

My name is Andrew Munch and I am very pleased to have been selected for the position of head coach for the Kanata Rangers U11BB Team for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. I have been involved in coaching competitive minor hockey in the Stittsville/Kanata area since 2016. I am very passionate about the game of hockey (I still play myself), about proper skill development, and building strong, confident young ladies. I believe that sports can be used as a tool to develop many life skills and help in creating a powerful and positive self image.

My goal as a coach is to create a fun environment where the girls can grow their hockey skills and foster their love of the game. I believe the rink should be a home away from home where we can learn together, grow together, fall down together and get back up together. I will be looking to build a team of hard working, coachable players with positive attitudes.

Girls U11 (Atom) hockey is a development year, so we will focus on the fundamentals of the game such as skating, passing, shooting and puck control. The focus for the goalies will be on movement and positional skills. There will also be focus on team play, positional play and strategy to ensure a strong foundation and a platform on which the girls' creativity can grow. Building confidence through every step of the season will provide the girls with the ability to learn from both their successes and mistakes and grow their potential throughout the season.

We are a competitive team, and we will challenge ourselves to win and improve as a team, but the focus will remain on skill development and FUN with the primary goal being the development of each player for future hockey and life experiences. All players and parents will be expected to show respect to all opponents, game officials, and each other. Executing on that respect will ensure a great experience for everyone this coming year.

Players and parents are expected to commit to 3-4 sessions per week (games, practices, off ice training, community involvement) and we will be entering 4 tournaments this season.

**The team will be looking to compete in the following tournaments:**

- Etobicoke Dolphins Pink The Rink Tournament - *October 12 - 15 2023*
- Kanata 36th Annual Girls Hockey Association Competitive Tournament - *November 17-19 2023*
- Whitby Girls Hockey Tournament - *December 1-3, 2023*
- Belleville Bearcats New Years' Classic Tournament - *January 4-7, 2024*

As the head coach I will be selecting a bench staff to assist with practices and on the bench during games. There will also be a need to form a great group of parent volunteers to help with the various roles and responsibilities on a hockey team that it takes to make a season successful and fun. Many hands make light work. I will go over more specifics with respect to team expectations and volunteer roles as we close in on selecting the final roster.

**For Tryouts, my evaluation team will be looking for skilled, determined, hard-working and coachable kids with positive attitudes.** I am looking forward to a great season and wish everyone the best of luck at tryouts.

GO RANGERS!!

Tryout details and schedule for the KGHA U11 Pathways program can be found at the following link: <https://kgha.ca/content/u9-amp-u11-pathway-amp-tryout-schedule>

See you at the rink,

Coach Andrew