**Ryan Montpellier U18B 2023-2024**

Dear Players and Parents,

I hope you are all well and had a great season this year. First and foremost, congratulations to all the KGHA Teams who won their Eastern Championships and/or Provincials!

My name is Ryan Montpellier and I’m excited to have been selected to coach the U18B Rangers for the upcoming 2023-24 season. For the past eight seasons, I have been a Head Coach or Assistant Coach with KGHA at the competitive, DS and house levels. Prior to that I coached for five seasons at the house and competitive Rep B level with KMHA.

**My Coaching Philosophy**

My goals for next year are simple. I want to help your daughters:

* Build their skills and become better hockey players
* Gain confidence in themselves and in others
* Understand the value of teamwork and how teamwork can make them stronger
* Enjoy this great sport so they continue to play it throughout their lives

I expect all of the coaching staff, players and parents to be committed to a positive, fun, safe and hardworking environment. Throughout the year, we will work on technical hockey skills, individual tactics and team strategies and effective communication to build a competitive team. The coaching staff will be formed after the team is selected.

**Commitment**

I am looking to build a balanced team of skilled, determined and hard-working players who put the team first. I want the hardest working team on the ice, and that nobody outskates us.

You should expect to have three to four hockey commitments per week throughout the regular season consisting of both on and off ice sessions. Please expect that any day of the week could have a team related function. Priority is Family, School, Hockey.  The commitment to the U18B team should supersede other sports or extracurricular events.

The expectation is that all players will be fully committed to bringing a positive attitude, strong work ethic and a desire to learn and compete for the U18B Rangers team. The families supporting the players must have the same attitude as well. If we have this commitment and work ethic from all players and families, we will have a fun and successful season.

**Tryout and Evaluations**

All girls registered for the U18 B tryouts will be assessed in the first two-hour block. The first releases will be made after the first scrimmages.   The #’s of the players invited back will be posted on the KGHA website a few hours after each ice time.

**Season Schedule and Fees**

Our team is tentatively planning to attend 5 tournaments next year, three of which will be away tournaments. This does not include Provincials which will be our ultimate goal to attend.

I anticipate our team fees to range between $1,400 and $1,600 depending on sponsorship and fundraising efforts.  (KGHA Player Registration cost will be separate from our team fees)

I wish you all the very best in our tryout!  Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

Ryan Montpellier

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