

Dear Parents of the West Carleton Hockey Association,

My name is Kevin Baird, and I am excited to accept the role as coach for the U10 West Carleton Crusaders for the upcoming season. As an elementary school teacher, I am thrilled at the opportunity to bring my passion for guiding young individuals to the ice. I have been fortunate enough to coach and play hockey at various levels, and look forward to using those experiences to help players develop their skills and confidence throughout the upcoming season.

My coaching philosophy is built on three core pillars: player development, fun, and teamwork. I believe that at this age, it's essential to create a positive and supportive environment where each player can grow both on and off the ice. We'll work on fundamental hockey skills, but also on the broader aspects of athletic development, such as agility, coordination, and hockey IQ.

Most importantly, I want every player to love coming to the rink. We'll foster a fun and engaging atmosphere where kids feel comfortable taking risks, learning from mistakes, and celebrating successes, big or small. This enjoyment is crucial for long-term participation and growth in the sport.

Finally, teamwork will be at the heart of everything we do. Hockey is the ultimate team sport, and I'll emphasize the importance of communication, respect, and supporting one another, both on and off the ice. These are not just hockey skills, but skills that will benefit your children far beyond the rink.

I'm excited to meet each of you and talk more about the season ahead. Together, we can create an unforgettable and positive experience for the kids!

Sincerely,

Kevin Baird
U10 WCMHA Crusaders Head Coach