



Kanata Minor Hockey Association
Creating a Stronger Community through Hockey



Dear Players and Parents,

My name is Steve MacFarlane and I am very grateful for the opportunity to Head Coach the Kanata Blazers U11 B (2011s) team for the 2021-22 season. For the moment, the season will be planned like in years prior to the pandemic, however, adjustments can be made as the situation evolves.

I have two boys in the KMHA (U13/U11) and a daughter who will be starting in the KGHA (U7) this year. I have been a Head Coach at the Novice and Atom levels as well as an assistant coach, goalie coach and/or trainer on several teams from IP to Atom. I have also coached soccer in the WOSC organisation.

My philosophy is to develop self-confidence and a love for the game while progressing to the next level. My goal is to provide a fun, positive and organized atmosphere that enables the players to feel comfortable to push their limits while developing of their hockey and life skills. We will encourage and challenge them to try new things and not be afraid to fail.

Given the proposed "return to normal" I expect the team fees for the season to be around \$1300-\$1500 per player. The team fees are to cover extra practices, off-ice skill developing activities and tournaments. As with all competitive sports, playing competitive hockey is a serious time commitment for players and their families. We will look into sponsorships and possible fundraising activities as well.

Please expect and be committed to:

- 3-4 ice times per week
- 1 off ice training/team building event every 1-2 weeks
- 3-4 tournaments (at least one away tournament if permissible)

The tryout schedule will be posted on www.kmha.ca. I will also be contacting each family to confirm tryout times. Evaluations will be done by an independent 3rd party panel (non-parent) with final decisions falling to myself. The evaluation process will consist of on-ice practice sessions and inter-squad games. I'm looking for players with a high compete level while showing they can be a good and respectful teammate.

There is also registration fee for competitive tryouts listed on the KMHA site that are in addition to the standard registration fee.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at originalfarmland@hotmail.com

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