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HEAD COACH, 2025/26 Guelph Jr. Gryphons U11AAA

BRIAN WILLSIE

I provide the tools for player improvement, but players must bring focus, a willingness to compete, and a readiness to learn.



Brian Willsie's journey to become a Stanley Cup Champion with the Colorado Avalanche, embodies dedication and mentorship. From Belmont, Ontario, Willsie began honing his skills early on; winning a Junior B title with St. Thomas, alongside Joe Thornton, before joining the Guelph Storm, and twice appearing in the Memorial Cup. Drafted by the Colorado Avalanche, Willsie's 17-year pro career saw him play over 1,100 games. Playing alongside and mentoring future NHL stars like Alex Ovechkin, Anze Kopitar and a young Mikko Rantanen, foreshadowed a post-playing career focused on developing the world's best.

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Currently, Colorado Avalanche's Director of Player Development, Willsie guides prospects toward their NHL dreams, overseeing their on-ice skills, off-ice training, and mental preparation. He oversees all of Colorado's draft picks and prospects in his current role. Willsie's expertise proved invaluable in 2022 when the Avalanche hoisted the Stanley Cup, a testament to his development work.

Beyond the NHL, Willsie remains dedicated to his roots, coaching his sons' teams and leading development sessions in southwestern Ontario. He eagerly anticipates working with the U11 AAA players in the 2025-26 season, sharing his knowledge and inspiring the next generation of hockey players. His blend of big-league experience and small-town values makes him a true asset to the hockey community.



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HEAD COACH, 2025/26 Guelph Jr. Gryphons U11AA

BRIAN HOOD

I focus on positive energy, teamwork, skill development and respecting teammates, opponents, coaches and officials.

Brian Hood returns to lead our 2015 AA team as Head Coach for a second season. Hood has a broad array of coaching experience and has worked with many GMHA teams at the younger age groups over the last few years.

Prior to joining the GMHA, Hood was involved with GTHL teams at the AAA level; this included in the role of Assistant Coach to the very successful Toronto Jr. Canadiens teams. Coaching the 1995 and 1996 age groups; leading them to their OHL draft year, Hood has had several future NHL players on his roster. Hood also has experience in the East Coast Selects, a premier spring/summer hockey organization that has taken him to coach in Italy, among other destinations. A multi-sport coach, Hood is also actively involved in coaching within Guelph Minor Baseball.



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HEAD COACH, 2025/26 Guelph Jr. Gryphons U11A

KEVIN MATHONEY

Teamwork, discipline, and continuous improvement are my core values through building trust, communication, and pushing players.

For a second season, Kevin Mathoney will be Head Coach of the Guelph Jr. Gryphons 2015 born A team for the 2025/26 season. Leading the team to a 14-11-1 regular season finish for 2024-25, Mathoney, a Development 1 Certified Coach, was also a part of the leadership group for the ADP program the year prior. He has previously been on staff for the U15 A Guelph Junior Gryphons in a Trainer role, and is actively involved in youth lacrosse.



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HEAD COACH, 2025/26 Guelph Jr. Gryphons U11B

MIKE HRYN

I provide a positive and fun environment to foster a lifelong passion for hockey through their experience playing.

Mike Hryn is our 2025/26 U11 B Head Coach. Coach Hryn was our U10 B Head Coach last season, and is looking to build off his successful 17-5-4 record regular season. Next year will be his fourth season as part of the GMHA family, with most of his experience being at younger age groups.