



U18 FULL SEASON (2007,2008)

2025-2026 PROGRAM INFORMATION

The U18 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 600 players to Prep School, Junior, & College Hockey.

- 2007 & 2008 Birth Year
- Professional Coaching Staff with College/Pro Experience
Head Coach Trent Samuels-Thomas
- 50 Plus Games Schedule
Beast Series, Tier 1 Hockey Federation, AAA Exhibitions,
- 6 Highly Scouted Showcase/Tournaments
- On-Ice Practice 4x per Week, Skills Practice 3x Weekly
- Off-Ice Training 2x per week with Future Fitness
- Chalk Talk/ Video Session 1x per week
- CT Crease Goalie Training: Weekly
- Clearly Defined 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.



18U Tier 1 Full Season Head Coach Trent Samuels-Thomas

In the world of hockey, few names command as much respect as Coach Trent Samuels-Thomas. With a track record that speaks volumes about his dedication to the game, Samuels-Thomas is a Certified Power Skating Instructor and Skills Instructor renowned for his work with players at every level of the sport.

During the 2021-2022 season, Samuels-Thomas played an instrumental role as Associate Coach and Skills Coach for both the EHL and EHLP Junior teams. His expertise and guidance were pivotal in shaping the future of these young talents.

In the following season, Coach Trent took on the Head Coach mantle for the U18 and U10 teams with the Connecticut Chiefs. Additionally, he assumed the role of Director of Player Development within the Chiefs organization. His passion for nurturing the next generation of hockey stars is undeniable, and his efforts have already borne fruit, with seven players successfully making the leap to Junior A hockey under his guidance.

Fast forward to the present, Coach Trent Samuels-Thomas has continued his journey, leading the U18 and U12 teams for the Connecticut Chiefs. His unwavering commitment to player development is a driving force, bringing aspiring athletes one step closer to realizing their dreams of playing NCAA Hockey.

As a player, Samuels-Thomas himself climbed the ranks, reaching the pinnacle of Canadian Junior hockey in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL). His journey also included a season with the Drummondville Voltigeurs before he returned to the United States to make his mark in Tier-1 Junior hockey with both The Des Moines Buccaneers and The Omaha Lancers in the USHL.

In his debut season with Des Moines, he showcased his scoring prowess, notching 15 goals and 17 assists in 58 games. One standout moment in his career was being part of the historic first-ever outdoor game in the USHL while donning the Lancers jersey. In a game of such magnitude, Samuels-Thomas delivered two crucial assists, contributing to a memorable 4-2 victory against the Lincoln Stars in 2013.

After an illustrious career in the USHL and Major Junior hockey, Samuels-Thomas transitioned seamlessly into the NCAA DIII ranks, donning the Utica Pioneers jersey. Today, his focus is on shaping the next generation of hockey talent, carrying forward the invaluable experiences and expertise he gained throughout his journey in the sport. Coach Trent Samuels-Thomas is a true hockey luminary, committed to propelling the stars of tomorrow towards their ultimate goals.