

2014-2015 Major Bantam AA Welcome Letter:

Kanata Blazers Major Bantam AA

I would like to welcome all those trying out for the Major Bantam AA team for the 2014-2015 season. I am confident that parents and players will be impressed with the hockey program planned for the upcoming year.

My background in hockey includes coaching in the Kanata Blazers system for five years and coaching several spring teams in the last 5 years. I played competitive minor hockey in Kingston and still play in an adult hockey league.

My Philosophy for minor hockey players is to develop the individual and team skills that make each player successful on the ice. I also want players to have fun and enjoy their minor hockey experience. I do expect all players at this level to be disciplined and have a desire to improve their game and make this team successful. Players will be expected to give their best effort at all times and work hard while being respectful and supportive of teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials.

Players selected for Major Bantam AA will be expected to make a significant commitment. You can expect 4 team sessions per week including games, practices, and off-ice training. The team will participate in 5 tournaments, will have 2 mini camps and regular dry land training sessions. Participation in practices and games is mandatory.

### **Tournaments**

September 26-28th - Capital Gold Rush early bird. (Sensplex)

October 17th-19th - Humberview Huskies (Toronto)

November 21st-23rd - Pembroke Silver Stick

December 5th-7th - Paul Coffey Holiday classic (Mississauga)

January 9th- 11th - Capital Winter Classic (Kanata)

Try-Outs begin August 22, please see the Kanata Blazers Website for try out dates , times and locations. <http://kmha.ca/competitive-tryout-schedule/>

The team will be finalized following approximately (5) tryout sessions. Releases begin following the 2nd evaluation session. Tryouts may consist of drills, scrimmages and exhibition games. Evaluations will be conducted by independent evaluators, the Head Coach, and the Kanata Blazers executive.

Players will be assessed based on:

- Individual skills (e.g. skating, passing, shooting)
- Attitude, focus, discipline, and hockey sense
- Team Play and work ethic.

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