

My name is Brian Marshall and I am thrilled to have been selected to coach your Kanata Blazers Minor PeeWee B hockey team for the upcoming 2017-18 season. After a challenging 2016-17 campaign, changes will need to be made to last years' group. Consequently, there will be opportunities to crack our roster at every position so **do not hesitate to try out!**

I will strive to develop each player's individual skill while emphasizing team play. As a head coach with more than nine years' experience behind the bench, I have a reputation for keeping this light and loose while pushing players beyond their comfort zone. However, this season, players will be more accountable for their on ice play and commitment to the team. I will expect player to compete to the best of their ability every shift of every game and bring a strong work ethic to practices. Our success this season will be measured by how much the team improves over last season with the ultimate goal of a top eight finish and making the playoffs.

Players (and parents) should be able to commit to 4-5 events per week including games, practices, off ice training and team events. Practices will vary in their focus on fundamentals, individual skills and team tactics.

We anticipate a team fee of \$1,500.00 per player which will be paid over three installments. Additional fundraising and sponsorships may reduce these fees.

We have tentatively registered for four tournaments this season:

October 20-22 – **Perth Lanark Minor Hockey's annual Duel Hockey Tournament** (Perth ON)

November 24-26 – **Congressional Cup Thanksgiving Classic** (Washington DC USA)

December 1-3 - **Silver Stick Regional Qualifier: Northumberland** (Northumberland ON)

January 19-21 – **Capital Winter Classic** (Kanata ON)

Please note that tryouts will be held during the **LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND**. Dates and times will be posted at www.kmha.ca as soon as they are scheduled. I will be contacting all registered players' families to confirm ice times and provide more detail regarding the tryout process.

Players will be evaluated by myself and independent third party evaluators. At the end of the tryout process, nine (9) forwards, six (6) defense and two (2) goaltenders will be selected. Evaluations will be based primarily on game situations with some individual skill sessions. There will also be an **off ice component** to the evaluations that will test an athlete's overall fitness. Final selections will be made based on a combination of technical evaluation, fitness and best fit.

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