



Welcome to the 2015-16 season of the Minor PeeWee AA Kanata Blazers! My name is Trevor Peters and I'm very honoured and excited to be your head coach for the year.

My passion for the game of hockey began many years ago as a player competing at elite levels in the Bancroft, Belleville and Peterborough areas. As a non-parent, I have been coaching competitive hockey for several years with experience at the Tier I, II and III levels and at several different ages. I've most recently completed a season with the Ottawa Valley Silver Seven Minor Bantam AA team as their head coach; previously to that as an assistant coach with OVSS Minor PeeWee AA team and several years with the RWC Crusaders Rep B program. In addition, I am actively working with the Maplesoft Hawks AAA spring hockey organization. I am in the process of completing my Hockey Canada High Performance 1 coaching certification with only the field evaluations outstanding. I continue to invest in my own development through attending online and in person coaching seminars and conferences such as the Roger Neilson Coaching Clinic in June 2015. I also coach soccer within the West Carleton Soccer Club, both at competitive and house levels.

My philosophy is to create a safe, positive learning environment that favours the process (player and team development) over the result (winning and losing) built on a foundation of hard work, commitment, respect and fun. I will be a positive teacher, mentor and role model for players (and their families) who builds confidence and creativity. I will be open to questions, conversation and constructive feedback.

Rounding out the team bench staff will be an experienced group of non-parents that will fulfill the roles of assistant coach, goalie coach and trainer. Intermittently, I will be using guest ex-professional players. Team staff will also include as parent volunteers – a manager, a treasurer, a parent liaison and a couple of other roles.

Our season begins with try outs in mid-August through to the play offs beginning in February. Families can expect an average of 4 events – practices, meetings, fund raising, games, dry land – per week throughout that time period. All team events are mandatory. I believe strongly that positive development begins at practice and subscribe fully to the adage that “you play like you practice”. We will execute up-tempo, high paced, fun yet detail oriented practices with a balanced allotment of time across technical skills, individual tactics, team tactics and team systems. You can also expect a reasonable focus on the mental aspects of the game and sport in general. We will work on things like commitment, concentration, confidence, consistency and composure; all with age appropriate content. The team will also invest in off-ice physical training focusing on fitness elements that are not easily addressed while on the ice. Most of this will be executed early in the season but we will continue to refine physical and mental preparation in all team events throughout the season.

Accompanying our regular season, applications have been submitted to participate in 4 tournaments:

- September AAA Shootout – Kanata – Sep 11 – 13, 2015
- Tim Hortons International AAA – Hamilton – Oct 9 – 12, 2015
- Shanahan Warrior AAA – Mississauga – Nov 6 – 8, 2015
- Limestone City Cup AAA – Kingston – Jan 2016, specific dates to be confirmed



A team dress code will be in effect:

- Good pants (no jeans), shirt, tie and Blazers jacket for away games and tournaments
- Blazers full track suit for home games
- Dress pants, shirt, tie and Blazers jacket for all games for coaches, Blazers track suit for trainer

For those that are returning players, it is expected that your track suits are in good condition (clean, fit properly, no holes) otherwise families should plan to buy a new suit for your player when we execute our team clothing order at the beginning of the year.

In terms of team financials, families can expect a team fee of \$2,000 per player in addition to your KHMA registration and try out fees. Team fees can be paid over 3 installments if desired. We are anticipating the team to raise an additional \$5,000 in sponsorships and fund raising.

The team will be selected by experienced independent hockey personnel from the community and our coaching staff. I am looking for players with strong foundational individual skills and tactics with good hockey sense. Players that compete, are committed and are willing to play as a teammate vs. an individual. Players should come to try outs in good physical and mental condition and be prepared to compete for a position on the team through drills and scrimmages designed to highlight individual skills and tactics, conditioning and game situations.

I hope you have a great summer and we'll see you in August for try outs. In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or give me a call. Looking forward to a great season!

Cheers,

Trevor

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