



CONNECTICUT
CHIEFS



ABOUT THE EHL



Located in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States, the Eastern Hockey League (EHL) and its 18 teams celebrates its 11th season in 2022-23.

For the past five years, the **EHL has finished as the leader in the Direct-To-College Advancement at the NCAA Division II and III levels.** This past season alone, the EHL accounted for nearly 1 in every 5 freshmen on Division II and III rosters.

To go along with the NCAA Commitments, the EHL has also helped over 80 players work their way up the USA Hockey Ladder of Development to the North American Hockey League (**NAHL**) and the United States Hockey League (**USHL**). This area of advancement is also not limited to just players, as the EHL has seen several coaches make the jump up the ladder as well.



ABOUT THE CHIEFS



The mission of Connecticut Chiefs Hockey, LLC is to promote the athletic & personal character development of those players who wish to excel at the highest level of hockey competition USA Hockey has to offer.

The CT Chiefs will seek educational opportunities for our student-athletes. We will aid our student-athletes in successfully gaining those opportunities.

We will achieve these goals by providing a quality, consistent environment for our players, coaches, & families.

The Chiefs have advanced over 560 players to Prep, Junior, and College hockey since the 2008-2009 season.



EHL COACHES



Greg Heffernan, Head Coach/GM

Coach Heffernan is entering his 3rd season with the Chiefs. In his first 2 years with the Chiefs, Heffernan has helped 18 players commit to the NCAA and over 10 more to the ACHA. Prior to joining the Chiefs, Heffernan served 12 seasons as the Head Coach of Western New England University in the NCAA. From 2006-2009 he was an assistant coach and sports management faculty member at SUNY Fredonia in the NCAA. In 2004-2006 Heffernan led the Cleveland Barons U18AAA club to 2 consecutive state championships. Heffernan started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Mercyhurst NCAA Division 1 in 2002.

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EHL COACHES



Mike Esposito, Head Coach EHL / Assistant Coach EHL

Coach Esposito is entering his 1st season with the Chiefs. Prior to joining the Chiefs, Esposito coached in college, most recently as the assistant coach of Roger Williams University ACHA. In the 2000's Coach Esposito was the Head Coach at Tilton Prep, until he left for a career in the Tech Industry. Prior to leaving for the corporate world, he worked at several prep schools including Northfield Mount Hermon, coaching hockey, teaching, and working in admissions. His playing background includes time with NCAA D1 Brown University and NCAA D3 Trinity College where he was a standout MVP goalie.

Ike Corriveau, Director of Player Development

Former 1st round NHL pick Ike Corriveau is heavily involved with the EHL player development. He is on the ice for practices helping players directly with their development. Coach Corriveau spent 18 seasons in the NHL, AHL, and Europe.



COLLEGIATE PREPARATION DEVELOPMENT MODEL



Our approach to preparing our players will be focus in 3 key areas.

Firstly, Player Development

Our focus will be centered around hockey ability, strength, IQ, and maturity.

Secondly, Targeted NCAA Advancement

We will investigate all opportunities for each individual player as well as academic advising for those who need it.

Finally, Winning Team Culture

We will create an environment and structure similar to what a player can expect at the NCAA level.

NCAA PLACEMENT ADVANTAGE



Coach Heffernan has spent 17 years coaching at both the NCAA Division-I and Division-III levels. His vast network of friends who coach in the NCAA coupled with his knowledge of the college admissions, scholarship, and financial aid process, will provide **a very unique advantage to Chief's players with college hockey aspirations.**

Chiefs 2021-22 NCAA Placement

[Declan Bronte](#) - Salem State University (D3 - MASCAC)
[Dominic Chirico](#) - SUNY Brockport (D3 - SUNYAC)
[Ryan Davis](#) - Rivier University (D3 - Independent)
[Jack Devine](#) - Saint Anselm College (D2 - NE-10)
[Tim Duffy](#) - Saint Anselm College (D2 - NE-10)
[Sihong \(Steve\) Guo](#) - Milwaukee School of Engineering (D3 - NCHA)
[Justin Harshaw](#) - Post University (D2 - NE-10)
[Nate McDevitt](#) - Post University (D2 - NE-10)
[Marshall McKallip](#) - UMass Dartmouth (D3 - MASCAC)
[David Rankin](#) + - Post University (D2 - NE-10)
[Joe Santoro](#) % - SUNY Fredonia (D3 - SUNYAC)

Chiefs 2022-23 NCAA Placement

[Spencer Clark](#) - Western New England University (D3 - CCC)
[Gavin Glaubitz](#) - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (D3 - MASCAC)
[Luke Jordan](#) - UMass Dartmouth (D3 - MASCAC)
[Ethan Lim](#) -- Wentworth Institute of Technology (D3 - CCC)
[Sam Logan](#) - Western New England University (D3 - CCC)
[Josh Romanowski](#) - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (D3 - MASCAC)
[Hunter Rossi](#) - Saint Anselm College (D2 - NE-10)
[Nik Vasilijevs](#) - Westfield State University (D3 - MASCAC)



PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY ENVIRONMENT



The Chiefs are the only program in the EHL that has a **full-time Equipment Manager**.

Bob Dalessio has extensive experience in the NHL, AHL, NCAA and junior hockey and is regarded as one of the best in the business.

From skate sharpening to rivets, from laundry to equipment repair, Bob will make sure that players have safe equipment and are in a clean environment. We have no doubt that having him on staff reduces injury and sickness throughout the season.

Two very important factors while players are questing for NCAA opportunities.



CHIEFS EHL PLAYERS ARE PROVIDED:



- HEAD COACH WITH AN EXTENSIVE NCAA NETWORK
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT COACH WHO PLAYED IN THE NHL
- 3 HOURS OF ICE TIME AVAILABLE EVERY PRACTICE DAY (4-5 PER WEEK)
- OFF-ICE TRAINING WITH PROFESSIONAL STRENGTH COACH
- HOCKEY SPECIFIC GYM IN ARENA
- SYNTHETIC ICE SHOOTING AND TRAINING AREA
- VIDEO / ANALYTICS BREAKDOWN
- GOALIE TRAINING AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK
- FULLTIME EQUIPMENT MANAGER
- DEDICATED PRO STYLE LOCKER ROOM
- A 46 GAME EHL REGULAR SEASON + EXHIBITION & PLAYOFFS
- 5 EHL SHOWCASES
- HOCKEY TV BROADCAST AT EVERY GAME
- TRANSPORTATION TO ALL GAMES ON TEAM BUS
- HOTELS AND MEALS FOR ALL ROAD TRIPS
- ATHLETIC TRAINER AT ALL GAMES AND WEEKLY CHECKUPS
- ACADEMIC GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT
- TEAM WARMUP SUIT, HOODIE AND WORKOUT CLOTHES
- HELMET, GLOVES, BAG
- BILLET (HOST) FAMILY PROGRAM (OPTIONAL)



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