

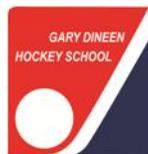


MASS/CONN UNITED

ELITE TIER 1 HOCKEY



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



TRADITION AND OPPORTUNITY



GARY DINEEN Legacy

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

MISSION STATEMENT

Mass/Conn United is committed to delivering the most comprehensive youth hockey program available to area youth. The scope and depth of our program will be second to none in creating an atmosphere that will: foster player self-confidence and build strong character. We will provide the most qualified professional staff available to instruct our players and offer programs that are designed for youth to learn and play the sport of ice hockey. Our teams, regardless of level, will be structured to provide players with the opportunity for individual growth that will enable each participant to reach their maximum potential and help prepare them to succeed in life's competitive environment. The driving principle of this organization is
our Commitment to Youth.

MASS/CONN UNITED EMPHASIZES EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND THE FOLLOWING CORE VALUES:

TEAMWORK
RESPECT
INTEGRITY
HARD WORK
WINNING
ATTITUDE
DISCIPLINE
PROFESSIONALISM
GOOD
SPORTSMANSHIP

ELITE TIER 1 HOCKEY

CONNECTICUT JR. HUSKIES

ctjrhuskies.com



Boys: 10U – 18U

Connecticut Jr. Huskies *Elite - Tier 1* boys' teams, 10U through 18U, will compete in the Eastern Hockey Federation. The EHF is known as the east coast's premier amateur hockey league, featuring ten elite organizations from throughout New England. With significant visibility, top-level talent and elite coaching, the EHF provides young, talented players with the opportunity to advance their careers to Tier 1/2 Junior hockey, U.S. national teams, NCAA hockey, the NHL and other professional leagues.

Novice Program: Learn to Skate – 8U

The Jr. Huskies' *8U* teams will be run in accordance with USA Hockey's American Development Model and play an independent cross-ice schedule. The Novice Program also includes *Learn to Skate* from October through early-March.

SPRINGFIELD JR. THUNDERBIRDS

juniorthunderbirds.com



Boys: 8U – 18U

Springfield Jr. Thunderbirds *Tier 1* boys' teams compete in the Eastern Hockey Federation, with AAA boys' team playing in the Eastern Minor Hockey League. The EMHL is a developmental league founded by the members of the Eastern Hockey Federation, and provides appropriate competition for young players looking to progress to the Elite or Tier 1 level.

Girls: 10U – 19U

Jr. Thunderbirds *Tier 1* and *Tier 2* girls' teams compete in the New England Girls Hockey League. The NEGHL is known as the nation's premier amateur hockey league for girls, featuring many top-tier organizations from throughout New England. Historically, the NEGHL has produced multiple USA Hockey National Champions each year. The NEGHL provides young, talented female players with the opportunity to advance their careers to the prep school and collegiate level.

NEW ENGLAND JR. FALCONS

juniorfalcons.com

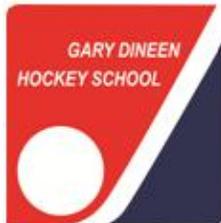


Boys: 8U

New England Jr. Falcons *Elite* full-ice 8U teams compete in the Eastern Hockey Federation, the east coast's premier amateur hockey league, featuring ten elite organizations from throughout New England. *NEJF teams are not affiliated with USA Hockey.*



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



GARY DINEEN HOCKEY SCHOOL

garydineenhockeyschool.com

Mass/Conn United emphasizes skill development across all levels of the program, and will provide opportunities through practices, individualized instruction and skill-specific clinics. All players will be provided with power skating and puck skills clinics as part of their in-season tuition.

Additional player development opportunities are available through Gary Dineen Hockey School. GDHS is widely known as one of New England's finest day hockey school for boys and girls, and provides its students with a well-disciplined and fun environment. Entering its 43rd year, GDHS staff focuses on good hockey habits and building a strong foundation of skills that will allow young players to play the game with confidence.

Over 25,000 student-athletes have benefited from the GDHS system, and nine alumni have gone on to play in the National Hockey League with many, many more playing minor professional or collegiate hockey.

All Mass/Conn United players will receive a 30% discount on GDHS classes.

TRADITION AND OPPORTUNITY



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garydineenlegacy.com

Gary Dineen Legacy, Inc. (formerly New England Jr. Falcons Hockey Club, Inc.) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is responsible for all organizational fundraising initiatives of Mass/Conn United. Gary Dineen Legacy is built on the ideals and beliefs of legendary coach Gary Dineen. Coach Dineen was at the helm of one of the most successful amateur hockey organizations in the United States for almost three decades before his passing in 2006. His program, originally called the Springfield Olympics, has endured name changes to the Jr. Whalers, Jr. Coyotes, and now Mass/Conn United, and has been responsible for shaping the lives of many young hockey players.

GARY DINEEN LEGACY *(continued)*

Coach Dineen played for Hockey Hall of Fame coach Father David Bauer with the Toronto St. Michael's Majors, and won the prestigious Memorial Cup with the Majors in 1961 and again in 1964 with the Toronto Marlboros. He was a member of the Canadian Olympic team in 1964 and 1968, leading the team in scoring during his first Olympics. He went on to play in the Minnesota North Stars organization and finished his playing career with the American Hockey League Springfield Kings in 1971.

After his time with the Kings, Coach Dineen settled in West Springfield, Massachusetts and, together with local businessman Stuart Duncan, formed what would become one of the most respected amateur hockey programs in the United States. During his time running the organization, Coach Dineen provided an environment conducive to academic development, supervised athletic activity and family life.

More than 320 players have moved on from the program to play hockey at some of the finest colleges and universities in the United States. Thirty-three former players have gone on to professional careers, most notably Bill Guerin, Scott Lachance, Chris Clark, Mike Komisarek and Ron Hainsey. Coach Dineen also helped develop and place many former players into the coaching and administrative ranks, including Dean Lombardi, (Los Angeles Kings, President and General Manager); Jim Mill, (American Hockey League, former Executive Vice President); Rick Bennett, (Union College, Head Coach); Brian Durocher, (Boston University, Women's Head Coach) and many, many more. In addition to Coach Dineen's impact at the professional and college levels, several former players have gone on to coach youth hockey, including several with Mass/Conn United.

Gary Dineen was inducted into the Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame, in addition to being honored with the USA Hockey President's Award and the American Hockey Coaches Association's "Snooks Kelley Award".

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The organization understands that hockey requires a significant financial and time commitment from families, many of whom do not have the means to participate at the highest level of amateur hockey in New England. For those families that require additional financial assistance, Mass/Conn United offers a "needs based" scholarship in the form of the Gary Dineen Legacy-sponsored Gary Dineen Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applications are submitted to and reviewed by an independent committee. Awarded funds are applied against player participation fees up to a maximum of 50% of the season's total tuition. Criteria considered as part of the review process includes financial need, academic record, community service and the player's positive contributions to his/her team and the organization.

For more information on Gary Dineen Legacy, please contact Keith Hillebrecht at khillebrecht@etrinks.com or RJ Gates at rjgates@garydineenlegacy.org.

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PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT

Mass/Conn United staff is comprised of the following individuals:

President and General Manager | Keith Hillebrecht
Vice President of Hockey Operations | Carol Lessard
Associate Director of Hockey Operations | RJ Gates
Director of Player Development | Tom O'Connor
Director of Coaching | Rich Miltz
Director of Finance and Travel | Rachelle King

BUSINESS AND HOCKEY OPERATIONS

In his role as President and General Manager of Mass/Conn United, Keith is responsible for overseeing all functions and responsibilities of the organization, and is the point of contact for any operational concerns that may arise throughout the season. Keith is also Co-Director of Gary Dineen Legacy. For questions related to the organization's business operations contact Keith at khillebrecht@etrinks.com.

In her role as Vice President of Hockey Operations, Carol is responsible for all USA Hockey requirements for our players and coaches, and is the master scheduler for the organization. Carol is also the primary point of contact for any questions relating to our girls and novice programs. Carol can be reached by email at clessard@etrinks.com.

As Associate Director of Hockey Operations, RJ is the primary point of contact for any operational questions relating to our boys and midget teams. RJ is also the Co-Director of Gary Dineen Legacy, and can be reached by email at rjgates@garydineenlegacy.org.

In their roles as Director of Player Development and Director of Coaching, Tom and Rich are responsible for creating a systematic approach and age-appropriate skill development plan for all teams, and are the primary points of contact for any development-related questions that you may have regarding our teams. Tom can be reached by email at toc623@aol.com, and you can reach Rich at miltz52@aol.com.

As Director of Finance and Travel, Rachelle is the primary contact for all questions relating to tuition collection, tournament expenses and travel arrangements. Rachelle can be reached at rking@etrinks.com.

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ENFIELD TWIN RINKS (ETR)

etrinks.com



Enfield Twin Rinks has served the Northern Connecticut / Western Massachusetts region for over 40 years. Built during the 'Bobby Orr era', ETR has two ice sheets modeled after the original Boston Garden, twelve locker rooms and a full-service pro shop operated by DK's Hockey Superstore. Current and former NHL players, including Craig Janney, Bill Guerin, Scott Lachance and Ron Hainsey, have called Enfield Twin Rinks their home over the years. ETR is home to four local high school teams, two youth hockey programs and one of the area's largest and most competitive adult leagues. The ETR Skate School offers a year-round figure skating program for all ability levels and the Gary Dineen Hockey School offers classes throughout the year.

MASSMUTUAL CENTER (MM)

massmutualcenter.com



The 8,000 seat MassMutual Center is owned by the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority and managed by Spectra Venue Management. The Mission of the MassMutual Center is to generate significant economic impact for the residents of the Pioneer Valley by providing high-quality facilities and services, recruiting and retaining the best staff, and creating a mix of entertainment and tourism activity that inspires residents and visitors to experience and enjoy Downtown Springfield and the Pioneer Valley. The MassMutual Center team recognizes the best way to fulfill our mission is by providing exceptional service to our clients and guests. Everyone from our sales and event managers to our service personnel and operations staff is committed to making every event a memorable and successful one. Our team is dedicated to making the MassMutual Center the venue of choice in the New England area.

NEWINGTON ARENA (NA)

newingtonarena.com



Newington Arena is an entertainment facility featuring two regulation NHL ice surfaces, dance room, conference center with kitchenette, an arena cafe, a pro-shop, a figure skating boutique and several small businesses including: skate sharpening, private coaching services, group lesson programs and BODY LAB -- a VO2Max testing facility.



Connecticut Jr. Huskies

Games: ETR

Practices/Clinics: Primary – ETR; Secondary – NA



Springfield Jr. Thunderbirds

Games: Primary – ETR; Secondary - MM

Practices/Clinics: Primary – ETR; Secondary - MM



New England Jr. Falcons

Games: ETR

Practices/Clinics: Primary – ETR; Secondary - NA

DEVELOPING MORE THAN ATHLETES

COACHING

Mass/Conn United has assembled a coaching staff comprised of the areas' premier coaching talent to lead the program, many of whom played the game at the highest levels. The coaching staff follows an age-specific progression plan designed to provide players with the ability to achieve their individual potential while emphasizing the team-first environment.



All coaches are USA Hockey certified and have successfully completed background screening and USA Hockey's SafeSport training.

ACADEMICS

On-ice performance is an important element to the organization. However, our goal is for our coaches to provide positive life lessons that will groom our players into well-rounded student-athletes who will positively impact our community. Our coaches emphasize academics, and may designate periods of time on tournament road trips for study time and homework. They may also request to review players' report cards during the season. While on extended road trips, the organization encourages team visits to cultural destinations, preparatory schools and college campuses.



SPORTS PERFORMANCE TRAINING - PARISI SPEED SCHOOL

parisischool.com

Players will receive weekly team off-ice training sessions at Parisi Speed School included in their tuition. The proven Parisi Youth Training System has made them the leader in safe youth sport performance training. Parisi delivers a positive training experience that improves speed of movement and strength in character, regardless of physical ability. Sessions will begin during our pre-season Training Camp and run throughout the season.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The organization believes in giving back to our community. As such, each team is required to complete a minimum of one community service project each season. In the past, teams have donated time to assist at soup kitchens, participated as guest instructors during Learn to Skate sessions and helped raise funds for several local charities.

DEVELOPING MORE THAN ATHLETES *(continued)*



GOALIE TRAINING – CONNECTICUT CREASE

ctcrease.com

Goaltenders will receive weekly practice coverage from CT Crease. Goalie instructors will design, organize and execute professional and productive goalie specific skill drills within team practices. In addition, CT Crease will conduct monthly clinics and provide every goalie in attendance with a detailed drill plan for the day with key points to each drill and save technique.

All Mass/Conn United goalies receive a 10% discount on CT Crease camps.

LECTURE SERIES

In addition to off-ice training sessions, Mass/Conn United will provide an on-going educational series for players and parents relative to nutrition, mental training, concussions and injury prevention. The first in the series will take place during our pre-season Training Camp.

PLAYER/PARENT GUIDANCE

The organization has a long history of advancing players to prep school and NCAA programs. Each of these options provides an opportunity for players to continue their development process at a higher level of competition. With so many options available, the organization recognizes the need to educate parents and players on each league and the opportunities that may be offered. We are happy to assist in determining which may be the best option for your athlete.

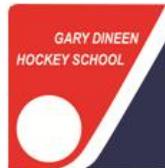


TEST PREPARATION

Mass/Conn United has partnered with Tutor Doctor, a leader in exam preparation, to give players in our organization exclusive SAT and SSAT test prep opportunities. Classes are held at Enfield Twin Rinks and are scheduled to best accommodate practice times. Tutor Doctor also offers in-home subject based tutoring tailored to everyone's needs.



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