Major Atom “A” Welcome Letter

I am honoured and very excited to be coaching the 2014-15 Major Atom A team this upcoming season.

As a Head Coach I have been involved with KMHA for the past 3 years coaching at the Novice and Minor Atom level. I have played the game of hockey all my life and look forward to being able to teach our young players not only the game of hockey but all the other life skills that come with being part of a team. Our team will have 4-5 hours of activities per week on average which will include games, practices and dry-land activities and these will all be mandatory events. Please ensure your child is available and arrive on time ready to participate to these

Families should be prepared for an added financial commitment as well. Our initial draft budget for the season is approximately $23,500, or $1,400 per player. This number can be greatly offset by the amount of fundraising and sponsorship gathering our team can accomplish.

We will be attending between 4-5 tournaments this season with at least one/two of them being out of town. These tournaments will be spaced out throughout the year. Three tournaments that are already booked are (Others will be updated as they are confirmed):

* Belleville Pre Season Tilt, September 19-21, 2014
* Capital Fall Classic (Kanata), November 7 2014 - November 9 2014
* 2014 Bell Capital Cup, December 29th, 2014 to January 2nd, 2015

Tryouts are expected to begin the 3rd week of August but will be updated when confirmed. Dates and times will be posted on the KMHA website ([www.kmha.ca](http://www.kmha.ca)). Parents will be contacted about their first tryout ice time a couple of days in advance. Tryout ice time is limited, so please ensure your child shows up as this will be our only chance to evaluate the players. Please note that it is an absolute mandatory requirement for potential players to attend all tryout sessions.

My philosophy towards the game of hockey is simple and that it should be fun. As a coach I will instill a team first atmosphere that will foster growth and advancement for the players. I will insist that respect is of utmost importance not only for the players themselves, but for their teammates, teams’ coaches, officials and parents. Players should also be expected to give the maximum effort that they can while participating in both game and practice sessions. The game of hockey is best learned when it is fun and I will make it my top priority as coach to make the environment a fun and enjoyable one for players and parents alike. I will be expecting players who are trying out for the team to provide of combination of skill, hard work and an ability to compete hard in all the drills and sessions that take place

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