

## **Welcome to 2016-2017 Major Bantam Rep B.**

### **Intro to Myself**

I have been a non-parent head coach in KMHA at the house league level for the previous four seasons. I'm certain my previous players and parents would describe me as a very passionate fan of the game who focuses on fun and development but is also someone that is driven by success. I ask that your initial view of my coaching experience as a positive change to the team this season for several reasons. My own minor hockey playing experiences involved me transitioning from the Rep B level to playing AAA for two seasons, continuing on to play six years of Junior hockey. So having gone through the ranks I know what it is like strive and make the transition to higher levels which will allow me to find common ground with the team. Also my age essentially positions me in the middle between the players and parents giving me a neutral advantage to relate and understand both perspectives.

### **Tryouts**

Being new to the Rep level each player will have an equal and fair assessment. Tryouts will consist of scrimmages mixed in with a few shooting, passing and skating drills. In addition to the six hours we are given from KMHA we will schedule one or two exhibition games to help us get a full evaluation of the remaining and selected candidates. Selection will be based hard work, team play, attitude, effectiveness and to a lesser degree skill.

### **Budget/Tournaments**

Parents can expect an approximate team fee of \$1500 per family to help pay for exhibition games, tournaments, league fees and refs, player and goalie development and we will discuss a bus trip to one of our tournaments. We will attend a minimum of four tournaments with the possibility of five and it is almost certain all of them will be out-of-town. We will not be attending any tournaments in December or playing any hockey between Christmas and New Year's. Here is the current game plan for our tournaments:

**Oct 7-9:** Peterborough – CONFIRMED and Best Western Hotel Reserved.

**Oct 28-30:** Jay Peak – Pending

**Nov 25-27:** Silver Stick in Pembroke - Registration opens in July

**Jan 6-8:** Fort Erie – Pending – Bus trip?

### **Coaching Philosophy**

I'm sure we share the same goal of playing well into March but success will not be measured by wins and losses - rather on the development of the player, the individual and the team. I will create a competitive, hardworking, disciplined, detailed learning environment and will be open to questions, positive conversations and constructive feedback. We will implement a 'fair' versus 'equal' ice time policy as different players will contribute in different ways at different times throughout the course of the season. It's my job to find the recipe that balances a team approach and benefits our group most effectively. Practices will evolve from a focus on individual drills to a focus on team tactics and systematic play. Players should expect an average of 3-4 team events (games, practices, dryland/development) each week and attendance will be mandatory – with few exceptions – to all of them.

I hope you all have a great summer and are encouraged to try out for the team come late summer. If you have any questions or inquiries feel free to reach out.

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