



Kanata Minor Hockey Association

Creating a Stronger Community through Hockey



Dear Players and Parents,

My name is Marty Hewitt and I am very excited to be coaching a Kanata Blazers U11 AA team for the 2021-2022 season. I grew up playing hockey in the KMHA, and I really enjoy the opportunity that has been given to me to give back to the organization that had such a positive impact on my life.

I have three kids that all play the game and I have been a part of the coaching staff for 17 teams over the past 9 seasons. I have been head coach, assistant coach and on ice instructor from U7 to U15 at both the house league and competitive levels across the KMHA and the KGHA. I have also coached a number of soccer, flag football and lacrosse teams over the last seven years.

Our team philosophy will be to provide a safe, positive and structured environment that enables the players to continue their development of their hockey and life skills with an increased focus on team tactics and team play. We will encourage and challenge them to try new things and not be afraid to fail.

As with all competitive sports, playing competitive hockey is a serious time commitment for players and their families. Assuming that we return to a normal hockey season in the fall, team fees for the season are budgeted at \$1,500 per player. The following is an estimate of time required throughout the months from September to March:

- Average 4-5 times on-ice per week including games and practices;
- Off-ice training;
- Off-ice team building; and,
- 4 tournaments, 2 in town, and 2 out of town.

The year's tryout schedule has not yet been confirmed but will be posted at www.kmha.ca as soon as it is available. I will be looking for players that are skilled, work hard and are team players. The evaluation process will consist of on-ice practice sessions and inter-squad games. The players will be evaluated by an evaluation panel that will consist of non-parent evaluators to ensure a fair assessment of all players. This group will be evaluating individual skills, team play and compete levels. Further information concerning the tryout process will be communicated in the near future.

I hope that you have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at tryouts!

Regards,

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