

Larry Bumstead

Head Coach

Larry is the Director of Hockey Development at the MTS Iceplex in Winnipeg, Manitoba and a Hockey Canada High Performance certified coach. He has 29 years of hockey development and coaching experience at many levels within amateur hockey.

Larry is proud of the development and steady improvement of the Flames Prep program both on and off the ice. The team has gone from an inaugural 9 win season in 2011-2012 to five straight seasons with growing on-ice success for the team on multiple levels with many of the graduating players moving onward to post secondary opportunities in both Canada and the USA.

Larry enjoyed a long and successful playing career at numerous levels including professional hockey leagues in Scotland and Holland, senior hockey in Manitoba with the St. Boniface Mohawks, university hockey with the Manitoba Bisons and junior hockey with New Westminister, Brandon and Kamloops of the Western Hockey League.

A natural passion for the game of hockey led Larry to the game's coaching ranks. He enjoys a close working relationship with many provincial Junior and North American Junior hockey clubs during their evaluation and regular seasons. He was assistant coach for the University of Manitoba Bison Men's hockey team from 2009-2011.

Larry founded the Northwestern Hockey Sports Camp in 1988. As the director of the Northwestern Hockey Sports Camp, he expanded the company to include sister company Northwestern Hockey Outreach Camp in 2004. In addition to his off-season summer camps, Larry developed a highly successful in-season winter hockey academy program in 2006 that has since been offered to hundreds of players.

Twelve years ago, Larry created the Boys of the North Prospects Camp for many elite players throughout North America to attend this camp and showcase their talents for numerous Canadian and American Junior A teams. Each spring he also assembles and coaches the Boys of the North and the Girls of the North teams to further their development through a structured program of on-ice skills and off-ice conditioning that culminate in elite hockey tournaments such as the Prospects Tournament in Toronto.

As a direct result of his mentorship and programs, Larry has proudly watched many of his young players go on to realize their own hockey goals at the highest levels. Larry's ultimate goal is to give each player the opportunity to fully develop to go to the next level. He is also on the Board of Directors for the CSSHL (Canadian Sports School Hockey League)

Larry and his wife Kathy are extremely busy hockey parents themselves, tireless workers in the local hockey community and driving forces behind the Female World Sport School Challenge, now into its fifth year in 2017. They are proud parents to three children; the oldest a 2013 SMA graduate now attending the University of Winnipeg in the Faculty of Education, a son who graduated from St. Paul's High School in 2017, and a youngest daughter now in her second year at St. Mary's Academy (Grade 10) and is a member of the Flames Prep Hockey Team.

