

VALLEY FORGE MINUTEMEN

SQUIRT MAJOR TIER 1 – AAA

BIRTH YEAR 2000

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Our Program is committed to the development of all student athletes by placing an emphasis on:

- Quality Coaching
- Fundamental skill development through proper instruction and repetition
- Instilling the values of character, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork
- Having fun while competing hard with pride, discipline and respect for the game
- Commitment to team, hard work and accountability

Squirt Major Team Structure:

- 2 Squirt Major AAA Tournaments (*limited travel*)
- Minutemen Spring Skills (April 29 –June 24) 9 Sessions
- August Team Mini Camp
- Strength & Conditioning @ Speed Elite
- Off-ice Skill Development
- 2 Practices per week
- AYHL league schedule
- Competitive Non League Games (*limited travel*)

TEAM FEE: \$ 2, 800

Coach Geverd's Bio and Philosophy:

- ECHL with Richmond Renegades, Reading Royals, Dayton Bombers, and Evansville Icemen
- Babson College 2008 - NCAA Division 3
 - 4 year Varsity Team Player
 - Captain Junior and Senior seasons
 - Finalist for Top American Born Division 3 player senior year
 - Lawler Award winner junior season as referee's player of the year
- EJHL with New Hampshire Jr. Monarchs
- Lawrence Academy- Captain senior year

Coaching Philosophy: Teach Skills, Have Fun, Work Hard, Play as a Team and Love the Game. Squirt level is a critical learning period for all young players. I will place an emphasis on teaching and developing the basic skills required to grow as a well rounded hockey player. I feel strongly that skating is the most important basic skill that must be properly taught and developed in a young player. Practices will be high tempo and **FUN** focusing on skating, puck control, passing, shooting, puck protection, read/react, and timing. Players will be expected to compete hard with a respect for the opponent. My goal is to develop young players to the very best of my ability, be a positive role model and instill a love for the game.