

Longtime Darien Lacrosse Coach Jeff Brameier Appointed Director of Chelsea Piers Field House

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Chelsea Piers Connecticut has appointed longtime Darien High School lacrosse Coach Jeff Brameier as the Stamford sports complex's new field house director.

Brameier has been a stand out coach on the high school sports scene in Fairfield County for decades and is a nationally recognized lacrosse coach. He will continue as head lacrosse coach at Darien High School, he said Monday evening.

— *an announcement from Chelsea Piers Connecticut*

He will oversee all field house business and operations including coaching and overseeing the lacrosse program. Brameier will design and run lacrosse programs for preschoolers through high school.

“We are excited to have Jeff join our leadership team of talented coaches,” commented Greta Wagner, executive director of Chelsea Piers Connecticut.

“Jeff has decades of experience coaching and mentoring athletes in a variety of sports. We thought with his incredible knowledge of Fairfield County sports and his legendary track record of success with both athletes and coaches, he would be an incredible addition to our team.”

Brameier said he's excited about “the opportunity to become a part of the Chelsea Piers Connecticut leadership team and its state-of-the-art facility. There is no complex in the region that can offer the breadth and depth of programs and give individuals and families a true full-service commitment to their needs.”

Career in Darien

Brameier was born and raised in Darien and attended UConn. Upon graduating he returned home to the Darien school district as a physical education teacher starting in Junior High School.

After a number of years, Brameier moved on to Darien High School where he coached football, swimming and lacrosse. he achieved success winning state championships in each sport multiple times.

In 1984 Brameier began coaching the Darien High School boys varsity lacrosse team and found his passion. During the course of his 35 years running that team, he became the most winning lacrosse coach in Connecticut state history with a win-loss record of 572-132 (.813), winning 16 FCIAC league championships and 13 State championships.

Brameier has coached 85 high school All-Americans, 165 high school All-State players, 13 Connecticut Players of the Year and has received the honor of Connecticut Lacrosse Coach of the Year five times.

He was the founder of one of the first lacrosse club programs in Connecticut — the CT Charger Lacrosse Club — and was the chief operating officer of the National 175 Showcase Company for the past four years.

"Success in coaching has a direct correlation to one's ability to teach and relate to athletes both young and old, Brameier said. "I am looking forward to developing relationships with the aspiring young athletes as well as continuing to mentor the elite athletes in their quest for success.”

Correction: In a Facebook post, Darienite.com said Brameier was leaving as head coach at Darien High School now that he's taken the job at Chelsea Piers. That's not true, he told us. He intends to keep his position in Darien.