



Kanata Minor Hockey Association



Creating a Stronger Community Through Minor Hockey

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Hockey Season! My name is Andrew Watzenboeck, and I am honoured to be the head coach of the U11 AA hockey team in the Blazers organization.

I have been involved in minor hockey for the last 10yrs and have played this great game my entire life. The opportunity to share some of my knowledge, excitement, and passion for the game of hockey with the team is one of the major reasons why I volunteered for this position. I am coaching because I love the enthusiasm of the kids, the passion of the parents, and the fulfillment that comes with helping players develop physically, mentally, and emotionally on and off the ice.

Philosophy

My philosophy is to teach, correct and help advance players skills with the goal of developing young hockey players with strong skills and true sportsmanship. Teaching is not only about developing skills but also character building that will apply beyond the rink. The goal is always to have fun, enjoy the environment, meet new teammates, and build confident hockey players but also foster the drive to push oneself.

Rules for the team: 1. Listen and be respectful. 2. Work hard, never quit on each other (we are a team) 3. Have Fun doing it all. Practices will be structured to push oneself and run at a high tempo pace (be ready to work and learn). You believe, put the effort in and we will achieve. As a coach I will bring energy, listen, be demanding with the goal of developing this team skills, work ethic and team unity.

Evaluations and Tryouts

I am looking for players who are strong skaters, willingness to compete at both ends of the ice, good listeners and age appropriate hockey sense.

Evaluating will be based on performance in on-ice sessions as well as intersquad/exhibition games. We will be using non-parent independent evaluators to ensure an objective measurement of all players. The dates and times for the tryouts will be posted on the KMHA website (<http://kmha.ca/>) later this summer. Every player coming to the tryouts should show up with a high level of energy, a great work ethic and ready to be evaluated.

Season Plan

We will have regularly scheduled fast paced practices with a focus on individual skill development as well as team tactics that follow the Hockey Canada development model. The time commitment for all players and parents you can expect to have 4-5 team events per week, on average, comprised of 1-2 games, 2-3 practices and some off ice activities. The expectation for players who make this team is that they will be, to the best of the family's ability, at all team scheduled events. Financial commitment per player will be approximately \$ 1600-\$1900 for the year (on top of the KMHA registration and tryout fees). We will be looking for sponsorships to assist with these costs.

The team will also be participating in 4 tournaments over the course of the season (2 local and 2 away). The proposed tournament listing and schedule is as follows:

Kawartha AA Early Bird / Peterborough	Oct 21 st to 23 rd 2022
Bellville Bulls AA / Belleville	Nov 4 th to 6 th , 2022
Kanata 19 th AAA Shootout / Ottawa	Nov 11 th to 13 th , 2022
Bell Cup / Ottawa	Dec 28 th to Jan 1st, 2022

I understand the responsibility that comes with being a minor hockey coach in a competitive organization and plan to invest a lot of my time and energy into delivering a high-quality program for all players and parents. I, along with the rest of the coaching staff, will be looking for each player and their families to buy-in 100% as it takes unity from everyone. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the rink in August!

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