



# Kanata Minor Hockey Association



Creating a Stronger Community Through Minor Hockey

Welcome to the 2019-20 Hockey Season! My name is Jesse Dean and I am very honoured to be the head coach of the Major PeeWee 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 ([kmha.ca](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 PeeWee 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-\$1500 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 be participating in 4 tournaments over the course of the season (2 local and 2 away).

- Richmond Hill Mary Parkinson tournament, September 12-15, 2019
- Capital Blues Hockey Fest, September 27-29, 2019
- Capital Volunteer Cup, October 25-27, 2019
- Lake Placid NY, CanAm Tournament, January 2-5, 2020

Please note that the team will be travelling to Richmond Hill the weekend after the team has been finalized. Please keep your schedule available.

I understand the responsibility that comes with being a minor hockey coach in a competitive organization. I 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 PeeWee B team. In the interim, should anyone have any questions regarding the Major PeeWee B team for the 2019/20 season, please feel free to contact me at [deanjesse@hotmail.com](mailto:deanjesse@hotmail.com) Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the rink in August!

Sincerely,

Jesse Dean, Head Coach  
Kanata Blazers Major PeeWee B