



Martin Savard U18-BB 2026-2027

My name is Martin Savard and I am thrilled to be coaching the U18 BB Cyclones for the upcoming 2026-27 season. I have grown up playing high level minor hockey up to college. I have been a coach in various capacities in the OWHA at the AA, A and BB level and I am HP1 trained. I had the privilege to be able to be part of teams that reached Provincials every year and lucky enough to be part of the 2021-22 U13BB Provincial Champion team.

My Coaching Philosophy:

We will be looking for the girls to collaborate with their teammates, have the confidence to push themselves individually, and not be afraid to try things and learn from their mistakes. By developing their individual and collective skills, as well as how they apply to tactical gameplay, we will put each player in the best position to succeed.

I recognize the balancing act between academics and athletics. My program focuses on developing high-level student-athletes by instilling the mindset, work ethic, and teamwork necessary to succeed both on the ice and in life. The girls must come to the rink ready to work on ice and off ice as this will be high pace environment. By enforcing accountability to both individuals and team goals, we will prepare our athletes for the demands of everyday life. We will be fair and consistent, and expectations will be well-defined at the beginning of the season. We will focus on creating positive peer relationships in a competitive environment. We want the girls to feel safe, motivated, and empowered beyond the rink. This is their team. We provide the structure; they provide the leadership and ownership of their own experience.

All players will be able to play in every situation and showcase themselves throughout the season. At the same time, situational hockey may apply in tournament finals, and playdowns. Our role is always to put the athlete in the best position to succeed as it relates to the whole team's benefit.

Coaching staff:

I am happy to announce that Drue Puckett will be joining me as an Assistant Coach. The rest of the coaching staff will be finalized after tryouts and focus on having non-parent leaders. The collection of coaches will be a complement to myself and bring different voices to ensure the girls stay motivated. The meaning of team is not only for players, but for the coaching staff as well.

Commitment:

Based on past seasons you can expect 3 – 4 on- ice and off-ice activities per week. Games at BB are 90 minutes, so a greater focus will be on fitness outside the rink.

The priority is family, school, and hockey. The commitment to the team should supersede other sports and activities. Black-outs dates are listed and are good opportunities for other activities and holidays.

The expectation is that every player and family are fully committed to bring a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and a high level of compete.

Tournaments:

We will be looking to participate in 4-5 tournaments. The number of tournaments will vary based on Provincials and the ability to participate in them. Our targeted events will be as follow:

Oshawa: September

Etobicoke Pink the rink: October

Kanata: November

Nepean DIFD- February

Tryouts:

To familiarize myself with each athlete, I have watched the games and practices of their current teams to have a greater sample size of their ability, attitude, and progression.

Specific to tryouts, it will start when players get to the rink (pre-practice, bench, post-practice sportsmanship, body language). For ice performance, we are looking for hard-working (elite compete) players with speed and who can move the puck. We are looking at the best collection of attributes to build the best possible roster, and each athlete's role and contribution to the team are critical parts of the evaluation. It is likely that we will move players' positions around during tryouts.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with your athlete.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Regards,

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