
Rikard Grönborg

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Professional Experience

Head Coach Team Sweden from 2016

Head Coach Team 20 and 19 Sweden 2013 – Present

Main responsibilities include all coaching aspects of Team 20 and 19 such as scouting of players, organizing practices and camps, and setting up game plans. Other responsibilities include working with hockey high schools and teams in Sweden in accordance with the Swedish Ice Hockey Association's development plan. Responsible for all aspects of the U-20 Team Sweden including budgets, representing Team Sweden U-20 in all IIHF meetings, Team scheduling and Team personnel decisions.

Assistant Coach Senior Men's Team Sweden 2011 – Present

Main responsibilities include bench coaching and game preparations of Team Sweden. Other responsibilities include scouting the opponents and together with Head Coach set up a game plan.

Head Coach Team 18 Sweden 2010 - 2013

Main responsibilities include all coaching aspects of Team 18 such as scouting of players, organizing practices and camps, and setting up game plans. Other responsibilities include working with hockey high schools and teams in Sweden in accordance with the Swedish Ice Hockey Association's development plan.

Head Scout-Team Manager Team Sweden IIHF World Championships U-20 2009 – 2010

Responsible for all aspects of the U-20 Team Sweden including budgets, representing Team Sweden U-20 in all IIHF meetings, Team scheduling and Team personnel decisions. Team Sweden's Scouting Coach at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and at the 2010 IIHF World Championships in Cologne, Germany.

Head Scout Team Sweden IIHF World Championships U-20, Men's 2006 – 2008

Responsible for scouting Team Sweden's opponents and assisting the coaching staff with game strategies and tactics. Men's Team (Quebec City 2008, Berne 2009), U-20 (Leksand 2007, Pardubice 2008, Ottawa 2009), U-18 (Kazan 2008, Fargo 2009). Earned Silver Medals in 2008 and 2009 with Team Sweden U-20 and Bronze with Team Sweden in 2009.

Assistant Coach Spokane Chiefs Western Hockey League (WHL) 2004 – 2005

Responsible for the daily planning of practice, coaching with emphasis on defensemen and special teams, preparing and executing video presentation, and academic monitoring of the players.

Head Coach/General Manager North American Selects International Junior Tier 1 Tournaments 2001 – 2005

Responsible to recruit and coach a North American Select Teams to compete at the top junior level tournaments in Sweden and Finland. The teams have gained European recognition by placing 2nd three times and 3rd once. Coached and recruited several NHL draft picks (7) and NCAA Division 1 players (+30).

Director of Hockey Great Falls Amateur Hockey Association (GFAHA) 2003 – 2004

Responsible of recruiting and educating GFAHA's coaches. Established the organization's coaching standard, writing a curriculum and a drill book. Worked as an USA Hockey educator and an evaluator at the Rocky Mountain district.

General Manager/Head Coach Central Texas Blackhawks America West Jr. A Hockey League (AWHL) 2002-2003

Responsible for recruiting and developing Junior "A" players for an expansion team in the America West Hockey League. First year record of 40-16-4, 2nd best record in the AWHL. Responsible for establishing budgets and the hiring of hockey operations personnel.

General Manager/Head Coach Great Falls Americans America West Jr. A Hockey League (AWHL) 1998-2001

Responsible for recruiting and coaching Junior "A" players. AWHL Coach of the Year 1998-1999. Three year regular season record of 112-48-12. Two-time regular season champions and one-time Borne Cup (Play Off) Champions and Gold Cup qualifier. Developed Twelve (12) Division 1 players, several European professional players, and two (2) NHL draft picks (David Printz, Philadelphia Flyers, 2001 and Pat Dwyer, Atlanta Thrashers, 2002); and NHL Free Agent signee Bobby Robins (Ottawa Senators 2006).

Associate Head Coach University of Wisconsin-Stout NCHA – Div III 1996-1998

Responsible for recruiting, daily planning of practice, coaching with emphasis on defensemen, and academic monitoring of the players.

Undergraduate Assistant Coach St. Cloud State University WCHA – Div I 1994-1995

Assisting in strength and dry-land training progress of players. Responsible for the academic monitoring of players.

Specialties:

Bilingual English and Swedish. Excellent in all important managerial skills such as organization, negotiation, written and oral communication.

Education

University of Wisconsin-Stout Master of Science Degree in Management Technology, 1998
Dean's List for academic excellence 1996-1998

St. Cloud State University Bachelor of Science Degree in Mass Communications, 1996
Dean's List for Academic Excellence 1995-1996
WCHA All-Academic Teams 1991-1992 and 1992-1993 seasons

Playing Career

Hammarby IF 1993-1994

Rogle BK 1992-1993

Tyringe SoSS 1992-1993

Phoenix Cobras RHI 1994 & 1995

St Cloud State Huskies WCHA Div. I 1989-1992

Huddinge IK 1985-1989