



# Kanata Cubs 9U

## Rep Baseball



My name is Chris Read and I am incredibly excited to accept the role of coach of the Kanata Cubs U16 team for this upcoming season. I have been coaching with Kanata Baseball for the past 9 years, and have really enjoyed helping to develop the kids' skills as baseball players and as young men. As coach of the 2008 birth year AA teams over the last 3 years, we have won 3 league championships, as well as multiple tournament titles. My playing background is in fastball and includes 5 Provincial championships, an Ontario Summer Games gold medal, and a silver medal at the National championships.

Our coaching staff expects that while the players are on our time, they commit to working hard and treating each other with respect. Heavy emphasis will be placed on sportsmanship and working together as a team to build a program that Kanata can be proud of. At the 16U AA level, playing time is not equal for all players and will be decided by the coaches based on a combination of effort, attitude and skill. That said, players will be given every opportunity to succeed, and the coaching staff will do everything in our power to make sure that they improve their skills throughout the season. At this age, we understand that players now have jobs and other commitments to attend to. All we ask is that you keep us in the loop when you know there will be conflicts so that we can plan ahead.

While we hope to have some extra winter training available, the goal is to officially start the season in January with indoor training, ending at the end of April when the fields are ready for use. Once the fields are ready in May, the goal is to have 1-2 games and 1-2 practices per week, along with 3-5 tournaments (preferably 2 local and 2-3 away). Please note that this season we intend on traveling to New York for a tournament, therefore passports should be updated asap to facilitate this. We have attended Provincials the past 2 seasons, which take place on Labour Day weekend, and a decision on whether we will attend in the 2024 season will be made by early July.

On top of the registration costs, our estimated team fees are \$250 and will be dependent on the desire/ability to fundraise throughout the season. Uniforms/Gear will also carry an additional fee and generally run between \$140-\$150.

We will send out offer letters by end of day October 3 and will require a response within 24 hours. Upon acceptance from all offers, the roster will be formalized.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at tryouts and can't wait to get the next season started!

Sincerely,

Chris Read