



# Kanata Cubs 12U Rep Baseball



Hello,

My name is John Craig and I am excited to have the opportunity to coach the 12U Kanata Cubs team for the 2022 season. I would like to welcome all the players back to the field, give an introduction and a brief outline for next year.

I have played ball my entire life and I am still watching and learning this great game and I'm looking forward to next years season. I have been coaching baseball and hockey for 7 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 next year. It is important to recognize being part of a team means being part of something bigger than yourself, and learning that if we work together, we can accomplish much more than we would on our own.

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 the growth of the players. We'll use a series of drills and games to drive that development while also making sure the players have fun! 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 times per week throughout the season in addition to our tournaments, all games/practices are considered mandatory. We hope to be able to enter 3-4 tournaments this year and also push to qualify for the Provincial playdowns traditionally played Labour Day weekend in September. Typically, 2-3 of these tournaments will be out of town and we'll consider our local options as well so, fingers crossed, we can get back to that in the 2022 season.

Upon completion of the tryouts, players will receive a letter outlining their options for the upcoming season.

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

Play ball!

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