

## **13U (2012)** 2025-2026 PROGRAM INFORMATION

The 13U 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.

- 2012 Birth Year
- Professional Coaching Staff with College/Pro Experience Head Coach Mike Siefker
- 50 Plus Games Schedule *Tier 1 Hockey Federation* & Beast Series
- 4 Tournaments/Showcases
- Full Ice Practice 2x per Week
- On-Ice Skill Session 2x per month led by former NHLer Ike Corriveau (Start time after 6:00 PM)
- Off-Ice Training with Future Fitness 1x per week
- Chalk Talk/ Video Session 1x per week
- CT Crease Goalie Training: Weekly
- Clearly Defined Development Path
- Off Ice Program June 15- August 15
- Elite Skills Spring Program & Triple Threat Camp



## Chiefs Scheduling Model "Maximize Development" <u>20%-60%-20%</u>

**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.





## 13U (2012) Head Coach Mike Siefker

Hailing from Riverside, Ontario, the hockey-rich outskirts of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Coach Mike Siefker's journey through the hockey world has been nothing short of remarkable. His Midget Major year saw him don the Windsor Bulldogs jersey in the Western Junior B Hockey League, a season that earned him the Rookie of the Year accolade from the league. It was during this time that Coach Mike received full scholarship offers from prestigious institutions like Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Bowling Green, and Miami Ohio, a testament to his prodigious talent.

Opting to pursue his hockey dreams through the Canadian Major Junior A circuit, Coach Siefker graced the rosters of teams such as the North Bay Centennials (following a training camp trade), Windsor Spitfires, Sudbury Wolves, and Guelph Platers.

Post his Junior Hockey tenure, he embarked on an educational journey at the University of Windsor, where he balanced academics with hockey for two seasons. Simultaneously, Coach Mike took on the role of an assistant coach with the Amherstburg Vikings in the Ontario Junior C league.

Armed with an Honors degree in Criminology upon graduation, Coach Mike found himself back in the hockey world, lacing up for the Chatham Wheels in the Colonial Hockey League. The following season, he ventured overseas to play in the Polish Elite League for Ziolana Gora.

Returning to his homeland, Coach Mike transitioned to a career in the Electrical Union, specifically IBEW Local 773, where he began his Electrical apprenticeship. After completing his apprenticeship and working as an electrician for several years, he and his wife Tricia, a Registered Nurse, made their home in Connecticut. Currently, Coach Mike is an E1 Electrical Contractor and has been dedicated to teaching within the technical high school system for an impressive 13 years. He currently holds the position of Department Head at Eli Whitney Technical High School.

Coach Mike's impact on the hockey scene continued to flourish as he assumed the role of Head Coach for the CT Chiefs 2006 team for a notable three seasons. Despite starting at the bottom of the Tier I AYHL in Peewee, his guidance and expertise led the 2006s to clinch the U15 AYHL Championship in the 2021-2022 season, a testament to his coaching prowess.

For the last 3 seasons, Coach Siefker undertook the leadership of the 2013 Red, where his adept teaching skills came to the fore, instilling the right way to play the game in his young charges.

For the 2025-26 season, Coach Mike will develop the 2012s towards success, with his wealth of hockey experience and his role as an educator combining to nurture the players' development. Coach Mike Siefker's multifaceted journey from player to educator to coach is a testament to his unwavering commitment to the game of hockey and its players.