

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Major Novice A 2015/2016 season. My name is Todd White and I am honoured to be coaching the team this year. I want to take an opportunity to introduce you to myself, my philosophy and some basic information on what next seasons plan is.

This will be my 5th year with KMHA and 3rd year as head coach.

My main goals for the season are as follows

- 1. To improve basic skills and teach these players how to play the game.
- 2. To be a positive role model for the boys.
- 3. Do it all with class and have a blast doing it

Tryouts will consist of skating and skill evaluations as well as competitions and scrimmages to help in picking the 17 players who will be a part of this years team. I will have independent third party evaluators who will assist me in the selection process. The team will be looking for skilled, hard working players willing to battle and who are eager to get better.

As with all competitive sports there is a commitment both financial and time that is expected. This year you can expect 3-4 ice times per week. 1-2 games and 2-3 practices. I believe practices are important in a player and teams development. I love to run high tempo skill based practices where players attention, hard work and commitment are needed.

In addition we will play in 4 tournaments.

2 local and 2 Out of Town (2 nights hotel each weekend probably)

Sept. 18-20, 2015 Capital Gold Rush Richcraft Sensplex Dec. 18-20, 2015 Ottawa Senators Novice Holiday Classic Oct. 9-11 2015 Whitby Edge Again Cup. Subject to change 2nd Away tourney TBD

Families can expect additional team fees of approximately \$1000-\$1500 depending on the level of fundraising or sponsorships that are secured.

The tryout schedule will be posted at <u>www.kmha.ca</u> some time during the summer. I will contact each family to confirm tryout times. Evaluations occur starting with the first tryout session. Your child should be ready to compete for a spot that first day.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at tryouts. Any questions please contact me at <u>tswhite@rogers.com</u>

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