

COACHES LETTER



Hello,

My name is John Craig and I am excited to have the opportunity to coach the U10 Minor Mosquito team for the 2020 season. I would like to welcome all the players back to the field, give an introduction and a brief outline for this year.

I have played ball my entire life, in fact I am still playing and learning this great game and I'm looking forward to the upcoming season. I have been coaching baseball and hockey for 6 years now right from the early days of Tball/IP. It has been a great experience watching players grow and develop both as athletes and young boys and I look forward to continuing that development.

I intend to create an upbeat, fun, and challenging environment for players to develop both on and off the field. In the past I have spoken to the players about 'Attitude & Effort' and we will continue that discussion this year. It is important to recognize being part of a team means being part of something bigger than yourself, and learning to work together will lead to growth both as players and as people.

I commit to ensuring every practice is well thought out with a plan communicated to all coaches prior to arriving at the field. The goals will range from individual development to team tactics both of which are designed to foster growth of the players. In return, I expect all players to show up to practices ready to give their best effort in each and every drill. Parents have a role as well – stay positive, lead by example, and cheer for the entire team!

This is a competitive team so we will be on the field 3-4 times per week throughout the season and more on weeks we enter tournaments, all games/practices are considered mandatory. We will be entering 4 tournaments this year and hope to qualify for the Provincial playdowns Labour Day weekend in September. So far we have registered for North Mississauga June 5-7 as well as East York July 24-26. We are also looking at some local tournaments and more information will be published as it becomes available.

Upon completion of the tryouts players will either receive a letter of offer for one of the two teams they are eligible for or a letter of release containing options for the player.

All the best throughout the tryouts and I look forward to seeing you at the field.

Play ball!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Craig".