**Kanata U14 Rep B**

**2021-22**

Hello parents and players. My name is Trevor Wood and I am happy to be selected as the coach of the U14 Rep B team this year.

I have coached hockey at the youth level for many years. The previous seven being with the Kanata Minor Hockey Association in various roles including head coach of one of the two competitive U13 cohort teams this past season.

My coaching philosophy is for players to have fun, develop their hockey skills and gain confidence through positive coach reinforcement. I expect players will work hard and play with discipline. They need to be positive, encouraging, supportive and respective to their teammates, opponents and officials. Individual hockey skills will be developed while they learn to play as a team. Practices will be focused and deliberate and through repetition, players will be able to complete various drills at a higher speed, gaining confidence in game situations as the season progresses. This is a pivotal year for the U14 players as body contact will be introduced. Early on in the season players will learn how to give and receive body contact and learn tactics and techniques to give themselves time and space to make on-ice decisions.

Competitive hockey is a big time and financial commitment with the expectation for 4-5 team events per week including games, practices, team building and off-ice training. Team fees ranging from $1400 to $1600 should be expected and is dependent on the amount of fundraising the team can generate. Team fees are over and above the KMHA registration fees.

Tentative tournament commitments for the upcoming season include 2 local and 2 away:

1. Capital Volunteer Cup (October 22-24, 2021)
2. Sudbury Silver Stick (December 3-6, 2021)
3. Wayne Gretzky International (December 27-31, 2021)
4. Capital Winter Classic (January 7-9, 2022)

The tryout schedule has not been confirmed but the dates and times are expected be posted on the KMHA website ([www.kmha.ca](http://www.kmha.ca)) in August. I will contact each family to confirm the schedule when it is made available. The team will be selected by me with the assistance of independent and experienced evaluators. The team will be made up of players who love the game, work hard on and off the ice, have discipline and are willing to learn the great game of hockey.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email trevorwood@sympatico.ca . I look forward to seeing you at the tryouts.

Trevor Wood

Head Coach

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