 Major Atom “A” Welcome Letter

I am excited and honoured to be coaching the 2013-14 Major Atom A team this upcoming season.

The team will play with Speed, Energy and Passion!! Each player will understand that they have an important role on the team and that they are each instrumental in the success of the team.

The focus will be on teaching fundamentals and building a solid skills base. We will work on individual skills and tactics and build upon those to develop team tactics. I will reinforce the concept that winning is about performing to your potential not about the score on the board. Developing skills and ensuring the kids want to compete for each other will ultimately produce results.

Our team will have 6-7 hours of activities per week on average. All team activities – games, practices and dry-land sessions will be mandatory. Our team should be your top priority - behind only family commitments and school work.

In addition to the time commitment, families should be prepared for an added financial commitment as well. Our draft budget for the season is approximately $26,000, or $1,500 per player which can be partially offset with fundraising.

We will be attending five tournaments this season – three ‘away’ tournaments and two local. The following tournaments are tentatively booked:

* Belleville Atom Pre-Season Tilt - September 27-29
* Capital Fall Classic - November 8-10
* Festival of Lights, Niagara Falls NY, November 29-December 1
* Bell Capital Cup - December 28-Jan. 1
* Peterborough Liftlock - January 8-12

Tryouts are expected to begin the week of August 25th. Dates and times will be posted on the KMHA website (www.kmha.ca) and parents will be contacted about their first tryout ice time a couple of days in advance.

I look forward to seeing you at the rinks and I look forward to an exciting season ahead.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at mbmurray@rogers.com.