

2018 NAPLES SPOTLIGHT: RON ROLSTON

Speaking Saturday, April 28 at 9:15 a.m.

Ron Rolston worked this past season as an assistant coach on the 2018 USA Olympic Team and also served as a volunteer coach for the Providence College Friars. Rolston spent 2014-2016 within the Coyotes organization as a professional scout in 2014-15 and head coach of their affiliate, the Springfield Falcons in 2015-16. He was the head coach of the Buffalo Sabres for 51 games during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons. He spent two years as the head coach of Buffalo's AHL affiliate, the Rochester Americans from 2011-2013. Rolston guided the Americans to a record of 79-55-13-5 in his two seasons on the bench as well as back-to-back berths in the Calder Cup Playoffs.

Rolston joined the Sabres' organization in 2011 after spending the previous seven seasons as a head coach with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program (NTDP), where he led the U.S. Under-18 team to three gold medals and a silver medal in four stints as head coach at the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Under-18 Championship, including the 2011 tournament in Germany.

Rolston joined USA Hockey after serving as an assistant coach at four different NCAA Division I hockey programs between 1990 and 2004, winning National Championships in 1992 and 1994 with Lake Superior State University. Rolston was an assistant coach at Boston College from 2002-04 and also served as the top assistant at Harvard University from 1999-2002 and as an assistant coach at Clarkson University (1996-99) and Lake Superior State University (1990-95).

In addition to winning two national titles at Lake Superior State, Rolston also helped guide the team to three straight appearances in the NCAA National Championship game and four CCHA tournament titles in his five-year stint. He was elevated to associate head coach for the Lakers in 1994.



2018 NAPLES CONVENTION AGENDA

(AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018)

Wednesday April 25

- 2:00-4:00 – Commissioners Meeting;
CHI Board Meeting
- 4:00-6:00 – AWHCA Social and
Early Women's Registration
- 6:30-9:00 - Celebration of Men's Hockey,
sponsored by USA Hockey

Thursday April 26

- 7:00-8:30 – Breakfast and Early Registration,
- 8:30 -9:10 - Opening Business Meeting
- 9:15-9:45 – USA Hockey Report
- 9:45-10:45 – USAH Speaker Peter Vint
- 10:45-10:55 BREAK
- 11:00-11:45 –Bruce Crowley (Colgate) -motivation
- 11:45-12:30 - Lunch Break
- 12:30-4:30 – Issues by Gender:
Men's Division 1 (Could go longer if needed)
Men's Division 3
Women's Division 1
Women's Division 3
- 3:30-4:30 – Women's Coaches/NCAA Tournament Committees
- 6:00-7:30 – Hockey Coaches Care Reception
- 7:30-10:30 – Exhibitors Social # 1, with Convention Gift #1,

Friday April 27

- 7:30 -9:00 –Speakers:
Justin Markely RPI (25 minutes)
(Injury prevention for hockey players)
John Colan (25 minutes)
(Career development)
Topher Scott (30 Minutes)
(Team Building)

- 9:00-10:00- Breakout Sessions (Pick two. 25 mins each)
Justin Markely RPI
(Injury prevention for hockey players)
John Colan
(Career development)
Topher Scott
(Team Building)
Dan Tudor, Collegiate Recruiting Strategies
(Recruiting)
- 10:00–12:00- NCAA Committee Meetings:
10-10:45 - Men's D-1 Tournament
10:45-11:15 - Men's D-3 Tournament
10:45-11:15 – Rules Committee with Men's D-1 Coaches & Commissioners
11:15-11:45 – Rules Committee with Men's D-3 Coaches
11:45-12:15 – Rules Committee with All Women's Coaches
- 12:00-3:00 – Exhibitors Social # 2:
(Exhibitor and Hotel Raffles, Convention Gift #2)
- 3:00-5:30 - The Coaches Site (3 speakers)
- 6:30-9:00 – Celebration of Women's Hockey, sponsored by USA Hockey

Saturday April 28

- 8:30 –9:15 - Casey Jones, Clarksion (presentation and discussion)
- 9:15-10:00 - Ron Rolston, Providence (presentation and discussion)**
- 10:00-10:45 - Mike Haviland, Colorado College (presentation and discussion)
- 10:45 – BREAK
- 11:00-11:45 –Mark Wick, St. Scholastica – Mental Health
- 12:00 – Final AHCA Business Meeting and
AHCA Board Meeting (ALL BOARD MEMBERS)

