



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**MARIO CICCHILLO  
NAMED HEAD COACH OF ONTARIO'S UNDER 17 TEAM**

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Toronto - The Ontario Under 17 Policy Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mario Cicchillo** as the new Head Coach for Ontario's Under 17 Team.

Mr. Cicchillo is currently the head coach of the **Niagara Ice Dogs** of the Ontario Hockey League.

Mario's appointment comes after the resignation of Head Coach **Jason Brooks** who had to relinquish his duties as a result of becoming the Head Coach and Assistant General Manager of the **Guelph Storm** of the OHL.

"I am pleased that Mario has agreed to be Team Ontario's head coach, stated **Director of Operations Rob Kitamura**. Mario brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to the program and I know that everyone associated with the team will benefit from his appointment. We are sorry to see Jason leave but understand that his increased responsibilities with the Guelph Storm would have limited his involvement with Team Ontario this year. "

"I am very excited by the opportunity presented to me by the Under 17 Policy committee today and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead for Team Ontario in the coming months" stated Mr Cicchillo.

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**TROY SMITH  
NAMED ASSISTANT COACH OF ONTARIO'S UNDER 17 TEAM**

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Toronto - The Ontario Under 17 Policy Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of **Troy Smith** as an assistant coach with Ontario's Under 17 Team.

Mr. Smith is currently an assistant coach with the [Kitchener Rangers](#) of the [Ontario Hockey League](#).

"I am extremely pleased that Troy has agreed to join Team Ontario as an assistant coach, stated Rob Kitamura Director of Operations. Troy has an extensive coaching background in junior and minor hockey and brings a wealth of knowledge to the Under 17 program. I know that he will be a great addition to the Team Ontario coaching staff."

"I am excited and honoured by the opportunity presented to me by the Under 17 Policy committee today. I look forward to working with Team Ontario's head coach Mario Cicchillo and assistant coach Jake Grimes in the coming months" stated Mr. Smith.

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