

Welcome U13 parents and athletes. I am excited to begin the 2020-2021 journey with you. For those of you that do not know me, my name is Cory Dubyk. I have been a part of the Pee Wee AA coaching staff for the past three seasons. Working with Kyle Tapp, Ambrose Firkus and for the past two seasons Aaron Foster. I have been extremely privileged to have been able to learn from these three gentlemen over the past three seasons. I know there is still some uncertainty with what to expect for this upcoming hockey season, however I take great pride in working with these young athletes in helping them grow both as an athlete and as a young leader in the community.

My coaching philosophy is to create an environment where athletes can have fun, learn how to become a team, while pushing themselves to get better every day.

Evaluations this year will be a little different than previous seasons. Each child will be given three evaluation skates with social distancing. We will evaluate every child's skating, hockey IQ, skills and work ethic through these skates. We will be cutting down numbers after the three skates to form our cohort. From there we will be able to partake in scrimmages and inter squad games and continue to narrow down the numbers until our final roster can be made. The final roster will be made up of nine (9) forwards, six (6) defensemen and two (2) goalies.

Things our coaching staff will be focusing on during these evaluations are as follows:

1. Skating (edgework, stride, forwards/backwards)
2. Hockey IQ
3. Strong Work Ethic/ Compete
4. Positive attitudes and body language.
5. Goalies (skating, positioning, rebound control)

This time of the year can be incredibly stressful both for the parents and the athletes. Remember hockey is supposed to be fun and enjoyable! So, whatever happens in the upcoming weeks, lets all remind ourselves of that. I look forward to a fun, enjoyable season if your child is selected to be a part of our team this year.

Thank you.



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