



Kanata Minor Hockey Association



Creating a Stronger Community Through Minor Hockey

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Hockey Season! My name is Jesse Dean and I am very honoured to be the head coach of the Major Atom B hockey team in the Blazers organization. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about my coaching philosophy, the tryout/evaluation process, and some highlights for the season.

Philosophy

My coaching philosophy is to ensure that players are having as much fun as possible and are building/developing their love of the game. I am a firm believer that if everyone involved with the team is having fun and loving the game that this creates the foundation for players to work hard and build their skills. I provide an environment that focuses on the development of strong skills with competitive spirit while emphasizing fun and team play. My approach to working with young players is to establish mutual respect and creating an environment where everyone wants to work hard together.

I also believe in establishing open communication between the coaching team, players and parents. Doing so, creates an environment where parents and the players feel comfortable to provide feedback to the coaching staff.

I will provide the players with a secure, positive, respectful and fun environment to acquire additional hockey knowledge and improve their hockey skills.

Evaluations and Tryouts

I am looking for players who are strong skaters, competitive, hardworking, good listeners, team players, and who show good potential for continued improvement. During tryouts, we will be evaluating players based on their performance (including skating and individual skills) in on-ice sessions as well as inter squad/exhibition games. We will be using non-parent independent evaluators to ensure an objective measurement of all players. The dates and times for the tryouts will be posted on the KMHA website (<http://kmha.ca/>) later this summer, and I will be contacting all registered players to confirm your attendance. I hope that every player coming to the tryouts will show up with a high level of energy and a great work ethic that will be evident as soon as they hit the ice.

Season Plan

We will have regularly scheduled fast paced practices with a focus on individual skill development as well as individual and team tactics that follow the Hockey Canada development model so that players are building skills that are appropriate for the Major Atom level. The time commitment for all players and parents is significant. You can expect to have 4-5 team events per week, on average, comprised of 1-2 games, 2-3 practices and some off-ice activities. The expectation for players who make this team is that they will be, to the best of the family's ability, at all team scheduled events. There is also a significant financial commitment, and each player will be required to pay a team fee of approximately \$ 1300-\$1600 for the year (on top of the KMHA registration and tryout fees). We will be looking for sponsorships and Team Fundraising to assist with these costs.

The team will also be participating in four tournaments over the course of the season (2 local and 2 away). There will be an opportunity to qualify for a fifth tournament if the team makes the finals of the silver stick. The proposed tournament listing and schedule is as follows:

- Silver Stick Pembroke November 10th -12th 2017
- Capital Mid-Season Showdown November 24th-26th
- Bell Capital Cup December 28th -30th
- Peterborough Lift Lock Tournament January 11th -14th 2018

I understand the responsibility that comes with being a minor hockey coach in a competitive organization, and invest a lot of my time and energy into delivering a high-quality program for all players and parents. I, along with the rest of the coaching staff, will be looking for each player and their families to buy-in 100%. The individual and team successes that my teams have had in the past have been a direct result of the commitment and we will be expecting nothing less for this years Major Atom B team. In the interim, should anyone have any questions regarding the Major Atom B team for the 2017/2018 season, please feel free to contact me at deanjesse@hotmail.com Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the rink in August!

Sincerely

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