

Dear players and parents,

My name is Christopher Warren and I am thrilled and honoured to have been selected as Head Coach for one of the Kanata Rangers U18 BB teams for the upcoming 2024/2025 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 tryout sessions will be given a fair and equal opportunity to make the team. 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. I come to the rink ready and prepared, and I expect the same for all members of the team.

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 this 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.

Active Practices – We will increase the amount of time players spend participating in drills and small games in each practice session (rather than standing and watching). Players are more likely to successfully execute skills when they have been given many repetitions in practice. A strong work ethic from all players is expected while we keep practices interesting and fun.

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. Events will be added as ice is allocated and activities are booked. I understand that at U18 there are a lot of competing priorities (school, jobs, etc.) Family and school should continue to come first, but a strong commitment to the team will lead to increased success for the player and team. For Playdown and Playoffs there are no call ups allowed. Please keep this in mind when booking family holidays in February and March.

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

Based on previous years, parents can expect team fees in the range of \$2000-\$2200. 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

Goalie Evaluations

- Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:15-9:15pm CRC-B

U18BB Evaluations

- Saturday, April 27, 2024 4:00-6:00pm Barbara Ann Scott Arena
- Sunday, April 28, 2024 7:00-9:00pm CRC-B
- Monday, April 29, 2024 8:00-10:00pm Minto Arena Barrhaven North
- Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:30 - 9:00pm Bell Sensplex

As per KGHA policy, feedback will only be given for the players in the final release. If requested, this feedback will be provided by the VP of Competitive: vpcompetitive@kgha.ca.

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

Good luck to all players.

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