

# Lorne Park Clarkson Wild U15 Red 2025-2026

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#### **Mission Statement**

At Lorne Park Clarkson, our vision is to create a vibrant and inclusive hockey community that enriches the lives of our players and their families. We aspire to be a trusted organization that fosters a love for hockey, promotes community spirit, and empowers both players and volunteers.

#### Goals

- Hockey Should be Fun: We are committed to helping players develop the skills and motivation needed for a rewarding experience with LPCHA, both on and off the ice.
- **Inclusivity:** We aim to eliminate barriers and build a diverse, welcoming hockey community.
- **Collaborative Partnerships:** We build relationships with organizations and individuals to mobilize resources for high-quality hockey programs.
- **Continuous Improvement:** We foster a culture of transparency and feedback to enhance our program's quality.
- **Community Engagement:** We value our community and strive to be a positive partner, appreciating the support we receive.

# U15 Red Team Goals for 2025-2026

Our mission is to create a rewarding and confidence-building environment in hockey. We focus on safety and positivity for players, parents, coaches, and fans, fostering lifelong friendships. Together, we will learn the values of commitment and perseverance, ensuring that players and parents cultivate a lasting love for the game.

# **Key Focus Areas:**

- 1. **Player Development:** Our coaching staff will emphasize essential skills, including skating, passing, and shooting, along with game strategies.
- 2. **Team Development:** We will promote a team atmosphere that encourages bonding, fair play, sportsmanship, and respect for all participants.
- 3. **Expert Training:** This season, we will partner with Mike Arthur for additional development sessions, enhancing our players' skills.
- 4. **Objective Coaching:** Our coaching staff consists of dedicated individuals who do not have their own children on the team. This unique perspective fosters objectivity and ensures that every player receives equal attention and support, creating a fair and balanced environment for development.

# **Communication & Expectations**

- **Open Communication:** Players are encouraged to foster friendships and strong connections on the ice. Our coaching staff maintains an open-door policy for any comments or concerns.
- Practice Commitment: Players are expected to focus and work hard during practices, showing respect to coaches and teammates.

#### **Head Coach: Shawn Sandink**

With nearly two decades of coaching experience, Shawn inspires players with his passion for hockey. His philosophy emphasizes clear goals and honest communication, creating a culture of teamwork and accomplishment. Shawn has served in various leadership roles, including past president of the Clarkson Hockey Association and current chair of Development as a Director on the Mississauga Hockey League board.

# **Schedule & Time Commitment**

- Tentative Game Schedule: 3 games every 2 weeks.
- Practice Schedule: 1 consistent weeknight practice each week, and an alternating second practice featuring an on-ice development instructor every other week, with the weeks in between focusing on dry-land team building, fun and strength building activities.

# **Arrival Times:**

Games: 45 minutes priorPractices: 30 minutes prior

**Tentative Tournaments:** 2 Away Tournament Opportunities (Options include Ottawa, Montreal, Haliburton, Owen Sound or Nottawasaga) and 1-2 and local tournaments.

#### **Community Engagement**

- Fundraising: We recognize the financial challenges of hockey and will organize efforts to help offset costs.
- **Social Events:** Join us for team-building activities, community events, and optional social gatherings such as pool parties and fun skates.

### **Budget Overview**

We strive to maximize every dollar spent, focusing on skills development. Player registration fees are due at the season's start, with additional costs for tournaments and events communicated beforehand. Payment plans are available.

# **Player Expectations**

- **Code of Conduct:** Players must treat everyone with respect—teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents. Integrity and positivity are paramount.
- Arrival Times: Players should arrive on time for practices and games.
- **Team Snap:** Players must keep track of schedules and update their availability in advance.
- **Respectful Communication:** Maintain respectful language in Team Chats and on social media. No bullying or inappropriate behavior will be tolerated.
- **Device Policy:** Phones and devices should not be used in the dressing room.

# **Parent/Guardian Expectations**

Parents are crucial in promoting a positive environment. We encourage active participation in combating bullying, harassment, and discrimination. Our open-door policy invites parents to share comments or concerns at any time.

Join us this season at Lorne Park Clarkson Wild U15 Red, where we create unforgettable experiences on and off the ice. Let's build a love for hockey together!