

KANATA BLAZERS COMPETITIVE NOVICE A

With the recent addition of **Novice Competitive A** this season, I wanted to introduce myself and give parents a quick overview of what to expect for the upcoming season.

My name is **Adam Dunits** and I will be coaching this year's **Novice Competitive A** team. Over the past 5 years I have been an on ice helper, manager, assistant and head coach with KMHA. As this is the first year for competitive hockey in Ottawa I am sure there are a lot of questions regarding the season. Please feel free to email myself or **Steve Maclean** (KMHA director of competitive hockey) and we will do our best to answer them.

My coaching philosophy is that first and foremost, the kids have to have fun coming to the rink. Keeping that in mind my goals are:

1. Skill Development
2. Instill a senses of team play among all players
3. Create an atmosphere of FUN while increasing the sense of healthy competitive spirit and hard work.

Just a brief overview of what parents can expect for the upcoming season. As this is a competitive program there is an extra time and financial commitment. You can expect to be on the ice **4 times per week** (2 practices and 2 games).

I do not anticipate "purchasing" much extra ice time, as most will be provided by the KMHA. Our estimated financial commitment will be approximately **\$1200 per child**, which includes ice costs, tournaments, exhibition games and any off ice activities that the team organizes.

We will be attending **4 tournaments** this season – one away and three in the Ottawa region. Again as this is "new" this season many tournaments have yet to be offered. The list will be updated as information becomes available.

The novice competitive team's tournament list is almost finalized. However, because the competitive novice level is new this year in the Ottawa region, we are limited to tournaments that have added the competitive novice level. The following is the schedule as it stands now.

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| 1. October 19-21: | Kingston | ** CONFIRMED ** |
| 2. November 30-December 2: | Coburg Silver Stick | ** PENDING ** |
| 3. December 14-16: | Bell Sensplex Holiday Classic Ottawa | ** CONFIRMED ** |
| 4. January 4-6, 2013: | Jay Peak Vermont New Years Tournament. | ** PENDING ** |

Please note that player selection will be based on skill and NOT by position.

Tryout times will be posted on the KMHA website and parents will be contacted in advance of there tryout times. I look forward to meeting everyone at the tryouts. Have a great summer.

Cheers Adam