



U13 (2010)

2023-2024 PROGRAM INFORMATION

The U13 team will continue the Elite Skill Development & Player Placement the Connecticut Chiefs are known for in the hockey community. The Connecticut Chiefs have advanced over 560 players to Prep School, Junior, & College Hockey.

- 2010 Birth Year
- Professional Coaching Staff with College/Pro Experience
Head Coach Nick Dioro
- 50 Plus Games Schedule
Premier Hockey League www.theneph1.com
- 2 Tournaments
- On-Ice Practice 2x per Week
- On-Ice Skill Session 2x per month led by former NHLer Ike Corriveau
- Off-Ice Sticks Skills Training 1x per week with PHG Training Center
- Chalk Talk/ Video Session 1x per week
- CT Crease Goalie Training: 2 sessions per month
- Clearly Defined Development Path
- Off Ice Program June 15- August 15

CT CHIEFS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PATH



Chiefs Scheduling Model

“Maximize Development”

20%-60%-20%

20% of the Games are extremely challenging to really push the team.

60% of the Games are designed to be very competitive one goal games.

20% of the Games are designed to be confidence building opportunities.



HEAD COACH NICK DIORIO

Many people do not find the passion that drives them until later in their lives. For Nick Diorio, he found his life's passion at five years of age when he put on his first pair of hockey skates and has never looked back.

Nick immediately took to hockey and was a standout player from the get-go.

He played his youth hockey in the AYHL all the way through the Bantam level. Nick was a member of Team Connecticut and was honored as an invitee to the New England Development Camp.

From ages 15-19, Nick played junior hockey both with and against many future NCAA and NHL hockey players. Over his junior career, Nick registered over 100 points while learning key roles and concepts to succeed at the college level.

While playing junior hockey, Nick garnered the attention of Greg Heffernan, who was then the Head Coach at Western New England University, and who is now the Chiefs Junior program General Manager and EHL Head Coach. Coach Heffernan recruited Nick to WNEU where he played 88 games over four years of NCAA hockey for the Golden Bears. Nick earned a reputation as a top defensive forward, solid playmaker, and a tenacious penalty killer.

While a current student of the game, Nick works equally hard off the ice on his education. Nick became a three-year member of the ECAC All-Academic team, maintaining a 3.4 GPA while competing in Varsity Hockey. He earned a degree in Finance in 2015 and is currently pursuing an MBA maintaining a 3.9 GPA.

Nick is now in his fifth-year coaching with the Connecticut Chiefs where he has worked with many athletes who are now playing at the Junior, Prep, and College level.

Nick's coaching experience includes:

Head Coach U16 Midgets: 2015-2017
Assistant Coach EHLP: 2018-2019
Head Coach U16 Midgets: 2019-2021
Associate Head Coach U14 Bantams: 2021-2022
Mite Hockey Development Coach: 2020-2022
Head Coach U14 Bantam Major 2022-2023

Team Accolades:

2022 Eaglebrook School Hockey Tournament Champions.
2021 Beast League Fall Classic Champions.

Nick is a resident of New Britain, CT and is engaged to be married. He works as a senior accounting analyst at Virtus Investment Partners and is excited to relay his experiences as a student athlete with players both on and off the ice.