

KANATA BLAZERS MAJOR MIDGET B (2019/20)

My name is Lee Rattray and I have the privilege to coach the Major Midget B team this year. I have been an assistant coach on several occasions over the years, both in KMHA and KGHA.

I am fortunate to have support from some experienced individuals this upcoming season. David Leger, the Kanata Lasers Junior A Head Coach, has agreed to provide technical advice and skill development. In addition, Takeshi Yamanaka (former Olympic coach) has agreed to provide defensive and goalie coaching.

My emphasis this year will be on skating, conditioning, skill development and learning to read and interpret the opposing teams' plays. I believe in playing both ends of the ice to effectively deliver both a defensive and offensive game. My goal is for the players to have fun, and to work hard as a group on and off the ice.

My expectations of the players and parents are the same – respect everyone on and off the ice, from team staff and ice officials to opposing players and parents of both teams. This is paramount, and will contribute to what I hope will be a successful and fun year.

We have 5 tournaments planned so far for the year. This includes two away tournaments, and three in-town:

- **Oct. 10-13** - American Cup - Lake Placid, NY
- **Oct. 25-27** - Volunteer Cup - Cumberland, ON
- **Nov. 29-Dec. 1** - Mid-Season Show Down - Stittsville, ON
- **Dec. 6-8** -Recharge with Milk - Stirling, ON (TBC)
- **Jan. 3-5** - Capital Winter Classic - Kanata, ON

As with any competitive sport, hockey takes commitment (both time and financial). Players can expect mandatory team activities 3 to 4 times per week. This will include both on and off ice sessions.

Families should anticipate team fees of \$1,600 per player in addition to the KHMA registration and tryout fees.

Tryout dates are posted on the [KMHA website](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at lee.rattray@rogers.com.