

My name is Brian Marshall and I am thrilled to have been selected to coach your Kanata Blazers Major Atom B hockey team for the upcoming 2016-17 season. I have more than seven years coaching experience from Novice to Bantam but, like many of you, this will be my first opportunity to compete at this level.

I will strive to develop each player's individual skill while emphasizing team play. A successful season will not be measured by wins and losses but on the development of the individual. To that end, I will follow to the Kanata Minor Hockey Associations commitment to fair play and equal playing time. With that in mind, equal opportunity will be contingent on each player demonstrating their commitment to the team by showing up prepared and on time for games and practices as well as treating teammates, coaching staff and officials with respect.

Players (and parents) should be able to commit to 3-5 events per week including games, practices, off ice training and team events. Practices will vary in their focus on fundamentals, individual skills and team tactics. I believe that you play the way you practice and as a team we will practice hard, play hard and be hard to beat.

We anticipate a team fee of \$1,500.00 per player which will be paid over three installments. Additional fundraising and sponsorships may reduce these fees.

We have registered for five tournaments this season:

October 21-23 – **Capital Volunteer Cup** (Cumberland ON)

November 4-6 – **Annual Red and White Classic** (Schomberg ON)

November 25-27 – **Capital Mid-Season Showdown** (Stittsville ON)

December 2-4 – **Gene Harrington Shootout Classic** (Niagara Falls NY)

January 20-22 – **Capital Winter Classic** (Kanata ON)

Tryouts are typically held in August. Dates will be posted at www.kmha.ca as soon as they are scheduled; I will be contacting all registered players' families to confirm ice times. Player selections will be based on skating and skill evaluation and scrimmage. The players will be evaluated by independent third party evaluators and selections will be made based on a collective input.

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