

Why choose the New England Renegades?

Many kids who play high school hockey are still looking to play hockey during the summer and/or fall to stay in shape with hopes of getting a leg up on their adversaries. But playing hockey in the off-season should be more than just playing games with little or no practice. The off-season is a time to work on strength and conditioning as well as enhancing skill sets. But what about enhancing their Hockey IQ or in other words their knowledge and understanding of the game of hockey?

We believe that enhancing skill sets without enhancing the Hockey IQ is like building a house without a foundation. The house may look fine structurally and aesthetically, but the house is still structurally unsound. In hockey parlance, being able to skate real well, pass the puck on a dime and shoot the puck like a sniper is great, but not knowing how to use these skills to the utmost is a total waste of these talents.

What makes The New England Renegades different?

When we instruct a forward or defenseman on techniques, concepts and strategies, we also instruct them on how their opponent (forward – defenseman, defenseman – forward) is instructed to play. This way, they can use that information against their opponent to their advantage. We also cross-train players because during an actual game, a scenario may arise where a player may need to play out of position for a few moments or so, this is what we refer to as interchangeable positioning. Being able to play multiple positions is very advantageous for the player and the team.

We like to push our players out of their comfort zones. Our teams play in the Summer High School league (Tier 1) and Jr. Midget (Midget Major – 17, 18 and 19 year old) division in tournaments over the summer. For younger aged players this can become taxing, but in the past, many of these players have been able to excel for their high school teams because of this experience.

We like to provide our players with as much information as possible; documents and/or visual. We believe that any information, no matter how minute is of great value in their training. Hockey like any other sport is composed of many small details. The players and teams which take care of the smallest of details are the players and teams which are most likely to become successful

Do our teams win over the Summer and/or Fall?

Yes and no. We do not evaluate our program and players on wins and losses. Life is difficult enough for players without the stress of having to win all of the time. For our program and players, we are more concerned with success. Success for us means that every player's confidence, physical and mental play is increasing day by day, practice by practice and game by game.

Being able to compete or being competitive against better talented and/or more experienced teams is foremost. Nothing builds a player's confidence more than knowing that they can compete against bigger and better competition.

Why haven't you ever heard of the New England Renegades before?

At present, we do not do much advertising. Most of the players and parents hear about our program by word of mouth. I also try not to do too much talking about our program. When a prospective player or parent wants to know about our program, I ask current and/or past parents and players to contact the parent or player in question and let those parents and players describe their experience with our program.

Every player who participates in our program becomes part of our family and this is what I'm most proud of. Many former players have come back to the Renegades to offer help with coaching or have asked to skate with the current team to stay in shape. All former players are always welcome to skate with the current team at any time.

Summary.

I am very passionate about the game of hockey, coaching and more passionate about the players who are part of The New England Renegades. For me, seeing every player succeed in achieving their goals is an experience that I cannot describe.