

## **KURT WAGNER**

Original Hometown: North St. Paul, MN

CEP Certification Level: 3

Highest level played and team name: NCAA Division III University of Wisconsin – River Falls Falcons

Number of years playing: 42+

Number of years coaching: 9+

Most recent team coached: 2015-2016 Pond Hockey Club Mallards Bantam B

Personal statement: I am originally from North St. Paul, Minnesota growing up playing the game as a youth and was fortunate to play in college. I have been coaching youth hockey players for 9 years at all levels winning travel, select, and house championships numerous times. I have also helped develop and coach hockey and dryland camps for Chaparral Ice for several years. Throughout my coaching career, I have learned that youth players play hockey for different reasons. It is my job to learn these motivations and use them to create successful hockey players and teams. This is why I believe hockey coaches really should be called hockey motivators. I am very passionate about the sport of hockey. I know what it takes to turn athletes into finely tuned hockey players. Teaching life skills (discipline, respect, selfless, effort, desire) are the cornerstone of my coaching style and are necessary to have a successful team and season.