



Welcome to the Kanata Blazers Major PeeWee B team for the 2016-2017 season. My name is Chris Taylor and I will be the Head Coach.

As many of you are aware I have been coaching minor hockey for past 7 years and this will be 12<sup>th</sup> team that I have coached; both fall/winter and spring. At this level players are still developing their skills along with knowing how to play the game of hockey. The hockey experience can be very positive for players: providing exercise and developing skills, learning the rewards for effort and teamwork, and fostering confidence and friendships.

Our team can expect an average of 4 ice times per week. In addition to the time commitment there is a financial commitment when playing competitive hockey and the 2016-17 draft budget is \$17,000 to be funded by sponsorships, fundraising and players families. Our intention is to participate in 3 to 4 tournaments. I hope for us to participate in a one day tournament, as well as the following full weekend tournaments:

Fri Oct 7 – Sun Oct 10 2016 Peterborough “A-AE” Thanksgiving tournament

Thu Dec 29 – Wed Jan 1 2017 Bell Capital Cup

Fri Jan 20 – Sun Jan 22 2017 Capital Winter Classic at the Bell Sensplex

The tryout Schedule is posted at [www.kmha.ca](http://www.kmha.ca). I will contact each family to confirm tryout times. The team I’m looking to put together this season will be a hardworking one with mutual respect for fellow players, coaches, opponents and officials. Players will come to the rink ready to work, take direction and apply what they learn during game time. Players will be evaluated by me and evaluators outside of this specific age group. We will be looking for players with good individual skills but equally as important players that are: hard workers, able to make smart hockey plays, good teammates, good sportsman, willing to learn and be coached and have a high level of compete. We will be selecting 15 skaters and 2 goalies.

Even at the Rep level KMHA has a fair ice time policy. I will be following this policy and will be giving players equal access to all opportunities at all times and situations of the game. We will run high tempo practices, typically at a pace which higher than actual games. Players having a high fitness level throughout the season will be key success to our season. As for defining success this season, at our first coaches and players meeting we will outline our goals and objectives for the season. This will be a mandatory meeting for all players. There will be a high level of commitment to the team which I will expect from each of the players. I understand players have other commitments – school, family, etc. I expect hockey and specifically this team will be high on their list.

Should you have any questions about the team or the tryouts, please contact me at [christophertaylor@rogers.com](mailto:christophertaylor@rogers.com).

Thanks,

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