

Coaches Letter: Brent Clark – U13

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Crusaders Season!

Sport to me is one of the most important avenues to instill life skills development into youth, and I view the opportunity to develop young athletes into well rounded individuals an honor and privilege as the U 13 coach for this season. I have been part of the WCMHA hockey program since 2017, having the opportunity to move with the 2012 born players from IP through to their third season as Crusaders.

My coaching philosophy anchors around 3 themes, respect, attitude and effort. Respect for the Crusaders crest on the front of the jersey and your family name on the back, Attitude shown both inside and outside the rink, and the Effort exhibited on and off the ice. I believe in creating a learning environment where fundamentals are built upon throughout the year, mistakes are viewed as learning experiences and challenging the possibilities in a supporting and learning environment, while having fun as a team.

The season will encompass a few exhibition games, regular season, 4 tournaments, and playoffs. Families can expect 2 practices / week in addition to some off-ice activities, both as a team and individually at home.

Tournaments for the year will include:

- Pembroke Silver Stick November 8-10th
- Green Mountain Avalanche @ Jay Peak, VT December 12-15th
 - o Please be prepared to get passports if you do not already have them
- Bell Capital Cup – Kanata December 27-31st
- The Winter Classic – Kanata January 17-19th

I look forward to continuing to build up on the development and success as a group. Please show up to tryouts with a positive attitude and a growth mindset as we achieve develop and succeed as a team.

Please reach out via text if you have any questions – 613-222-3745.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Brent