



## **Kanata Minor Hockey Association**

*Creating a Stronger Community Through Minor Hockey*



Welcome to the 2019-2020 Hockey Season!

My name is Brent Blaseg and I am very excited to, once again, be the head coach of this year's top 2008 hockey team in Kanata. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about myself, my coaching philosophy, the tryout/evaluation process, and some highlights of the upcoming season.

I have been coaching minor hockey since 2013, but my passion for this game began many years ago as a player. The opportunity to share with this team what I have learned over the years, along with the love I have for the game of hockey, is why I have once again volunteered for this position. I coach because I love the excitement of the kids, the enthusiasm of the parents and the fulfillment that comes with helping these young players develop physically, mentally and even emotionally both on and off the ice. I take this role very seriously and promise to invest a lot of time teaching, mentoring and guiding these players to be better hockey players.

### Philosophy

My coaching philosophy is to help each player develop as a competitor, a teammate, and a person over the course of the season. I have 3 primary rules:

1. Listen & be respectful
2. Work hard & never give up
3. Have fun!

I pride myself on making all of my time with my team a fun and positive learning experience. I promise to give them motivation, encouragement, enthusiasm, consistency, organization, a great work ethic, and a true passion for this great game.

### Evaluations and Tryouts

I am looking for players who have strong individual skills (skating, shooting, puck control and passing), who have a good hockey sense (go to open ice, read the play, have head up), who are competitive and hardworking (with a never quit work attitude), who are good team players (support teammates, are unselfish with the puck, win and lose as a team), who are respectful (listen, learn and act/respond appropriately), and who show good potential for continued improvement. During tryouts we will be evaluating players based on their performance in on-ice practice sessions as well as intersquad/exhibition games. I 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.

### Season Plan

My goal is to continue to develop individual based skills, however there will be a greater focus on team tactics this year. We will have regularly scheduled practices that follow the Hockey

Canada development model so that players are building skills that are appropriate for the Minor Peewee level. The time commitment for all players and parents is significant. You can expect an average of 4-5 team functions per week, comprised of 2 games and 2-3 practices (including some off ice activities). The expectation for players who make this team is that they will be, to the best of each family's ability, at all team scheduled events. There is also a significant financial commitment, as each player will be required to pay a team fee of approximately \$1800 for the year (on top of the KMHA registration and tryout fees). We will be looking for sponsorships to assist with these costs.

This year the team will have a blackout period over the winter holiday season. This will allow for some family time and an opportunity for everyone to recharge for the push to the playoffs. Depending on our league schedule, you can expect our team to completely shut down with no events scheduled between December 23 and January 2.

In addition to regular season games and practices, this team will be participating in FOUR Tier 1 tournaments over the course of the season (1 local and 3 away). The proposed tournament listing and schedule is as follows:

- Shootout AAA - Ottawa September 6-8, 2019
- Tom Wilson Classic AAA – Toronto October 18-20, 2019
- Big Nickel AAA – Sudbury November 8-10, 2019
- Taylor Hall Cup AAA – Kingston January 10-12, 2020

I understand the responsibility that comes with being a minor hockey coach in a competitive program, and I invest a lot of my time and energy into delivering a high quality one for all involved. Should anyone have any questions regarding the Minor Peewee AA team for the 2019/2020 season, please feel free to contact me at [brentblaseg@gmail.com](mailto:brentblaseg@gmail.com). Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the rink in August!

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