

Dear parents and players,

My name is Christopher Warren and I am thrilled and honoured to have been selected as Head Coach for the Kanata Rangers U18 B team for the upcoming 2022/2023 season.

I encourage all interested players to attend the tryouts as it is an excellent opportunity for each player to test themselves and their abilities. Each player attending the try out sessions will be given a fair and equal opportunity to make the team. I will be using non-parent independent evaluators who will weigh heavily in the selection process. The evaluation team will be looking for skilled, hardworking, and coachable kids who bring a positive attitude.

Coaching philosophy

Fun – I am dedicated to creating an environment that is fun and helps to grow each player's love for the game and develop their skills.

TEAM - The players must understand the importance of respecting their commitments to their team & teammates. Commitment to arrive on time, prepared to do their best every game, every practice, every shift.

Work ethic and attitude - I will be looking for players who commit to hard work and bring a willingness to listen, learn and develop. Being positive will be an expectation. Respect will be shown towards teammates, team staff, officials and their opponents at all times.

Ice time – All players will receive equal instruction, support and fair playing time. Everyone will have an opportunity to experience all situations of the game.

Progress - All team decisions, practice plans and in game adjustments will be made with player progression in mind. Hockey Canada's development model will be followed so that players are building the skills required to be successful at the U18 level. At this age players already know how to execute the core skills required to play hockey. There will be an emphasis on using their skills effectively during in game situations. At the competitive level, team play is vital. A focus on team tactics and improving their abilities to work as part of a team structure on the ice will be important for the growth of the players and the team overall. If all players are prepared to continue playing competitive hockey again the following season then we have achieved our goal.

Season at a glance

The time commitment required from all players and parents for the season is significant. We can expect to have 3-4 mandatory hockey commitments per week consisting of both on and off ice sessions. There are no pre-set days for these commitments. Events will be added as ice is allocated and activities are booked. That being said, despite the time requirements for hockey, it is my belief that hockey should fall after time for family and education in terms of importance.

I hope to compete in 5-6 tournaments, details to be solidified over the summer. OWHA Provincials would represent an additional season ending tournament, and qualifying will be our target.

Outside skills development & goalie training will be included in our season plan / budget.

Team fees are currently estimated to be \$1800. These represent financial commitments beyond the KGHA registration fees. I am open to all ideas to help lower these costs through fundraising and/or sponsorship. Team fees will be paid in four separate installments throughout the season. A season plan with a detailed budget outline will be delivered before the beginning of the season.

The coaching staff will be formed after the team is selected. It will be picked based on the individual's commitment to bring a positive and enthusiastic attitude, strong hockey knowledge and a willingness to work as part of a team.

Tryouts

The Tryouts will be held in May for the B team. A link to the schedule and a copy is below:

<https://www.kgha.ca/content/u18-evaluations>

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| • Friday, May 20, 2022 | 8:00-10:00pm | CRC-B |
| • Sunday, May 22, 2022 | 5:00-7:00pm | KRC-A |
| • Monday, May 23, 2022 | 8:30-10:30pm | KRC-B |
| • Wednesday, May 25, 2022 | 6:00-8:00pm | CRC-B |

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Stay safe and healthy.

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