

To all the parents and players,

Looking forward to the 2025-26 season!

My name is Brent Pattee and I'm very excited to be coaching the Golden Knights U12B team. I would like to take the opportunity to share my philosophy, tryout process and highlight some key dates for the Knights this year.

Coaching Philosophy – I believe kids should be having fun while also working hard and supporting each other on and off the ice. We will focus on skating, conditioning, team play, individual skills and small area games. Compete and hockey IQ are very important in hockey and will be an area of focus throughout the year to better our team's chances.

Season plan – We will be on the ice 3 to 5 times a week. We have secured a skills coach to work with the team throughout the year.

Team Fees – Team fees for the season will be between \$850 to \$950 this will cover tournaments, skills coaches, extra ice time as well as some social events. There may be additional costs for uniforms (GK track suit) on top of the team fees. We will try and mitigate costs by fund raising and seeking out sponsors for donations.

Evaluation process – Evaluations will commence shortly after Labor Day. It can be a hard time for players and parents. Experienced external evaluators and I will be looking to build a team that is skillful, moves the puck well and demonstrates a team first mindset.

In addition to ability and skill, we will be looking for players who compete hard with and without the puck. Players who move the puck, are engaged, respectful towards others, show coachability and demonstrate positive body language while encouraging their teammates. I will be speaking with all the players before tryouts to explain what we are looking for.

In addition to skill sessions a lot of the tryout process will be scrimmages so we can properly evaluate compete, hockey IQ, game play, team play and positional play.

Tournaments 2025-26

Capital Blues Hockeyfest Sept 26th (confirmed)

Montreal CANAM Tournament Nov 14th (confirmed)

Oshawa Hockey Fest Dec 12th (confirmed)

Bell Capital Cup Dec 29th to 31st (confirmed)

Enjoy the summer and the off season! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the rink!