

Kanata Blazers Major PeeWee AA (2019/20)

Hello, my name is Mark Vennor and I am excited to have the opportunity to coach the Kanata Blazers Major PeeWee AA team this coming hockey season. I grew up in Kanata playing for the Blazers and went on to play 5 years of Junior hockey in the Ottawa area. I've coached various levels of hockey since 2009.

I believe that in order for players to grow and develop they need to be given 3 main things - the tools, the confidence and the opportunity to succeed. I plan on providing all 3.

I also believe that players need to take ownership in 3 main areas - their focus, their attitude and their effort. This will be an expectation for players on this team.

I emphasize skating, conditioning and the willingness to compete. Skating, skill development and "hockey IQ" will be major components of the practice plans.

There will be a significant time and financial commitment associated with the team this year. There will be 3-5 activities/week split between games, practices and various off ice sessions. The financial commitment for team fees will be approximately \$1800.

There are 5 tournaments planned:

- September 20-22 - Capital Gold Rush in Ottawa
- October 25-27 - Scotiabank Cup in Mississauga
- November 8-10 - Capital Fall Classic in Ottawa
- November 22-24 - Toronto Wolverines Fall Classic in Mississauga
- January 17-19 - Capital Winter Classic in Ottawa

There will be a short break at Thanksgiving and a longer break over Christmas to allow some family time and for kids to be kids.

The dates and times for tryouts will be posted on the KMHA website (<https://kmha.ca>)

So please keep an eye open for that. I will also reach out later this summer to confirm tryout times with you.

For tryouts the evaluators will be looking for - skating ability, hockey skills, hockey sense, those players who are willing to engage in personal battles and those who make hockey plays.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at mvennor@yahoo.ca

I look forward to seeing you all in August.

Mark Vennor