

UCF Knights Hockey – Assistant Coach Overview

About Us

Founded in 1997, the UCF Knights Hockey Program competes at the Division II level in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) and is a proud member of both Collegiate Hockey South (CHS) and the North American Collegiate Hockey League (NACHL). With 12 national championship appearances and two 3rd-place finishes, our team has earned a reputation as a competitive and rapidly growing program.

We are passionate about growing the game of hockey — not just within the University of Central Florida, but across the entire state. With Florida's rise in the professional hockey world, the sport has gained incredible momentum, and we aim to foster that enthusiasm at the collegiate club level.

As one of the top programs in CHS, Knights Hockey emphasizes excellence, dedication, and community. Our players compete at a high level while building meaningful, long-lasting relationships with teammates, coaches, fans, and supporters — creating a close-knit team culture that feels like family.

Club Status & Funding

UCF Hockey is a student-run club program, not a varsity sport. As such, our operations are primarily funded through player dues, which are:

- \$3,000 for rostered players
- \$1,000 for practice squad players

These dues cover ice time, team travel, player gear, and overall operations — allowing players to experience a highly competitive, “NCAA-like” environment at the club level.

Due to our limited budget, coaching positions are unpaid and based on a volunteer model. We seek individuals who are passionate about the game and motivated by player development, program building, and the opportunity to be a key part of something meaningful.

Practice Schedule

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM (Roster Practice)

- Ice is typically available by 6:00 AM, and many players suit up early for extra time.

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Practice Squad Session

- Open to all non-rostered players; rostered players may also skate to assist in development and maximize their ice time.
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Assistant Coach – Primary Responsibilities

On-Ice Coaching Support

- Assist during regular morning practices
- Help lead or run drills during practice squad sessions
- Provide individual instruction and feedback to support player growth

Game Day Involvement

- Be present and engaged at all home and away games
- Assist with bench management, including line changes and situational adjustments
- Support pre-game warmups and provide feedback during intermissions

Film Review & Strategy

- Break down game film to analyze team strengths, weaknesses, and opponent tendencies
- Prepare short clips for individual and team review
- Collaborate with the head coach on strategy and adjustments

Player Development

- Help track and evaluate player progress
- Set goals with players and provide consistent, constructive feedback
- Mentor newer and practice squad players to support their growth and team integration

Practice Planning & Execution

- Work with the head coach to plan and run practices
- Adjust plans based on attendance, team needs, or areas of focus

Communication & Availability

- Maintain open and consistent communication with the coaching staff and executive board
- Be available to players outside of practice hours for questions, feedback, or film review