

Welcome to the 2025-2026 U13B Kanata Rangers season.

My name is Mike Drohan and I am very excited to be Head Coach for the U13B Rangers this year. I'd like to start with a bit of background about myself, my hockey philosophy and my plan for the upcoming season. I am a lifelong hockey player and have coached my kids for the past 8 years in both KGHA and KMHA. I am very much looking forward to leveraging my experiences in various coaching roles to make the 2025-2026 season fun and successful.

My hockey philosophy is that my team play an up-tempo style of hockey with emphasis on speed and pressure – a team that is fast, organized and relentless.

Goals for the Season:

Fun: Hockey is a sport, and it should be fun. I intend to foster a positive environment where the girls are learning and growing, but most importantly having fun. The hockey environment will be aimed at building the players confidence, positive habits and teamwork with the expectation that all teammates lift each other up and never put or pull anyone down.

Skill Development and Player Growth: Myself and my coaching staff will work to improve hockey skills through high tempo, organized practices. Practices will be structured and progressive with concentration on fundamental skills and development.

Hard Work and Commitment: Everyone on the team should be ready to work hard and approach practices with the goal of improving their skills and abilities. I believe everyone can control both their attitude and effort when coming to the rink and I will emphasize this throughout the season.

Commitment:

Priorities for all players should be family, school and then hockey. There will be 4-5 team sessions per week, which will likely include off-ice training and an occasional video session.

Team Fees:

Parents can expect team fees to be approximately \$2,000 to \$2,400 per player, which does not include KGHA registration and tryout fees. The team budget will be determined at a later date, after the team has been formed and will be discussed at a parent meeting.

Tournaments:

We will aim to participate in 4-5 tournaments (with as many as 3 away), which does not include Provincials, should we qualify. Tournaments will include the Etobicoke Pink the Rink (October), Kanata (November) and 2-3 others, which will be identified at a later date.

Tryouts:

Please refer to the KGHA website for tryout times. I will be attending some of the AA, A, and BB tryouts to familiarize myself with all the players. My evaluators and I will be evaluating skill, teamwork, attitude, and work ethic.

Once the team is formed, I hope to have a team get together and parent meeting to discuss the 2025/2026 season.

Here's to a great season.

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