

## Neil Wright - Bio

First joined the WMHA board 8 years ago, serving 5 of those years on the now defunct Rep Committee

Coaching experience.

Coached for over 40 years

AE, A, AA, AAA

At least 6 seasons at every level except AE (2 Seasons)

Every age from 5 – 17 years old.

Coached every skill level from players drafted into the NHL, OHL, to players that were learning to skate.

Aprox 25 years ago ran Hockey Fundamentals (3 seasons) non-profit Hockey school for various skill levels and ages

In Ajax in my early days ran a program once a week for two years of first year H/L players teaching basics (program put together thanks to 2 senior Ajax Coaches providing the program that I then implemented)

Been involved with many tournaments over the years including chairman of the Ajax Christmas Rep tournament in 2003 Every age, AE, A, AA

In Whitby

Previous to this season was part of Coaches selection committee, supervising various Rep tryouts under direction of the VP Rep

Created pilot Goalie training session for a month. Program that upon conclusion was greeted with resounding approval by the goalie parents of the two age group targetted

First on Rep committee, met with Coaches of my group each month discussing their teams, issues, and to share news

While on the rep committee Met with the coaches under my direction after the season to discuss the teams, roster, and Coaches feedback on future direction of each team

Pushed for realignment of Rep directors from level to age group

Currently junior member of the Whitby Silverstick committee

Many of you would know me if not by name certainly by my presence at the rink.

My goal is as it has always been, to grow my knowledge base on all aspects of development of players, coaches, information to the parents, and to work towards the goal of a successful, strong organization that meets that criteria, while continuing to develop my Coaching knowledge and expertise.

The great challenge of coaching is that no matter how much a person thinks they know, there is a mountain of knowledge still to be gained.

Whatever success I may have gained over my 40 years coaching I have unquestionably learned more from my failures, and mistakes

Experience is a great teacher as it defines a persons methodology. but as a good friend of mine once remarked years ago when his Son gained a coach with 15 years coaching experience. "Does this Coach have 15 years experience, or one year experience repeated each year.

I never want to be that coach, but to use my experience from Coaching, and through all that I have done and attempted to do to continue to grow my personal knowledge, while contributing to this organization.

Hockey is a passion. It is my hope to be able to continue to work towards making a meaningful contribution to this organization, its players, Coaches & parents

Thank you for your attention