

Coaches Letter- Mike Michaud

Welcome to the 2022/2023 U12 Competitive B Season!!

My name is Mike Michaud and it is my pleasure to be the Head Coach of this season's U12 B team. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and provide you with an overview of what to expect this season and our coaching philosophy.

While this is my first year as a Head Coach within KMHA I bring with me many years of coaching hockey at various age groups and skill levels. In fact, I started my coaching days before the year started with a 2, in the Osgoode-Rideau Association as a Head Instructor with the newly created Initiation Program for ages 4-8. I then coached Competitive boys A and B teams at the Pee-Wee and Bantam age groups. For the last four years, I have been Head Coach of my daughter's house league team within the KGHA and, at the same time, either assistant coach or on-ice help with my son's teams within the KMHA.

Our team's coaching philosophy will be to create a safe and fun environment for players to perfect existing skills and learn new skills. All players will be encouraged and challenged to get out of their comfort zone to truly learn what they are capable of. Practices will emphasize skill development with the introduction of using a player's skills within a tactical situation.

Once tryouts begin, a team of third-party non-parent evaluators, will be looking for players with a great attitude, work ethic and a willingness to learn and work hard towards individual goals as well as team goals. I truly believe that hard work will beat skill every time when skill does not want to work hard.

As a member of a competitive team, you can expect a bigger commitment in both, time and financially. It is anticipated that the team will have 3-4 ice times per week along with some dryland training from time to time. Team fees may be anywhere from \$1,500.00 to \$1,700.00 in addition to the KMHA registration fee and depending on how many extra hours of ice the team will buy and the number of tournaments we will register for. A detailed budget will be reviewed with parents before the season. It is anticipated that the team will have 2 away tournaments and 1 home tournament. At the moment, we are scheduled for the Niagara Falls tournament in early November. The U11 Competitive B team went last year, and the kids were able to bond as a team really quickly through the fun had by all.

I hope everyone have a great summer and I am looking forward to seeing you at tryouts

Sincerely,

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