

## Chris Loschmann's Coaching Letter

Hello Young Athlete,

My name is Chris Loschmann. You can call me Coach Chris, if you prefer. Believe it or not, I once was a kid playing competitive hockey for the Kanata Blazers. I have many fond memories of playing Blazers hockey, and believe competitive sport built life skills, individual confidence and fostered life-long friendships. I have had a positive experience in sports and my goal is to bring that same experience to you.

My coaching philosophy is centered around helping you get better and be the best version of you – individual and as teammates. I believe you can make the NHL...so that is how I will coach you. You should expect to work hard every time you're on the ice, for me to push you to be better and for me to hold you accountable to our team standards.

Parents - I am a son, brother, husband and father. My wife – Melissa (Mel) – and two boys Read (2010) and Hudson (2013) are what life is all about. They are my "why". I took this job to help the kids develop hockey skills and elevate to the next level in their abilities, but also to help develop their life skills to be a good person and teammate. I believe that hard work, attitude and a growth mindset are key components to being successful on my team.

Everyone - we will focus on fitness, individual skills and team systems all while having fun. Specifically, we will;

- Work on individual skills: shooting, skating, stickhandling, compete.
- Team skills: systems, passing, positioning, powerplay/penalty kill.
- Acumen: understanding the game, reading the play, puck control.

Tryouts will be a clean slate. Where you were last year does not mean you'll be there this year. I will be looking for compete, individual ability and attitude. [This video](#) provides insight into what I am looking for throughout the year, and particularly during tryouts.

We have booked four (4) tournaments

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| 1. Blues Hockey Fest  | Ottawa   | September 26th to 28th                             |
| 2. Kingston Canadians | Kingston | November 7th to 9th                                |
| 3. Silver Stick       | Pembroke | November 21st to 23rd                              |
| 4. Bell Capital Cup   | Kanata   | December 29th to December 31 <sup>st</sup>         |
| 5. Winter Classic     | Kanata   | January 16 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> (TBD) |

Thank you KMHA for the opportunity and look forward to a wonderful 2025/26 season.