



**U14 MINOR BANTAM CRUSADERS
WEST CARLETON MINOR HOCKEY
2022/2023 SEASON**

Welcome to the 2022/2023 Hockey Season! My name is Chad McNeely and I am excited to be taking on the role of Head Coach of the Minor Bantam U14 Crusaders for the upcoming season. I would like to provide you with some information regarding myself, my approach towards the game of hockey, and the plan for the team for the upcoming season.

The 2022/2023 season will be my 8th as a head coach within the West Carleton Minor Hockey Association. I have played hockey my entire life and having the opportunity to pass some of what I've learned along the way to the next generation of players has been one of the most rewarding things I've ever done. For those of you who's player I may have coached previously, you know that I am very passionate about the game, the process of developing player skills, bonding a strong and united team, and developing good work ethic during practices and games. It is my belief that as the coach it is my role to ensure that all of this can be achieved while having fun along the way.

The objectives for the team and the actions of the coaches will be focused on building confidence, self-esteem, discipline and a sense of commitment and pride in their team, in the club and in themselves. These personality traits and qualities will benefit them at whatever level they play. It is the coaches responsibility to help the players develop strong skills, challenge them and have them identify individual and team goals and develop a plan to achieve them. It is the player's responsibility to begin thinking critically as it applies to their performance in practices and games to identify areas for improvement as well as areas of strength both as an individual and as a member of the team. I expect nothing less than their very best effort at all times and this combined with being the best team mate they can, is very important.

It is important to have the players prepared and ready to play, and at this age they need to be working on their core skills and applying them to individual tactics and some team play.

Practices will be run with a high level of energy and effort, with the goal of this being translated into game situations.

The time commitment required from all players and parents for the season is significant. We can expect to have 4-5 sessions per week comprised of on the ice for 1-2 games and 1-2 practices in addition, there will be periodic team building events. All players are expected to attend all team events, with exceptions being made for illness or personal reasons.

This season we would like to see the following Crusaders team gear expectations met by each player: arrive to each game in a suit and tie, track suit for warm ups and off ice practices, a Crusaders branded jersey bag, Crusaders branded hockey bag and pant shells purchased from Pro2col.

The team will be participating in up to 5 tournaments over the course of the season.

The dates and times for the tryouts will be posted on the WCMHA website later this summer. We hope that all of the players coming out to the tryouts will come with a high level of energy and work ethic.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the rink!

Thanks,

Chad McNeely
Coach U
U14 Crusaders