

JIM TAMBURINO – Hockey Bio

Following a Gold Medal victory at the 2018 Inline Hockey World Championships in Asiago, Italy and capturing a Silver Medal at the 2019 World Roller Games in Barcelona, Spain, Tamburino is entering his third year as Head Coach of the Team USA Jr Men's Inline Hockey program.

Following High School, Tamburino's ice hockey playing career included Junior Hockey stints in Nova Scotia, Canada and the Metropolitan Junior Hockey League. He later went on to graduate from Towson University where he pursued graduate work and served as team Captain and Club President of the school's Division I Roller Hockey program for five years. The program captured three consecutive ECRHA Division I Regional Championships and two NCRHA Division I National Championships Final-Four appearances during that tenure. Upon finishing school and moving back to New York, Tamburino went on to play recreationally/competitively in the Professional Inline Hockey Association, the American Inline Hockey League and various tournaments from 2007 through today.

Along with creating and leading multiple ice and inline hockey clinics and camps since age 17, Tamburino's coaching career began in 2008 when he was named Head Coach of Hofstra University Roller Hockey. After eight seasons with Hofstra (one ECRHA Division I Championship and an NCRHA Division I National Championship Final-Four appearance), in the summer of 2017, he went on to become the Head Coach of Farmingdale State College Roller Hockey, who would go on to become the 2017, 2018, and 2019 NCRHA Division I National Champions. Throughout his NCRHA coaching career, Tamburino has twice been selected as the ECRHA Coach of the Year, while being nominated as a Runner-Up an additional four times as well.

Additionally, Tamburino currently holds a USA Hockey Level-2 Certification (Level 3 in Fall '20) and serves as an Assistant Coach to Farmingdale State College Ice Hockey. He is also the Assistant Coach of the P.A.L. Junior Islanders AAA 14U Major team, alongside Head Coach and former NHL player, Arron Asham.

Combining his love for the game and a goal to celebrate and grow the sport, in 2015, Tamburino became the Founder and Director of *Hockey Is Hockey* - an event series featuring Dek, Ice and Inline Hockey and serving as a celebration of the game and tribute to our grassroots. In 2016, he received recognition for the new program when he became the first ever recipient of the George Pickard Award, an acknowledgement presented by the American Inline Hockey League to an ambassador for service to the sport of inline hockey.

Professionally, Tamburino is a Creative Executive in the film industry and an independent Screenwriter/Novelist, along with being a 5th generation member of the Steamfitters Local 638. Within his *Hockey Is Hockey* umbrella, he also conducts various ice and inline hockey camps, training sessions, team practices, private lessons and more.