

Eric Johannsen - Coaching Bio

Eric Johannsen has head/assistant coached over 60 basketball teams, including high-school, club and summer teams, plus summer camps and community programs. He has founded a number of coaching resources, starting with www.hoopsplaybook.ca in 2007, and was Technical Director of the Nepean Blue Devils from 2009-10 to 2023-24. He has Train to Compete (In-Training) NCCP status.

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Eric Johannsen began coaching with the Barrhaven (now Nepean) 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 include 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](#)). He obtained a Swiss Level 1 coaching licence.

Eric rejoined the Blue Devils on returning to Canada in 2009, as coach and Technical Director, 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. He also coached in the annual Ashbury College Community Program.

Eric was Technical Director of the Blue Devils for 15 years, also coaching 19 competitive teams, ranging from U10 girls (8x) to U12 boys to U19 girls (7x), including 7 overall EOBA champions. As Technical Director, Eric supported club coaches by running clinics and competitive tryouts, attending practices, and sharing coaching resources by email and in the [Coaches Corner](#) of the Blue Devils website. He has Train to Compete (In-Training) certification status, and was also club president for 4 years (plus another 8 years as a club director at different times).

During off-seasons, Eric helped coach in the uOttawa Gee-Gees competitive girls summer program for 6 years, and coached two years in the Ottawa Boys and Girls Club girls summer league.

Eric coached at John McCrae Secondary School in 2022 and 2023, as head coach of the senior girls then junior girls basketball teams.

He is currently head coaching U13 boys with the Blue Devils, after coaching U15 then U16 boys the previous two seasons.

Eric 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 over 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](#).

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