

U13 Tier 1

COACHING STAFF



Mark Payne– HEAD COACH

Mark Payne has been with the St. Thomas Panthers Organization for many years in both head coach and assistant coaching roles. While in those positions Mark saw the success of the girls in league play and tournaments, achieving league, playoff, and provincial championships. For 2021-2022 season, Mark looks to build a team of dedicated and determined young girls, working on confidence and character. He strives to create a team that loves coming to the rink and loves being around each other on and off the ice. It's important to Mark to teach the players to support and play for each other in any situation. To help build friendship that will last a lifetime.



Nikki Johnson – TRAINER & ON ICE HELP

This is Nikki's 4th year coaching with the Panthers organization. Born and raised in St. Thomas, Nikki has been playing hockey since she was in Novice and occasional plays with our Panther's Senior A team. In coaching, Nikki's main goal is for each player to smile and enjoy their time on and off the ice at hockey. On top of coaching hockey, Nikki is actively involved in the St. Thomas Soccer Club, both as a coach to the U15 & U16 girl's team. Nikki also sits on the St. Thomas Panthers Board Health, Safety and Wellness Convenor with the St. Thomas Panthers. This year Nikki will be working with the U13 Team on fitness, wellness, confidence and will strive to mentor each girl on the squad.