



Kanata Blazers Minor Atom A

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, and more importantly, welcome all players who are considering attending the minor Atom A tryouts. Tryouts will likely begin the weekend of August 24th, 2012.

I have been involved in hockey at all levels, both as a player and a coach with the Eastern Ontario Wild organization. I have played hockey in North America and in Europe, where I grew up. I have learned a lot of great things from hockey, but I think the most important thing I have learnt from the sport is how to be a good teammate and friend. I will do my absolute best to pass down some of these traits to the players to help them excel on and off the ice.

As this will be the players first year being exposed to competitive hockey, I will ensure that it will not be all about if we win or lose but how we can improve from one game to the next. We will work on building a fun environment where players can develop their skills and self confidence in order to achieve the goals we set as a team.

Tryouts

Players will be evaluated for their on-ice skills, skating, overall skill and hockey sense. We will also be looking at enthusiasm, eagerness to learn, and work ethic. It is also very important to ensure each player is a good teammate.

I am a big believer that practices are more important than games as you “practice like you play.” This season I will be looking for players that have the ability to focus at a high level during these practices, which will result in consistent and maximum improvement throughout the season for all players.

Commitment

This season, I will expect a commitment of between 3-5 times a week depending on the schedule. School is **NO** doubt the number one priority, but hockey should come first to all other sports and activities. However, I strongly encourage players to participate in other sports and activities as well.

Parents will be asked for 3 separate checks of approx. \$500-550 dollars above and beyond registration fees to help offset costs for the year. The team will also be participating in fundraising to help offset these costs and all parents will be asked to help with this.

The Team will be competing in the following tournaments this season:

1. Pat Larock Memorial (Peterborough) September 14-16, 2012
2. Mississauga Reps Shanahan November 9-11, 2012
3. Whitby Silver Stick November 22-25, 2012
4. Bell Capital Cup December 28, 2012 – January 1, 2012 (Tentative)
5. Possibly another local tournament in 2012

Have a great summer everyone and we look forward to seeing you all at the end of August!

Best regards,
Henric Alfredsson