**Kanata Blazers Minor Bantam AA**

**INTRODUCTION**

I hope this letter finds all of you well, having enjoyed a great summer. As a family, we are quickly making the transition from baseball to hockey and are getting excided about the day, weeks and months of hockey ahead. I wish all of you good luck and simply ask you to play to your potential throughout this process.

**OBJECTIVE**

For me, championship teams are led by passionate coaches who are determined to lead others. Our success is measured by our players’ development, our team’s competitive success and most of all, our level of fun and fulfillment. In an effort to make this your best hockey season ever, we will provide a fair and impartial evaluation. In doing so, we will choose the players we believe give us the best possible chance at success. While skill and fitness is important, we believe that attitude and hustle are critical to our team’s success.

**TRYOUTS**

Our tryouts begin on August 22, 2014. You’ll notice the two days of Fitness built into this process. I believe that kids playing competitive AA hockey need to be fit in order to play to their potential and avoid injury. Given the number of days and ice times provided, I have decided to create a ‘training camp’ style of evaluation so that we learn as much about potential players as possible. Intangibles such as character, determination, coach ability, teamwork and passion to play will be assessed and measured closely. Specifically, go hard until you hear the whistle, skate, battle, shoot, run and drive to your potential every rep. Play disciplined, team first hockey, and leave nothing for granted.

August 22, 2014 BSP Mattamay 8:00 pm-10:00 pm Drills/Skills

August 23, 2014 BSP Cnd. Tire 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm Intrasquad #1

August 25, 2014 KRC Field 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Fitness Challenge

August 28, 2014 KRC Field 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Field Games

August 29, 2014 BSP Scotia 7:15 pm-8:30 pm vs. Gloucester

August 30, 2014 HEO 2:15 pm-3;30 pm at Gloucester

August 30,2014 BSP 6:15 pm-7:30 pm Intrasquad #2

* We will be selecting the top 15 skaters and 2 goaltenders, regardless of position (upon player/family approval)
* Players are guaranteed 1 ice time
* If and when necessary players will be re-assigned by phone after each ice time

**\*Note:** Given the fact the kids are transitioning into contact hockey, it is imperative that families understand the inherent risks associated and are prepared to play at this level. Body contact is a part of the try-out phase and we want players to start learning how to give and take a check from the onset of tryouts.

**TOURNAMENTS**

We are committed to striking a cost effective balance between development and competition. We anticipate a very competitive league this year and believe that this tournament schedule will enhance our ability to meet our goals. We may add one more tournament as the year goes on…it will not be over Christmas.

September 4-7 Early Bird Shootout Vaughn, ON

October 24-26 Capital Fall Classic Sensplex, Kanata

November 27-30 Montreal Shootout Montreal, Que.

December 4-7 Paul Coffey Missisauga, ON

January 9-11 Kanata Capital Classic Sensplex, Kanata