



Dear Parents and Players,

My name is Ryan Pearce and I am excited to have been selected to coach one of the U18B Rockets teams for the upcoming 2025-2026 season. This will be my 14th season coaching minor hockey and my 13th year with the Rockets, 9 of these years have been in the capacity of head coach.

### **Philosophy**

I say "family", because here at the Rockets we pride ourselves on being a tight-knit organization that treats everyone equally. Our organization values are Safety, Sportsmanship, Inclusiveness and Stewardship. These values align with my coaching style as my goal is to develop these girl's hockey skills and IQ, while also developing their confidence and sense of pride as they grow into strong young women.

The players can expect to be treated fairly, with respect, and honesty at all times. Each player will be held accountable to themselves and to their teammates with the goal of achieving an effective and supportive team.

Coaching will focus on technical skills and individual tactics, team tactics, systems, and strategies. Player needs will differ and the coaches will attempt to meet each player's specific needs. The coaching staff, which will be formed after the team is selected, will be selected based on their commitment to bringing a positive and respectful attitude, enthusiasm, strong hockey knowledge, communication skills and willingness to work as a team.

### **Commitment**

The team is expected to have three to five mandatory hockey commitments per week consisting of both on and off ice sessions. There are no set days for these commitments so please expect that any day of the week could have a team related function. Once the schedule is out, players should book their time off work.

Priority is Health, Family, School, then Hockey.

If something comes up, please reach out to discuss.

As coach, I will commit to creating a positive, fun and respectful learning environment that will challenge and push players to their maximum potential. I will ensure to arrive at each activity prepared and ready to engage my team.

The expectation is that all players will be fully committed to bring a positive attitude, strong work ethic and a desire to compete. The families supporting the players must have the same attitude as well. If we have this commitment and work ethic from all players and families, we will have a fun and successful season.

There are no call-ups permitted for playoffs and playdowns, so please keep that in mind if considering family trips in February and March.



## **Season and Tournaments schedule**

Our season should consist of a 22 regular season games, playoffs and playdowns.

We will also compete in 4-5 tournaments with a potential for provincials depending on team performance during the season. You should expect that 2-3 of these will require weekend travel out of the Ottawa area.

## **Team Fees**

Team fees will be around \$ 1,400 depending on the tournaments selected, and our fundraising success. These fees are in addition to registration fees and may be revisited should we make Provincials. The team budget will be determined at the beginning of the season and discussed at the parents' meeting.

On top of fees, players are expected to follow the SGHA competitive dress code. Any missing items will be the responsibility of the player, and should be taken care of prior to season start.

## **Tryouts & Evaluations**

Players will participate in a combination of drills and scrimmages. Evaluations will be conducted by coaches and independent evaluators. Evaluators will be observing not just your performance, but also how you support your teammates and respond to challenges.

I am looking to build a balanced team of skill, toughness and determination. I like fast, aggressive hockey with lots of puck movement. It is more exciting and fun to play if we are controlling the game rather than letting the other team dictate what we do. As a coach, I ask that no other team outworks us.

As per SGHA policy, feedback will only be given for the players released after the final session. Any requests are to go through the SGHA competitive convenor. ([competitive.convenor@sgha.ca](mailto:competitive.convenor@sgha.ca))

I can't wait to get started, and look forward to a fun, successful and rewarding season.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Regards,

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