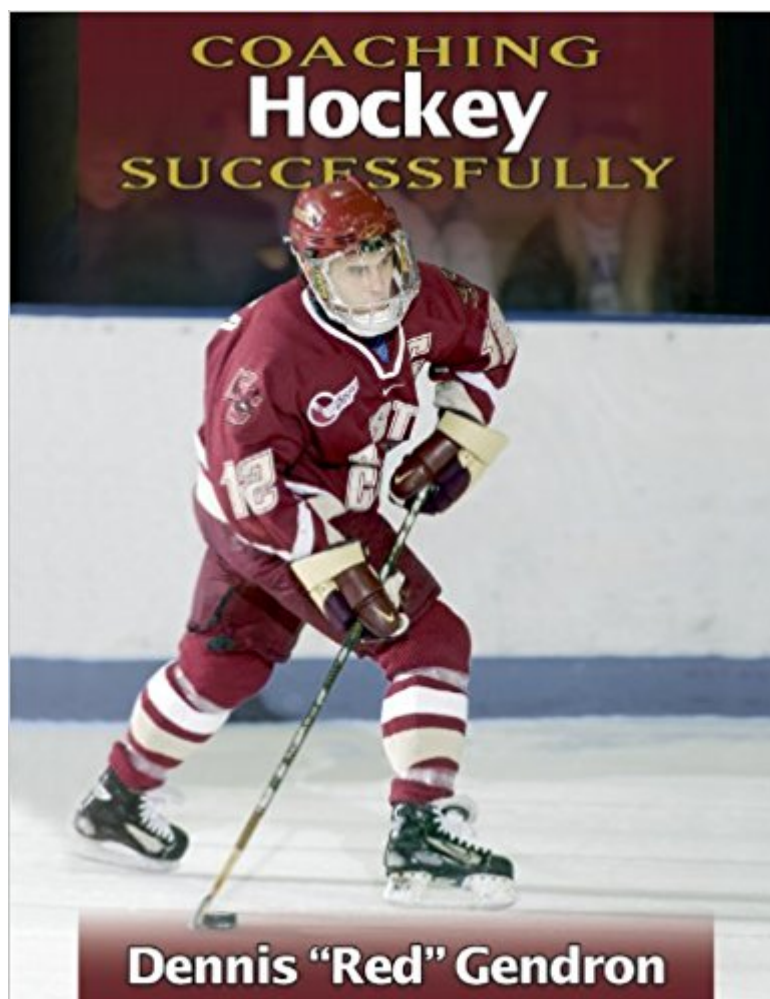


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# Coaching Hockey Successfully



## Synopsis

There's a lot more to coaching hockey than teaching players how to shoot a puck. You have to train them to execute advanced skills and tactics, evaluate their technique, and give them exercises and drills to hone their skills. Additionally, you have to organize your team, select equipment, motivate your players, plan practices, and pull everything together for competitive play. *Coaching Hockey Successfully* makes all these tasks much easier by guiding you through every aspect of the coach's role giving you a blueprint for establishing a successful program. It's an all-encompassing manual for beginning coaches and a thorough reference for more experienced coaches. Author Dennis "Red" Gendron has coached hockey at nearly every level of competition, from youth summer clinics to NHL teams, and his teams have won everything from high school state championships to a Stanley Cup. In *Coaching Hockey Successfully* Gendron shares his experiences and wealth of knowledge to help you build your own winning hockey program. *Coaching Hockey Successfully* gives you advanced skills, drills, and strategies for play in the defensive, neutral, and offensive zones. The book addresses a wide spectrum of vital coaching topics:- Developing a program philosophy- Motivating players- Planning the season- Preparing for practices- Building a feeder system- Handling game situations- Evaluating performance. You'll find helpful information on special teams, bench coaching, scouting, and program analysis, plus sample practice plans to guide you through the season. Whether you're new to coaching or merely looking for more effective ways to teach hockey techniques and tactics, you can turn to *Coaching Hockey Successfully* for expert advice and insights to help you round out your program.

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Coaching Hockey Successfully has a loads of valuable information from hockey philosophy (teach your players to create space and time and teach them the concept of support) to good drills to teach your players hockey sense. This book would get five stars but sometimes Gendron loses you e.g. a description of a drill to which he does not have a diagram and one you do not understand. I thought it was my problem until I talked it over with a friend. This book is so valuable. If you are coaching Bantam and above, it's a top notch resource. Thanks, Red!

I bought this book when it first came out in 2003 and it is still, by far, the best hockey coaching resource on the market. Even today, whether coaching or writing, when I'm looking for coaching information, Red Gendron's book is still the first one I pull off the shelf to look for answers. The book is well thought out and well written. While it does contain a fair amount of skills and drills, it is not a skills and drills manual. This book is geared towards those bantam, midget, or high school coach's who are looking to gain deeper understanding and knowledge of systems and tactics as well as the concepts, processes and nomenclature of ice hockey. USA Hockey Inc. thought so much of this book that they slapped a new cover on it and began using it as their Level-IV coaches manual. I've been coaching hockey for over a quarter century as well as write a syndicated hockey column called "Hockey from the Neck up" and of all the coaching books I've read over the years the only book that has had more of an influence on my coaching development has been Mike Krzyzewski's "Leading with the Heart" - and that's a basketball book!

This is geared for Bantams, Midgets, and High School. But has tons of info and great detail. I basically took the info that applied to my team and made it out team manual. Systems, drills, coaching advice, how to present, how to motivate, etc... its all in there. Bottom line, it's a great book. If you're a hockey coach for these levels you need this. Its that good. Keep in mind as a coach you have to know your team and what applies to your team. You cant read this book and expect everything to work. Like most coaching book you have to use the info that applies. Be open, be creative. Don't be a coach who lives inside a book to give him/her the Xs and Os. This is a guide....a great guide. But you have to understand your team first for this to work.

If you are serious about helping kids learn, this book will help you. This is an fantastic book for

someone that has an understanding of hockey. Maybe not so helpful to someone just starting. Most of the books that I have seen either talk in circles or just draw diagrams. This book is thorough, easy to read and very instructive. If you are looking to understand the game or systems you are not familiar with, this book will help you. If you are looking for a FEW really good drills, this book will help you. If your team is not quite grasping what you are teaching, this book will help you.

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