



Kanata Major Atom Rep B - (2019-2020)

Hello, my name is Shawn LeBouthillier and I am excited to have been selected as the coach of the Major Atom Rep B team for the 2019-2020 season. I have coached hockey for the past 11 years with the Capital City Condors and for the past 5 years with the Kanata Minor Hockey Association in various roles. Last season, I was the head coach of a Minor Atom House A team.

I believe that no matter what level of hockey the kids are playing they first and foremost, need to feel safe, cared about, respected and feel successful. I have a very positive approach when it comes to coaching, while also setting clear expectations and boundaries for the players. I understand that every player comes to the rink with different experiences, backgrounds, readiness and goals and I try to meet them where they are at. I am focused on providing an opportunity for the players to develop their individual skills, team play, develop relationships and a joy for the sport. As a coach, I feel it is important to be aware that kids have different strengths and weaknesses and I recognize that they develop at different paces, but I expect each player to come to each practices and game prepared and ready to work hard.

As most people already know, competitive hockey is a big time and financial commitment. Players and parents should expect to have team events for 4-5 times per week including games, practices, team building and off-ice training. Team fees will of around \$1300 should be expected, these are separate from the KMHA registration fees.

Tournament commitments for the upcoming season will include 2 local and 2 away:

1. Sensplex (September 27-29, 2019)
2. Jay Peak (November 7-10, 2019)
3. Oshawa Hockey Fest (December 6-8, 2019)
4. Sensplex (January 17-19, 2020)

The tryout schedule will be posted on the KMHA website (www.kmha.ca) in August. Once the schedule has been confirmed, I will contact each family to confirm the dates and times. The team will be selected by me with the assistance of independent and experienced evaluators which are not part of the KMHA association. We will be looking for players who are respectful, disciplined, good team players and willing to work hard.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at s.lebouthillier@sympatico.ca. I look forward to seeing you at the tryouts.

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Head Coach

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