

## **RYAN RAYA**

Original Hometown: Rutland, MA

CEP Certification Level: 5

Highest level played and team name: ACHA DII, Elon University

Number of years playing: 28

Number of years coaching: 18

Most recent team coached: 2015-2016 Texas Jr. Stars Pee Wee A

Personal statement: I am currently appointed as the Director of Coaching and Player Development for the Texas Junior Stars organization, USA Hockey Level 5 coach, and have played hockey for over 20 years within organized hockey and longer than that if you include pond hockey during the long winters back in Massachusetts. A brief background of my hockey background starts with my high school hockey being played at Wachusett Regional High School where we were Perennially State Playoff Qualifiers and always within the top 10 in the state. I attended Elon University in North Carolina where I played DII club hockey. At Elon, the Phoenix hockey team won 3 consecutive South Eastern Division Championships, were never ranked outside the top 20 among 126 national club hockey teams, and reached the Elite 8 twice in the three invites to the national tournaments. Personally, I was awarded the 2005 Student-Athlete of the Year award while posting team records in wins, saves, and playoff save percentage as the starting goaltender for the Phoenix. As a coach, I am entering my 18<sup>th</sup> year as a youth coach, camp instructor or goalie coach. My experience ranges from years as Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midget coaching to instructing at Robby Glantz Power skating schools, Puckstopper Goaltending Services and as an on-ice Atlanta Thrashers clinic instructor.