



2012 – 2013 Kanata Blazers



Minor Pee Wee B

Welcome to the 2012-2013 Hockey Season! My name is Sean O'Sullivan and I am very excited to be taking on the role of Head Coach of the Minor Pee Wee B team for next season. For those of you I have not crossed paths with over the past few seasons, I would like to provide you with some information regarding myself, my approach towards the game of hockey, and the plan for the team for the upcoming season.

The 2012-2013 season will be my 5th as a head coach with the KMHA, and second in the competitive level. I have played hockey my entire life and having the opportunity to pass some of what I've learned along the way to the next generation of players has been one of the most rewarding things I've ever done. For those of you who's son I may have coached previously, you know that I am very passionate about the game, the process of developing player skills, bonding a strong and united team, and developing good work ethic during practices and games. It is my belief that as the coach it is my role to ensure that all of this can be achieved while having fun along the way.

The primary goal on the year will obviously be to continue to improve on the progress that was made last season. The recurring themes of respect for the opposition, hard work, and playing together as a team will once again be in place throughout the year. Practices will be run with a high level of energy and effort, with the goal of this being translated into game situations. The same effort that will be expected from the boys will also be expected from the on-ice coaches, and of course, myself.

The time commitment required from all players and parents is significant for the season. We can expect to be on the ice for 2 games and 2 practices per week (on average). In addition, there will be periodic team building events and off ice training. All players are expected to attend all team events, with exceptions being made for illness or personal

reasons. That being said, despite the time requirements for hockey, it is my belief that hockey should fall after time for family and education in terms of importance.

In addition to time, there will be a significant financial commitment. Each player will be required to pay an additional amount of approximately \$1,200 for the year, which will be used to pay for additional ice, tournaments, and general team expenses.

The team will be participating in 5 tournaments over the course of the season. As of right now, the schedule for the tournaments is as follows:

- Bradford (Newmarket) – September 28th/30th
- Kemptville – November 2nd/4th (tentative)
- Bell Capital Cup – December 28th/ 31st
- Capital Winter Classic – January 25th/27th
- Jay Peak, Vermont – March 8th/ 10th

The dates and times for the tryouts will be posted on the KMHA website later this summer. We hope that all of the boys coming out to the tryouts will come with a high level of energy and work ethic. The boys will be evaluated by non-parent evaluators who are not affiliated with the Pee Wee level in the KMHA. A parents meeting will be held prior to the tryouts where I will touch on the finer points of the season plan and be available to answer any questions you may have.

In the interim, should anyone have any questions regarding the Minor Pee Wee B team for the 2012/2013 season, feel free to contact me at sosullivan@bentallkenedy.com or 613-913-6675.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you at tryouts.

Sean O'Sullivan

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