

Eric Johannsen - Coaching Bio

Eric Johannsen has been Technical Director of the [Nepean Blue Devils](#) since 2009, also coaching 19 competitive teams, ranging from U10 girls (8x) to U12 boys to U19 girls (7x), including 7 overall EOBA champions. He has Train to Compete (In-Training) certification status, and became club president in June 2020.

As Technical Director, Eric supports club coaches by running clinics and competitive tryouts, attending practices, and sharing coaching resources by email and in the [Coaches Corner](#).

He founded the coaching website www.hoopsplaybook.ca in 2007, a Google Drive [Coaches Library](#) in 2011, a [Hoopsplaybook Facebook page](#) in 2020, and has created about 300 [YouTube playlists](#) from basketball videos available on YouTube.

Player development and youth basketball are points of emphasis. Attention to detail for skills and drills is shown in [Keys to Shooting](#), [Dribbling Series](#), [Off-Season Workouts](#), [Skills Checklists](#) (plus extensive coverage of cutting-edge skills in [Blog Posts](#)), and [Youth Basketball](#) is a gateway to comprehensive resources including [Jr. NBA](#), [Steve Nash Youth Basketball Program](#), and [Gooroo Youth Basketball](#).

Eric began coaching with the Blue Devils in 2001, and coached for 3 years until his wife got a posting to Switzerland, where Eric coached boys teams and summer camps for 5 years at a basketball club outside Geneva, and also coached the junior and senior boys high-school teams at an international school for 4 years. Highlights included assistant coaching a team that won the Swiss U15 championship in his first year, and head coaching the team that won U17 silver two years later (see [Swiss Hoops](#)).

Eric rejoined the Blue Devils on returning to Canada in 2009, and also became a community coach at Ashbury College, where he coached for 11 seasons (until Covid), including 2 years as junior boys head coach, and 7 years as assistant coach of the senior boys team, which won its city championship every year, and medaled at OFSAA 4 times, including gold twice.

During the off-seasons, Eric helped coach in the uOttawa Gee-Gees competitive girls summer program for 6 years.

Most recently, Eric was head coach of the 2022-23 senior girls basketball team at John McCrae Secondary School.

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