

BEING A GOALIE PARENT; VOLUME 1



Hi Everyone! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Alec Marshall and I am one of the Head Instructors with Mike Buckley's Goaltending Development Services. Prior to becoming a coach, I was a long-time GDS student, having started training with Coach Buckley at the age of eight while playing for my local town program. I later played at the high school, Midget AAA, and Junior levels before ultimately earning the opportunity to play NCAA Hockey at Southern New Hampshire University.

I played two seasons at SNHU before the Covid-19 pandemic canceled my entire junior season. After accelerating in school that year, I opted to not play out my remaining college eligibility and graduated a season early with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a Sports Management Concentration. I now work as the Head Instructor at our Exeter, NH location working daily with the region's top goaltenders of all ages and abilities.

In addition to my coaching duties here at GDS, I will be starting a new series of monthly articles aimed at goalie parents. I am by no means an expert in this category, but I am confident that through my own experiences and with the help of other trusted coaches, I can provide valuable insight for any parent looking for help guiding a young goalie.

We all know the stereotype of the crazy sports parent and no one wants to be that person. I truly believe that 99.9% of these people's hearts are in the right place and just want what is best for their child. My hope with these articles is to point out the positives and negatives I see everyday in goalie parenting, and give suggestions as to how everyone can build off of them. I encourage any goalie parent reading these articles moving forward to reach out with questions, comments, etc. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to read, and look forward to what is ahead!

-- Alec Marshall, Head Instructor, GDS

