



## Kanata Minor Hockey Association

*Creating a Stronger Community Through Minor Hockey*



My name is Craig Gauthier and I am excited to be coaching the Kanata Blazers U14 AA team for the 2021-2022 season.

I have coached in KMHA/KGHA the last 10 years at all levels in various capacities. Hockey has been a big part of my life and I am grateful for the opportunity to give back.

Our team philosophy is to provide a safe, positive and structured environment that enables the players to have fun and develop their hockey and life skills.

This year is a unique one for this group as the game becomes more physical with the introduction of body-contact. Each player will need to attend a contact clinic (TBA) prior to tryouts.

As with all competitive sports, playing competitive hockey is a serious time and financial commitment for players and their families. Assuming that we return to a normal hockey season in the fall, you can expect an average of 4-5 events per week and team fees for the season to be approximately \$1,500 per player. Tournaments and other events are TBD.

This year's tryout schedule has not yet been confirmed but will be posted at [www.kmha.ca](http://www.kmha.ca) as soon as it is available. I'm looking to build a team that consists of complimentary players that are coachable, have the required skills and are willing to compete at this level every time we are on the ice. The players will be evaluated by a panel of non-parent evaluators to ensure an unbiased assessment of all players. Further information concerning the tryout process will be communicated in the near future.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at tryouts!

Regards,

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