



2012 - 2013 Kanata Blazers Bantam “AA”

Welcome to the 2012 / 2013 Hockey season. My name is Brent Findlay and I will be returning as the head coach of the Bantam AA (1998) team this season. Tom Dobson and Paul Robillard will also be returning as coaches.

I have been involved in minor hockey in one capacity or another since 1990. I spent 12 years as an on ice official and the last 13 as a coach. I have coached boys and girl's hockey from Atom through to Major Midget at all levels. I hold an advanced level 1 coaching certificate & I am a trained power skating instructor. I expect to complete my HP II requirements this season.

Tom has coached hockey for 13 years from Novice to Major Midget. He is also a certified Level III trainer and has completed his Developmental One Coaching Certificate. Tom brings to the table over 20 years of experience in youth and behavioral motivation.

Paul has been a coach or trainer for the last 13 years from initiation to midget at levels from house league to AAA, has his coach level certificate and is also a level 2 trainer. Paul is planning on completing his Development one level this season. Paul has also volunteered in other local sports and was awarded the volunteer of the year in 2010 from the KMHA.

HOCKEY APPROACH

Hockey is first and foremost a team game.

Team: “A group of individuals that come together to work towards a common goal”.

Our expectations will be higher this season based on the success that the team enjoyed last year and the likelihood that a strong core of players should be returning. My intention is to continue to develop a team that competes every time that they take the ice. We expect this years team to start the season at the same intensity level and with the same work ethic that they finished last seasons playoffs with. We will move forward from there.

The role of the coaching staff is to support the development of every player and aid in the development of a strong sense of team that promotes *honesty, trust, hard work, determination, commitment, self respect, self confidence and fun.*

We will strive to accomplish this through

1. Setting both individual and team goals with the athletes and then working together to achieve them.
2. Giving players an opportunity to play in all situations to build both self confidence and to earn the confidence of their team-mates.
3. Encouraging each player to trust his team-mates in all situations and learn equally from our successes and mistakes.
4. Understanding that mistakes will occur and each member of the team will make them. It is our responsibility as a team to accept it as a learning opportunity. Mental strength develops when we learn from mistakes, accept them and deal with them in a positive manner before dismissing them and moving on.
5. Working to develop the ability to think the game. Tactical discussion and practice will help to develop anticipation skills and better enable players to read and react to the game.
6. We will work and push every player to develop the technical skills, as well as, the mental and team skills required to allow them to reach higher levels than they thought possible.



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With all competitive sports there is a high level of commitment that is required. Players will be required to attend all team activities. It is expected that the team will be meeting an average of 4/5 times per week during the season. Whenever possible we will attempt to combine activities. We believe that the player's health, family and education are to be their first priority with hockey being next in line. Players will be expected to manage their time so that their school does not cause them to miss team activities.

The team's expenses and draft budget are expected to be approximately \$ 2,000 - 2,300.00 per player. This number may be offset and reduced for each family through fundraising activities or sponsorships.

The team will be attending five tournaments this season with the opportunity to attend additional games or activities in Canada or the United States.

Brian Steel Memorial Hockey tournament	September 14 – 16 2012	Confirmed
Humberview Huskies tournament	October 12 – 14 2012	Confirmed
Ottawa Valley Silver 7 Fall Classic	November 2 – 4 2012	TBC
Pembroke Silver Stick Tournament	November 23 – 25 2012	Spot held until registration opens
Kanata Minor Hockey Tournament	January 11 – 13 2013	Confirmed

Tryouts are expected to start in the final 2 weeks of August. Times will be posted on the KMHA website (www.kmha.ca). Each player that has registered will receive a phone call advising them of the first tryout time. Evaluations will include on ice technical skills, intra-squad games, exhibition games and fitness testing.

It is expected that all players will arrive at tryouts in good physical condition, ready to compete. Physical testing will be part of the tryout process. All players should be able to execute all technical aspects of the game. Please watch the website for updates.

More information about our program and schedule will be posted in the near future or provided at the first tryout. If you believe that you can commit to play and excel at this level, then I invite you to attend this year's tryouts. Information and schedules can be found at www.kmha.on.ca

We look forward to meeting you.

Enjoy your summer
Brent Findlay
Head coach
Kanata Blazers
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Each lesson that the one learns makes the whole stronger.
When the whole is stronger than the opponent, victory can be achieved.