



## Chicago Mission announces Director of Goaltending

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The Chicago Mission is excited to announce that Ryan Honick has been named Director of Goaltending and Goaltending Coach for the 2017/2018 season. Ryan will join our 12 teams each week to develop the goaltenders and work with the coaching staff. Ryan's focus will include all aspects of the position, from technical and physiological, to psychological and mentoring. Constant maintenance of current skills and the implementation of new skills will be his development objective. Communication with the coaching staff and scouting from a position specific point of view will be of a high value to the organization. We will add goalie specific ice sessions, game assessments, meetings, player journals, and more to the goalie program.

"We plan to create real value for our goaltenders, parents, and coaches by bringing Ryan and GDI USA on board." Chicago Mission Hockey Director, Gino Cavallini.

Honick adds, "I am very honored to join what I have always considered to be the best Tier 1 program in the country. My main role is to enhance our goaltenders, but also to coach our coaches on what they can do better for them. I will be sure to help guide our goalies on their developmental paths and help them reach their career objectives. I want to clearly define what it takes to be a Mission goaltender and be successful here. I look forward to this new opportunity."

Ryan is a professional Goaltending Consultant, and President of GDI (Goaltender Development Institute) USA. Ryan has studied under Columbus Blue Jackets Goaltending Coach Ian Clark, Tampa Bay Lightning Goaltending Coach Frantz Jean, and recent Carolina Hurricanes Goaltending Coach Dave Marcoux.



He is currently the Goaltending Coach for the USHL Green Bay Gamblers. Over the past 3 seasons Ryan has worked the New York Rangers 2015 NHL Draft Pick Adam Huska and the Vegas Golden Knights 2017 NHL Draft Pick Maksim Zhukov.

Ryan aims to develop goaltenders throughout the USA in an effort to strengthen its goaltending prowess and seek out the talented and ambitious athletes ready to compete at the next level. Ryan is 38, from Pittsburgh, PA., and resides in Elk Grove Village, IL. with his wife Sanya Sandahl-Honick.