

Hello players and parents,

I am incredibly excited to introduce myself as your coach for the upcoming season. I am very excited to continue in the establishment of this amazing hockey association and will strive to make the Carleton Place Cyclones a powerhouse in Canadian hockey. Hockey has been a huge part of my life for as long as I can remember, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to work with this group. The hockey community is very special to me, and I can't wait to get started with all of you.

A little about me—I've played Tier 1 hockey my entire life and have been coaching in the KGHA for the past 9 seasons, including a season as Associate Head Coach with the u15 Ottawa Lady Senators. Through these seasons I have been on benches that have won countless tournaments, many Eastern Conference Championships, and I was the Head Coach the u15A team when they became Provincial Champions in the 2023/2024 season. Throughout my time as a player and coach, I've developed a strong passion for the game, and I take pride in fostering an environment built on communication, respect, responsibility, and accountability.

I expect my athletes to be determined, gritty, and passionate players who embrace the hard work, push themselves and their teammates, and are willing to go above and beyond for the team. Success isn't just about skill; it's about heart, effort, and commitment to each other. I believe in working together as a team to become better individuals and teammates. The only aspects of hockey that are fully within your control are your attitude and effort—I expect both to always be at 100%.

As a coach, my commitment to this team is to always be available for open communication—whether it's to address questions, concerns, or ideas about the season. I firmly believe that when players have a voice in the process, they develop a stronger sense of investment in the team and its success.

Above all, my priority is the players' development, both on and off the ice, as well as their mental and physical well-being. I will ensure that our practices are both challenging and engaging, designed to push each player to their full potential while maintaining a positive and competitive environment.

For those aspiring to play at the Junior or post-secondary level, I will do everything in my power to support their journey, including entering the team in high-level showcase tournaments to maximize exposure. Additionally, at the start of the season, players will set individual goals, and I will check in throughout the year to ensure they are on track and continuously progressing.

Together, we will build a culture of growth, commitment, and excellence.

This season, my focus is on development, fun, and respect—three key pillars that will help us grow as a team and as individuals. I'm looking forward to working with each of you, pushing our limits together, and bringing this team to the next level.

Let's get to work!

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