

AWARD WINNING COACH JOINS EDGE COACHING TEAM

Edge Announces 2017-18 Hockey Skill Academy and Team Coaching Staff

Calgary, AB – James Poole, a former Junior A Coach within the AJHL, has been named Head Coach of the Edge School Midget Prep Hockey Team.

Poole joins a team of high-end coaches currently at Edge School; including Mentor Coaches within Hockey Alberta's Development and High Performance Stream and former national team members, committed to the development of all student-athletes. Over the last 4 years, 40 female student-athletes have graduated from the Girls Prep Team and moved on to study and play at University and/or College in North America. More than 120 male players have moved on to higher levels of play including recent graduates Jake Bean who was drafted by the Carolina Hurricanes in the 1st round of the 2016 NHL Entry Draft and Jaret Anderson-Dolan, selected 41st overall by the Los Angeles Kings in the 2017 NHL Entry Draft. **To learn more about our Edge Coaches, please [click here](#)**

Pat McLaughlin, CEO, Edge School stated "After an extensive search process, we are pleased to announce that James Poole has joined our Edge Team. James is a very experienced and accomplished coach, possessing strong teaching, communication and leadership skills. James understands the importance of academics and our three sphere model and will work closely with our teachers and coaches to ensure Edge provides a solid foundation for our Skill Academy student-athletes and all of our teams. Over the last 7 years, more than 50 players have moved on to the next level under James' direction and we look forward to that trend continuing at Edge."

McLaughlin continued "On behalf of Edge School, thank you to the Calgary Canucks organization for their support and cooperation in allowing James to join Edge School."

Poole brings with him, 12 years of coaching experience, most recently with the Calgary Canucks of the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL). During his time in the AJHL, Poole held a .650 winning percentage and was nominated as 'Coach of the Year' on four occasions. Prior to his 7 seasons in the AJHL, Poole was very successful in the Alberta Midget Hockey League, advancing to the National Championships (TELUS Cup) twice.

"I have enjoyed my time as Head Coach & General Manager in the AJHL for the past seven seasons but I am very motivated for a new challenge and environment. In saying this, I am very excited about joining the Edge Team of Coaches, Teachers and Staff, and embarking on the challenge of building the Edge tradition within the CSSHL and making our program the benchmark for all school programs across Canada. I truly believe this is a great opportunity and environment to make a significant impact on young student-athletes lives being able to shape them as hockey players, students and people in their



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most important development years. With the first-class resources available at Edge, I will strive to develop each student-athlete to their fullest potential each & every day on and off the ice.”

As a former NCAA student-athlete at Lake Forest College in Chicago, Illinois Poole knows firsthand the dedication and commitment needed to advance to the next level. As a coach, Poole has been very successful, advancing players both from midget to junior (a 97% advancement rate) and junior to University or College with over 50 players committing to various programs under his direction.

Chris Chisamore, Edge Director of Programming explains, “We are very excited to have James join our hockey program. Having a recognized Junior A coach joining our staff will help take our Midget program to the next level. His experience and success at the next level will help solidify the internal process of development for both our bantam and midget players. James is a team player, who will work with all of our hockey staff to continue building Edge Hockey into the premier Prep School hockey program in Canada. We would like to welcome James and his family to the Edge community, and look forward to his contributions both on and off the ice.”

Poole joins former professional hockey player Jeff Shantz as the newest additions to the Edge Hockey Program for the 2017-18 season.

Hockey Skill Academy Leads – Chris Chisamore/Evan Bak supported by all Edge Coaches

Midget Boys Prep – James Poole (Head Coach)

Midget Female Prep – Carla MacLeod (Head Coach)

Midget Elite 15's – Kelly Mruk (Head Coach)

Midget Varsity – Josh Gosling (Head Coach)

Bantam Prep – Kevin Bathurst (Head Coach)

Bantam Varsity – Jeff Shantz (Co-coach) & Evan Bak (Co-coach)

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