



## Kanata Minor Hockey Association

*Creating a Stronger Community Through Minor Hockey*



Welcome to the 2017-2018 Hockey Season! My name is Brent Blaseg and I am very honoured to be the head coach of the Minor Atom A hockey team in the Blazers organization. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about myself, my coaching philosophy, the tryout/evaluation process, and some highlights for the season.

I have been coaching minor hockey since 2013, 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 why I volunteer with this amazing organization. I coach 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 coaching philosophy is to help each and every player develop as a competitor, a team mate, and a person over the course of the season. I have three primary rules for my team that are not negotiable. 1. Listen and be Respectful. 2. Work Hard, always. 3. Have Fun, along the way. My goal is to develop individual based skills and tactics through high tempo, well designed practices, and in different game situations. I pride myself on making all of my time with my team a fun and positive learning experience. As a coach I am enthusiastic, consistent, hard working, organized, and very passionate about hockey, the development of the kids' skills, building a united team, and developing good work ethic during practices, games and in life.

### Evaluations and Tryouts

I am looking for players who are strong skaters, competitive, hardworking, good listeners, team players, and who show good potential for continued improvement. During tryouts we will be evaluating players based on their performance (including skating and individual skills) 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, and I will be contacting all registered players to confirm your attendance. I hope that every player coming to the tryouts will show up with a high level of energy and a great work ethic that will be evident as soon as they hit the ice.

## Season Plan

We will have regularly scheduled fast paced practices with a focus on individual skill development as well as individual and team tactics that follow the Hockey Canada development model so that players are building skills that are appropriate for the Minor Atom level. The time commitment for all players and parents is significant. 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. There is also a significant financial commitment, and each player will be required to pay a team fee of approximately \$1400-\$1600 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 five tournaments over the course of the season (2 local and 3 away). The proposed tournament listing and schedule is as follows:

- Pat Larock Memorial Tournament – Peterborough AAA Sept 7-10, 2017
- Capital Fall Classic - Ottawa AAA Oct 20-22, 2017
- Whitby Silver Stick Invitational Final - Whitby AAA Nov 23-26, 2017
- Bell Capital Cup - Ottawa AAA Dec 29-31, 2017
- The Taylor Hall Cup Classic - Greater Kingston AAA Jan 12-14, 2017

I understand the responsibility that comes with being a minor hockey coach in a competitive organization, and 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%. The individual and team successes we had this past season are a direct reflection of that buy-in, and we will be expecting nothing less for this year's Minor Atom A team. In the interim, should anyone have any questions regarding the Minor Atom A team for the 2017/2018 season, please feel free to contact me at [blaseg@bell.net](mailto:blaseg@bell.net) Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the rink in August!



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