

Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Dan Patton and I am privileged to have the opportunity to coach the Seaway Valley Rapids U11 hockey team for the 2022-2023 season. Over the past 5 years I have enjoyed coaching with both Cornwall Minor Hockey and the Seaway Valley hockey associations.

In my professional career, I work as a Firefighter for the City of Cornwall. When not working, I am usually at the rink coaching, playing or taking in one of the many minor hockey games.

I want to create an environment that provides the players the opportunity to have fun, learn, develop and be part of a team. I believe in the importance of learning from mistakes, with every failure is an opportunity to learn and grow. The roadmap for a successful upcoming season will be based on strict standards of respect, commitment, work ethic and teamwork. My goal is to help develop players not only on the ice but away from the ice as well. This philosophy will help our Seaway players make a lasting positive impact in our community. I am very excited and can't wait to get started working with this seasons U11 group.

As part of the *U11 Pathway* you can expect a 20-game season, exhibition games and playoffs, spanning from October to March. We are currently registered for 4 tournaments:

- Niagara Falls November 4-6
- Oshawa December 9-11
- Ottawa December 29-31
- Kingston January 13-15

If you need to get in touch with me please email: <u>Dan\_Patton01@hotmail.com</u>

Thanks,

Coach Dan