



Kanata Minor Hockey Association

Creating a Stronger Community Through Minor Hockey



Welcome to the 2016-2017 Hockey Season! My name is Brent Blaseg and I am very honoured and excited to be taking on the role of Head Coach for the Major Novice A rep team this year. This is my 4th year with KMHA and my 3rd as a Head Coach. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about myself, my coaching philosophy, the tryout/evaluation process, and some highlights for next year's season.

I have played hockey my entire life, and having the opportunity to pass on some of what I've learned along the way to the next generation of players has been one of the most rewarding things I've ever done. For those of you whose child I may have previously coached, you know that I am very passionate about the game, the development of player skills, building a united team, and developing good work ethic during practices, games and in life. I believe that all of this can be accomplished while having a lot of fun along the way.

Philosophy

My coaching philosophy is that if kids are listening, working hard, and having fun, they will become better hockey players. My goal is to develop individual based skills through high tempo, well designed practices and in different game situations. I pride myself on making all of my time with my team a fun and positive learning experience. At this age, the kids have to work on learning the fundamental components of the game and developing the basic skills and tactics needed to become more well-rounded players. I will give them enthusiasm, consistency, organization, a great work ethic, and a true passion for this great game.

Evaluations and Tryouts

I am looking for players who are strong skaters, competitive, hardworking, good listeners, and who show good potential for continued improvement. My teams play an attacking style of hockey that involves an aggressive forecheck, good puck movement and strong positional play. During tryouts we will be evaluating players based on their performance (including skating and individual skills) in on-ice sessions as well as intersquad/exhibition games. We will be using non-parent independent evaluators to ensure an objective measurement of all players. Each player will be guaranteed at least two on-ice sessions before anyone is released. The dates and times for the tryouts will be posted on the KMHA website (<http://kmha.ca/>) later this summer, and I will be contacting all registered players to confirm your attendance. I hope that every player coming out to the tryouts will come with a high level of energy and a great work ethic as soon as they hit the ice.

Season Plan

We will have regularly scheduled high tempo practices with a focus on skill development, individual tactics and some team tactics that follow the Hockey Canada development model so that players are building skills that are appropriate for the novice level. The time commitment for all players and parents is significant. You can expect to have 3-5 sessions per week, on average, comprised of 1-2 games and 2-3 practices. The expectation for players who make this team is

that they will be, to the best of the family's ability, at all team scheduled events. There is also a significant financial commitment, and each player will be required to pay a team fee of approximately \$1200 for the year (on top of the KMHA registration and tryout fees). We will be looking for sponsorships to assist with these costs.

The team will also be participating in five tournaments over the course of the season (2 local and 3 away). The proposed tournament listing and schedule are as follows:

- Capital Goldrush Sensplex September 16-18, 2016
- Kingston Canadians Tournament October 21-23, 2016
- Pickering "Bring your AA Game" November 11-13, 2016
- Holiday Classic Sensplex December 16-18, 2016
- CAN / AM Montreal January 13-15, 2017

In the interim, should anyone have any questions regarding the Major Novice A rep team for the 2016/2017 season, please feel free to contact me at blaseg@bell.net Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the rink!



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