

9U Kanata Cubs Introduction

My name is Mike Brown and I have the privilege of being the head coach for the 9U program for the 2026 season.

A bit about myself, I have been coaching with KBA for the past five seasons. From Winter skills, rally cap and Cubs programs, I've been mentored and seen first hand what makes a successful team on and off the field. Outside of baseball, I have coached with KMHA for the past five seasons in head and assistant coaching roles, with this year being a head coach to one of the U9 Rep teams. I've also spent six seasons coaching with West Ottawa Soccer Club (WOSC), from initiation to recreation league. As you can see from my experience, I have a passion for coaching youth athletes and helping aid in their development.

Having two players currently in the Cubs program, I have a deep desire to ensure that players have a great experience from developing on the field, to learning about good sportsmanship and building a lasting love for baseball.

As this may be some players first experience with competitive sports, there are certain expectations with making the team:

- **Attendance** - Regular attendance is expected. Baseball is a sport of nuance and the only way to truly progress is by repetition. While there are certain exceptions (vacation, hockey tryouts, etc..) it is expected that baseball is your players top priority from May to August.
- **Player Assignments** - Every player will have an opportunity to try every position and fair play will be our team's philosophy. 9U is all about developing and letting players field multiple positions is a key building block.
- **Parent and Player Contracts** - This will be mandatory for all participants. These contracts are to hold everyone accountable for their actions.
 - For players, to be punctual and ready to give their best efforts and focus while on the field or in the dugout.
 - For parents, agreeing to have your player ready for our field times, but also to agree with your conduct during games. Our umpires will be young and are learning, your conduct toward them will be crucial to ensuring our players see respectful conduct, as well as supporting our officials so we have them for years to come.

What our season will look like

- **Winter Training Sessions** - Winter training begins in January, once a week at the Mega Dome. We will also be running a dedicated hitting session once a week (optional, but attendance encouraged).
- **Regular Season** (May - August) - roughly two practices a week, with one game a week

- **Tournaments** - 4 to 5 tournaments (2 being local 1 kanata, 1 Seaway Surge).
- **Team Fees** - around \$400-\$500. (Note: this number is in addition to league fees and will vary as it includes uniform costs, tournament fees and some miscellaneous items which are difficult to know at this time.) We will raise some money from running our tournament and encouraging everyone to find sponsorships.

As per team selection, I will be sending out offer letters following a process that concludes with the end of tryouts (expect communication at some point the following week). Offers will require a response within 24 hours once received. Upon acceptance of all offers, the roster will be formalized and those who are not given an offer will be released and secondary options will be provided in the release letter shortly thereafter.

The 2026 season will bring lots of great memories both on and off the field.

I will see you all at the diamond!

Coach Mike Brown