provided words of encouragement by email, always showing kindness and positivity. Tim exemplifies dedication to the role of coach, and I'm grateful my child had the opportunity to grow his hockey experience with Tim. (P.S. they won the city championship for their division!)

- U15 Glenlake NBC 4 started the season without a head coach so we missed our first few practices. We had a team parent meeting to find some solutions. Tim, a Glenlake parent and coach of another team, stepped up for us. With his lead our players developed their skills and his weekly emails empowered not only as players but also as individuals. His way of connecting with the players was vital in the team success. Glenlake U15 NBC 4 went undefeated in the City Championship!
- Tim was assigned to our team as at the start of the year we had no head coach. Tim did not have a child on the team, that did not impact the influence he had on our players. He stated that if the players don't want to come to practice then he as a coach was doing something wrong. I can say my son never once complained about going to hockey, in fact his enthusiasm far exceeded any year to date. The improvement as a team is evident in the truly inspiring finish to our year. The players loved playing for Coach Tim. Just a great person and a great coach. Very deserved of the Calgary Coach of the year!
- My son says: Tim was a great coach because he doesn't have a kid on the team but still did so much to help our team and our players to get better this year. He helped me as a goalie, a lot more than other coaches because his daughter is a goalie and he taught me the same drills. He was great talking to us in the dressing room and always got us ready with stretches and reminding us to do the things we practiced in the game. He made practices fun and the hard parts not so hard. He taught us about determination and sacrifice for our team. From my side, as an assistant coach and parent I can't thank Tim enough for this year. I learned so much about creating an environment that inspires players to want to do their best and have fun because they are working so hard for each other. I don't think I've ever seen so many smiles on the ice, even when we told them hey, there's no smiling in hockey! Tim left his original coaching assignment, with an upper-tier U18 team, to fill a need and coach a team on the opposite end of the skill spectrum, U15 NBC4. A few of us dads were willing to help out but didn't have any head coaching experience. For many of the players this was not only their first year in U15, but it was their first year in community hockey having reached the end of House League. Tim stepped up and made a huge commitment to their development. He always came prepared with a practice plan that helped build fundamental skills and hockey sense, leading up to learning about forecheck systems and how to adapt strategies during a game. Tim quickly earned the respect of the team by being kind, consistent and focused. He taught the kids about the value of hard work and preparing for every game the same way and the right way, both on and off the ice, including good choices around sleep, diet, and physical preparation for the good of the team. We got off to an average start and had a few tough games with a bench

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shortened by COVID-19, but with persistence the team started to click. Tim believed from very early on that our team had the potential to beat anyone in our division and it is such an amazing feeling to have achieved that potential by going undefeated in the City Championship. I ultimately think having our name on a banner is just the icing on the cake of a year in hockey that neither my son nor I will ever forget.

- "Tim has done an excellent job of developing and bring out the best in each of our players this season. He helped motivate and develop this team to achieving the ultimate goal....a City Championship title. He also went out of his way to teach the kids how to balance their schedules and many other responsibilities outside of hockey."
- We would like to nominate Tim Coli for coach of the year. Tim exemplifies what a great coach should be. Despite not having a child on the team, Tim stepped up and has done a fantastic job making this season an exceptional experience for all the players and their families. He spends hours planning practices to maximize the players growth while still making things fun. He emphasizes hockey skills but makes it applicable to everyday life. He encourages kids to push themselves, promotes confidence, encourages a healthy diet, and fosters a growth mindset for the players. I have been an assistant coach for years and have never been associated with someone as dedicated as Tim. He has a passion for hockey, but an even a greater passion for creating great kids and members of society. Tim is one of those people we are occasionally, lucky enough to have come into our lives and these players will remember the lessons he has taught them and look up to him for years to come.