

Dear Players and Parents,

My name is Nick Summerfield, and I'm thrilled to be the coach for the upcoming U11 AA season at KGHA! This will be my ninth-year coaching youth hockey, and I can't wait to bring my experience and passion for the game to this team.

My mission is simple: to create an **amazing hockey experience** that fuels your child's love for the sport. Together, here is how we'll achieve that:

- **High-Energy Playground:** We'll build a fun and dynamic environment where players feel free to experiment, learn, and most importantly, have a blast playing hockey.
- **Boost Confidence and Resilience:** We'll work on individual skills while fostering a strong sense of resiliency. This will build confidence both on and off the ice, shaping well-rounded young players ready for everything.
- **Positive Competition:** We'll cultivate a competitive spirit that pushes everyone to excel while remaining supportive teammates. These values are essential for their future in hockey and beyond.

Inspiring the future High-Performance Player

The season before last, I coached our U9 Tier 1 program, with a focus on sparking a lasting love for hockey, fostering competitiveness, and strengthening ties with KGHA. Inspired by the Lady Sens program, we provided a unique learning experience.

We welcomed Lady Sens players to our practices and cheered them on at games, fueling our players' passion and aspirations. This season, we'll continue to build with our role models, learning the work ethic and attitudes necessary for our aspiring high-performance players and apply these lessons to practice.

Excellence takes Commitment

Be prepared to invest time and dedication into this exciting season. Team fees will be approximately \$2000, and we expect a busy schedule with 3-5 events per week, including practices and games.

Our competitive schedule includes participation in our local KGHA tournament, three away tournaments, and aiming for a strong showing at provincials.

I look forward to meeting everyone at tryouts. Expect the first tryout to be more skill focused and subsequent sessions will be game based. All players will have an opportunity to attend a minimum of two tryouts at U11AA to showcase their talent and passion. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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