



## Scarborough Sharks 2021-2022 U13-A Rep

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My name is **Steve Thompson** and I am excited to be part of the Sharks organization and named Head Coach of the U13-A hockey team for the upcoming 2021-2022 season. In addition to a lifetime involved in the game, I have had the privilege of coaching at a number of different levels in both boys and girls minor hockey. Currently, I am the Head Coach of the Scarborough Sharks U13-A team and have previously been part of the Sharks Atom A program and the Markham-Stouffville organization.

Sport has always been an important part of my life and something that I enjoy sharing with both of my daughters. I believe that sport can be an extremely positive and powerful influence in the lives of young people. Through participation in team based athletics, girls are able to learn responsibility, confidence and teamwork that will serve them well throughout their life.

My goals for the 2021-2022 U13-A season primarily revolve around a program that develops stronger individuals, from both a hockey and a personal perspective, while teaching the values of teamwork, hard work and respect. My philosophies around coaching are as follows:

- Create a fun, positive and safe learning environment.
- Stress the importance of commitment, hard work and discipline.
- Always show respect to coaches, teammates, officials and opponents.
- Ensure strong communication between coaches, parents and players.

With regard to the actual program for the team, assuming a traditional “non-COVID impacted” season, we will be competing in the U13-A level of the Lower Lakes Female Hockey Association. In addition to game play, I believe strongly in a commitment to focused training for both team systems and individual skills. Where appropriate, professional coaches will be incorporated into the program to provide a diversity in training and focus on specific aspects of the game (ex. goaltending, skating, defensive tactics etc).

Thank you for considering the Scarborough Sharks Organization and in particular the 2021-2022 U13-A team. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Regards  
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