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My name is Nick Brisson and I'm very excited to have the opportunity to be head coach of the U14B Kanata Blazers. My coaching history is as follows, I have coached U11 and U13 House A and B over the last three seasons. I have also had the pleasure of coaching both the boys and girls Sacred Heart Huskies teams for the last 15 years. I'm looking forward to using these experiences to find success over the upcoming season.

My hockey philosophy revolves around ensuring that players are having fun, while understanding that we are together to improve over the course of the season. My expectations are that our athletes play at a high tempo, while learning how to read the game at an effective level. My "team first" approach will be stressed from day one and will be combined with an understanding of how to play with speed and tenacity. I want to be the team no one wants to play against.

GOALS FOR THIS SEASON

FUN: As a coach, I believe hockey should be fun for kids because that's where true learning and development begin. When the game is enjoyable, kids are more engaged, open to feedback, and eager to improve. A fun environment builds confidence, fosters teamwork, and keeps young players excited to come back each week. It's not just about building skills—it's about creating a positive experience that helps kids grow both on and off the ice. If we lead with fun, we create players who love the game for life.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT: Player development is one of the most important responsibilities of a coach. It goes beyond just winning games—it's about helping each athlete grow their skills, build confidence, and understand the game. Focusing on development ensures that all players, regardless of their current ability, feel valued and supported. My plan is to prioritize teaching, encouragement, and long-term growth, to create a positive environment where players can reach their full potential both on and off the ice.

HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT: As a coach, I expect all players to show consistent hard work and commitment—not just during games, but absolutely during practices. Practice is where real improvement happens, and the effort players bring to these sessions directly impacts their development and the team's success. Showing up on time, staying focused, and giving their best effort every time they hit the ice demonstrates respect for their teammates, coaches, and the game itself. Hard work and dedication are habits that build character—and great teams are built on both.

DISCIPLINE AND RESPECT:

Before the season begins, it's important for all players to understand that discipline and respect are non-negotiable expectations. Discipline means being accountable—showing up on time, listening to coaches, and staying focused on personal and team goals. Respect means treating teammates, opponents, officials, and coaches with fairness and integrity, both on and off the ice. These values create a positive team culture where everyone feels safe, supported, and proud to compete. A successful season starts with players who lead with respect and play with discipline.

Commitment:

Priorities for all players should be family, school and then hockey. There will be approximately 4 team sessions per week, which will include off-ice training and an occasional video session. As members of the KMHA, I believe that we represent Kanata and thus, I would like to include some “social good” activities throughout the season. Participating in community events and being goodwill ambassadors outside of the rink are important to give back to our supporters and neighbours.

Team Fees:

Parents can expect team fees to be approximately \$1,800 to \$2,000 per player, which does not include KMHA registration and tryout fees. The team budget will be determined after the team has been formed and will be discussed at a parent meeting. I would also like to add team fundraisers if possible.

Tournaments:

The goal for the team will be to participate in four tournaments. Ideally, 2 local and two “away”. More information about this will be shared at the parent meeting.

Tryouts:

Please refer to the KMHA website for tryout times. I will be attending some of the AA tryouts to familiarize myself with all the players. My evaluators and I will be evaluating skill, teamwork, attitude, and work ethic. Once the team is formed, I hope to have a team get together and a parent meeting to discuss the 2025/2026 season.

I look forward to the upcoming season.

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