

Erindale Spitfires U17 Red 2025-26 Season Plan

Introduction – The Erindale U17 2025-26 Team is looking forward to next season. This will be our 3rd season as an Enhanced Red team where we compete against Select and BB teams. We had a successful 2024-25 season where we played over 50 games in all competitions. Our goal is always to compete, learn and grow, as individuals and as teammates.

Our program delivers a structured, competitive environment focusing on life skills the players can use when they get to the working world. We focus on trust, perseverance, effort, positive attitude and good sportsmanship. Our objective is to compete at a high level in every practice and every game.

Our Team Manager is extremely well organized which allowed us to play in 5 tournaments throughout the 2024-25 season. He also spearheaded many fundraising events which increased the number of team sponsored activities.

Coaching Philosophy - The U17 Red coaching staff, team manager and the Erindale Hockey Association are committed to achieving the following objectives:

- Develop individual and team hockey skills
- Teach good sportsmanship and respect for all participants
- Provide fun for all participants in a safe environment, promoting fair play
- Foster physical, mental, emotional, social growth and self-confidence
- Develop qualities such as loyalty, cooperation, teamwork, discipline, honesty, and pride

Skill Development - Our skill development program includes pre-season dryland training, a pre-season tournament, 1 practice per week (either 1 or 1.5 hours) and additional skill development as required.

Tournaments - We are participating in 4 tournaments next season. One pre-season local tournament, one out-of-town tournament and 2 local tournaments. If interest and budget allow, we may add a second away tournament. More details to follow.

Head Coach – Diego Torres