

A little about myself, I grew up in Carp and have lived in Carleton Place with my wife Sara, our son Elliot and daughter Avery for the past fifteen years or so. Hockey has been a big part of my life for as long as I can remember. Growing up, I played a mix of competitive and house league, working my way up to the Ottawa Valley Titans, followed by a season of Junior hockey in Kanata. I was fortunate enough to play three seasons in the OHL, and then a few years of CIS hockey for the University of Toronto. Needless to say, I have a ton of stories to share of my years at the rink!

My coaching philosophy stems from the many things that hockey has taught me. The three most important lessons are that hard work, a positive team atmosphere and confidence in your abilities will breed success. I intend for each player on our team to experience all of this, making for a very memorable season! To do this, we will focus on personal development as a player and teammate through skill sessions and team building events. I am committing to providing the players with the tools they need to be successful. In return, I expect each player to commit to working hard, wanting to improve their game, being supportive of their teammates and having an overall positive attitude.

The current plan for this upcoming season is to attend 2-3 away tournaments (within a 3 hr drive) and 1-2 local ones. For team building purposes, we will be looking for an away tournament early in the season. Our goal is to keep the team fees reasonable. I am mindful that hockey is an expensive sport and have no desire to add to that financial stress, so there will be some fundraising and I hope for some team sponsorships as well. I am open to suggestions for which tournaments to attend as well as any fundraising ideas and/or potential sponsorships.

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