## Kanata Blazers Minor Peewee AA

My name is Jason York and I'd like to welcome all players considering attending the minor peewee AA tryouts. The tryouts will tentatively begin the weekend of August 17th. Minor Peewee is body contact so players should participate in the KMHA checking clinic before tryouts if they have not already.

About Myself- I have been involved at all levels of hockey as a player from initiation to the NHL for over 36 years and I have been coaching in the KMHA for the last 6 years. I have learned a lot of great things from hockey and it's my goal to pass down some of those things to the kids to help them excel on and off the ice. Last season I coached the 2000 age minor peewee Kanata AA team.

Tryout Process- Players will be evaluated on and off the ice as soon as they arrive at the arena. As always players will be evaluated on their skating, overall skill set and hockey sense but, this year intangibles such as high compete levels, tenacity and determination will also be very important factors that I will be looking to find in players. I am a big believer that practices are more important than games and you "practice like you play", this season I will be looking for players that have the ability to focus and practice at a high level which will result in having excellent practices and maximum improvement through out the season for all players.

Commitment- this season expect to be at the rink or doing team activities between 3-6 times a week depending on the schedule. School is the number 1 priority but hockey will come first to all other sports and activities. Parents will be asked for 3 separate checks of approx. \$550 dollars above and beyond registration fees to help offset costs this year. The team will be doing fundraising to help off set these costs and all parents will be asked to help out.

The Team will be competing in the following tournaments this season-

- 1-Kanata Shootout- September 7<sup>th</sup>
- 2-Hamilton reps Tim Horton's October 5th tentative

3-Mississauga reps Shanahan- November 9th

4-Whitby Silver stick- November-23rd

5-Bell Capital Cup- end of December

6-possible other tournament to be added

Thanks very much and enjoy the summer, Jason York