



Kanata Cubs 15U Rep Baseball



My name is Michael Bayley and it is my pleasure to take on the role of the 15U OBA Kanata Cubs coach.

Born and raised in Ottawa, I have been involved with the Kanata Little League and the OBA programs for the past 10 years, either as a head or assistant coach. I have played competitive baseball all my life, either as a pitcher or an infielder. I have finally retired at the young age of 45 from the Ottawa National Capital Baseball league, to focus on coaching the 15U Kanata Cubs in 2022.

My approach to the season is twofold. The first is to create a team culture and atmosphere that is something the players will buy into. I will create a positive environment for the kids, while teaching respect and good communication between each other (My nickname is "positive Mike", whoever knows me). The kids will play for the crest on the shirt and not the name on the back. I am a strong motivator and will get the best out of your child.

The second is to teach the intricacies of baseball. The boys know the basics of baseball and now my plan is to take it to the next level. The boys will strongly be encouraged to take chances and to make mistakes. Learning from mistakes is the best teaching tool. I am a coach who loves to teach and help the kids. No negative behavior will occur from coaches or players.

We are in a unique situation this year with a complement of 15 years old and 14 years old boys. When it comes to playing time, I will try my best to ensure that there is equal playing time. With it being competitive baseball, there may be decisions made to put our best foot forward, but know that it is my primary goal to ensure equal playing time. The tryouts showed that all the boys can play. I have thoughts on bringing in resources to help us work with the boys (details to follow).

The season will start in January until April at the Sooners Megadome. We will have practices once a week on Saturdays (times tbc). Starting in May, there will be 1-2 games per week, followed by 1-2 practices per week. Tournament play will be discussed with the parents. I understand through these COVID times, that financial constraints are a concern and are taken seriously. I have plans for fundraising: 1. The boys work to earn money for THEIR baseball and 2. Help the cost constraints for parents.

Please reach out to me if you would be interested in helping with the team. I would need 3 assistant coaches, a manager and a fundraising coordinator. Brian Voelker has accepted a role as an assistant already.

I will set up a virtual call to meet all the boys and parents in the coming weeks. The first part of the call will be to meet the boys. The second part of the call will be to discuss more in detail of what the season will hold. I will also respond to any questions that anybody has.

My promise to the kids and the parents is that you will have my maximum effort and attention to the 15U Kanata Cubs.

Look forward to meeting you all.

Mike Bayley