



My name is Shawn Perrier, and I am the Head Coach of your 2026 Kanata Blazers U14 AA team.

I'm very excited about the upcoming hockey season and will be looking to build a team of players who are equally excited, enthusiastic, and committed to sharing a great season!

The 2026 season will be my 2nd season behind the bench along with 5 years as an assistant coach with the 2013's s my focus has been mainly developing players on competitive teams with KMHA. I would like to share my Coaching Philosophy and season expectations.

Coaching philosophy

I believe hockey teaches many life lessons including hard work, accountability and discipline which will help kids not only today but thru their life journey.

My fundamental approach to coaching is that in order for kids to develop as hockey players they need to hone the proper skills — skating, passing, shooting, team play, and building good character. Is character a skill? I believe it is; it is a critical skill in the hockey game and in life. The ups and downs, wins and losses, achievements and disappoints inherent in the youth hockey journey form character, and good character is worthy of more respect and praise than outstanding talent. Most talents are to some degree a gift. By contrast, good character is not given; it must be built piece by piece in thought, choices, courageous acts, and determination.

The expectation of my players is to COMPETE, and be ACCOUNTABLE to your fellow teammates and staff. I believe these are the foundation to having a great team culture. Emphasizing positive peer relationships within a competitive setting, we aim to foster a safe, motivated and empowered environment at the rink.

Our practices will consist of skating, skill development and team tactics. The practices will be challenging and very competitive.

Tryouts

Tryouts will be instar squad games and an exhibition games against other league teams. The evaluators have an extensive background in hockey. Please refrain from sitting near the evaluators and talking to them. Each child is afforded 2 hours of tryout time.

Please click the tryout link for KMHA to get further details on our tryouts.

<https://kmha.ca/content/competitive-tryout-process>

Below is link to follow during the tryouts for ice times, players advancing and being released.

<https://kmha.ca/content/u14-aa>



Season Expectation

This year you can expect a commitment level of 4-5 days each week consisting of practices, games or off ice conditioning. On top of registration fees, team fees will be between \$2500 to \$2800, depending on sponsorship and team fundraising.

Player commitment to the team 1st before missing for birthday parties, Sens games.

Tournaments

Most likely 2 in town and 2 out of town but could be 3 out of town and 1 in town based on tournament availability

Coach Shawn