



Kanata Blazers Major Peewee B

With the tryout season upon us, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and give parents an overview of what to expect from the Major Peewee B team in the season ahead.

My name is Mike Murray and I look forward to coaching the team this upcoming season. I been coaching hockey for almost 20 years, most recently as coach of a Midget house team and assistant coach of the Minor Peewee A team. I plan to use that coaching experience to make the upcoming season the most positive experience possible for all the players and their families.

Our primary focus will be on having fun while developing a sense of fair play, self-confidence, teamwork, and camaraderie in a competitive environment. Each player will understand they have an important role on the team and are instrumental in the team's overall success.

I will reinforce the concept that winning is about performing to your potential not about the score on the board. Developing skills and ensuring the kids want to compete for each other will ultimately produce results.

While many have been exposed to competitive hockey many have not. It is important to be aware from the outset that competitive hockey requires a commitment of time, effort and money. Our team will have activities, on average, four to five times per week throughout the season. All team activities – games, practices and dry-land sessions will be mandatory. Our team should be the player's top priority - behind only family commitments and school work.

In addition to the time commitment, families should be prepared for an added financial commitment as well. Our draft budget for the season is approximately \$1,500 per player, over and above the KMHA fees already paid, which can be offset with fundraising. This amount will cover team activities, player development, ice time, coach bus, etc. Tournament expenses such as hotels, travel and meals are not included in these fees.

Three tournaments have been confirmed so far:

October 2-4, 2015 – Rochester Fall Classic (Rochester, NY)

November 20-22, 2015 – Pembroke Silver Stick (Pembroke, ON)

January 22-24, 2016 – 12th Annual Capital Winter Classic (Kanata, ON)

I look forward to seeing you soon and I look forward to an exciting season ahead. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at mbmurray@rogers.com.

Sincerely,

Mike Murray
Coach, Major Peewee B
Kanata Blazers