



Welcome to the 2012-2013 KMHA hockey season. My name is Al Matheson and I will be coaching the Major Peewee B team for the upcoming year.

Background

I have been involved in sports my entire life both as a player and a coach in different sports at many different levels including the last five years coaching in the KMHA. I am very excited about the upcoming hockey season and look forward to a rewarding experience for the players, parents and coaches alike.

Coaching Philosophy

The main goal for the season will be to provide an environment for players to enjoy the game and to improve both as hockey players and individuals. Teamwork will be emphasized and we will work hard as a group to excel and be very competitive. Players will be expected to focus, work hard in practice and respect their fellow players and coaches. I am a big believer that games can be won/lost in practice and that working hard and having fun are not mutually exclusive.

Tryouts

Because of the elimination of the Major Peewee A division this year, there will be a large number of players with rep hockey experience trying out. The process will be extremely competitive and I urge all players to show up physically fit and mentally ready to battle for a spot on the team.

Try outs will be held in late August/early September and will consist of approximately 5-6 sessions which will include exhibition games. Specific ice times will be posted on the KMHA website as soon as they become available and players should be fully dressed and ready to go 20 minutes before the scheduled times. The evaluators will include anywhere from 5 to 7 experienced non parent volunteers.

Commitments

As with all competitive teams additional financial and time commitments will be required. On average, there will be 3-5 team events (practice, dry-land training, games etc) per week. Depending on fundraising activities, families should expect to contribute team dues of approximately \$1,200 over and above KMHA registration fees to cover additional ice times, referees and tournaments. Travel costs associated with out of town tournaments will be over and above these team dues as well.

Tournaments

The final tournament schedule is not set however these are some that are being considered:

- Nepean Turkey Tournament- October
- Markham Islanders (Jerry Jacobs Tournament) - November
- Pembroke Silver Stick- November
- Bell Capital Cup - December
- Lake Placid - February

Once the tournament schedule is finalized it will be updated in this letter on the KMHA website.

Contact Information

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. The best way to reach me is by e-mail. a.mat@bell.net . Have a great summer. Thanks.

Al