



2014-15 Kanata Blazers – Major Peewee B

Hello Players and families,

As the hockey season and try-outs quickly approach, I wanted to take the time to introduce myself and our plans for the upcoming 2014-15 Kanata Blazers Hockey Club season. My name is Jason Gadde and I have the privilege of coaching the 2002 Blazers again this season. I have been coaching within KMHA for the past 7 years and this will be my 3rd year coaching at the competitive level. As a coach, I will dedicate myself to provide a safe environment, make the game fun and enjoyable for the players while developing their skills as individuals and as a team member. I would like the players develop a passion for the game while developing their skills and fitness. There is no room on this team for negativity nor will it be tolerated. We're all here to improve, learn and compete to our best abilities and have a good time doing so.

This season, I look forward to building on the successes of past seasons with continued player development and advancing team concepts and tactics.

Here are some of the qualities that will be sought for the players of the Club:

- possess advanced individual technical skills (players - skating, shooting, passing / goaltenders – balance, skating, save execution, puck awareness)
- assertive on the ice and aggressive on the puck
- strong work ethic
- improve our Club through their demonstration of team play
- be coachable
- bring a positive and "team first" attitude to our Club
- demonstrate respect to everyone involved in the game
- an ability to read and react to situational game play

Try-outs

- Players should begin to prepare for tryouts now
- Verify that all equipment properly fits your player and they are adjusted to it. Do not wait until mid-tryouts.
- Ice times will be posted and updated frequently on the KMHA website. Check back often.
- Families will be contacted for a player's first session and subsequent sessions. Arrive early for your sessions. Be ready to take to the ice 15 minutes ahead of schedule.
- Tryouts begin as you arrive to the rink. Act accordingly on and off the ice.
- Players are to wear full equipment and bring their own water bottles to all tryout sessions.
- Tryouts may also include off-ice components such as fitness evaluations and/or player interviews.
- You can expect releases after each session.
- I reserve the discretion to place players at positions throughout tryouts as well as the season.



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- I will assume that all those in attendance for try-outs are competing for a spot on the team. I ask that you inform me if you have other intentions ahead of tryouts to avoid difficult situations.

Commitments

Expectation – It is understood that other interests or activities do not conflict with our team activities. Our Club's activities take priority over the others. All team events are mandatory. Occasional family and education events reasons may take a priority above hockey however doing homework, finishing a project or studying for a test are not a valid excuses for missing a team activity. Players will continue to learn time management and responsibility. Players will always strive to maintain high educational standards.

Cost - Team fees are expected to be under **\$1800 per player** above KMHA registration fees and may be offset though team sponsorships and fundraising. Team fees will be collected though a monthly payment structure over the first 4 months weighted with higher payment amounts in the first couple months. This is to offset the majority of the expenses due towards the beginning of the season. Out-of-town tournaments could cost a family upwards of \$800 for a weekend.

Time - You can **expect an average of 4 times a week** dedicated for on and off ice activities. Players are to arrive in the dressing room 1 hour prior to games and 45 minutes prior to practices.

Travel - Travel is another major aspect in competitive hockey. League games can range from Carleton Place to Rockland to Vankleek Hill. This does not include tournaments. Please see tournaments below. You can expect out-of-town extended player development sessions. This will consist of 2-3 hours on ice and another hour off ice of individual player skill and team development.

Equipment and Dress – Players must wear properly fitted equipment throughout the year. For games and practices expect players to wear Blazer track suits, and Blazer T-shirt and cross trainers shoes in clean order. Blazer winter jackets can be used as an alternative to the track jacket. For off-ice training, the same apparel is expected with the substitution of shorts and have Blazers logo or colours be prominent. These items are outside of team budget.

Tournaments

1. Nov 7-9	Kingston Canadians Tournament	Kingston, ON
2. Nov 14-16	Regional Silver Stick Capital	Pembroke, ON
3. Nov 28-30	Mid-Season Classic	Kanata, ON
4. *** Dec 27-Jan 2	Bell Capital Cup	Ottawa, ON
5. Jan23-Jan25	Capital Winter Classic	Kanata, ON
6. Mar 27-29	GMA 5 th Annual Tournament Series	Jay Peak, VT, USA

*** Not confirmed.

Tournaments could start on Friday mornings and/or require travel time. Players may miss some school.



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I'm expecting a very competitive tryout and look forward to seeing everyone very soon. I know that we are going to have a great season of hockey, a lot of fun and great times. I can't wait. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through the KMHA website (<http://kmha.ca/contact-kmha-rep-coach/>).

Enjoy the rest of your summer, train hard, and good luck.

Jason Gadde

Coach – 2014-15 Kanata Blazers Peewee B