



U13 BB1 Tryouts – 2023/24 Season

Welcome to the 2024/25 tryout season. I am pleased to have the opportunity to coach the U13 “BB1” team this season. Below you will find information regarding the upcoming season.

Player Selection

- We're excited to share that goalie positions for U13BB1 have been filled.
- Formal offers have not been made to any skaters, however as a result of scouting, black and white games, player observation and feedback from this season's coaches, I will be looking to fill 6 spots.
- With the support of the Rep Coaching Selection Committee, I will consider the following items when choosing players.
 - Feedback and input from 2023/24 U11 & U13 Coaches
 - Observations at games and/or practices over the last couple of months and tryout performance
 - Individual skill performance, development potential, hockey sense and coachability

Tryout Format

- BB1 - Bruhn and BB2 – Buzzelli will have three tryouts to select both teams.
 - Saturday April 20th 12:00 PM River Oaks A (open tryout)
 - Sunday April 21st 11:45 AM Sixteen Mile 4
 - Tuesday April 23rd 7:30 PM Joshua Creek Blue
- The plan is to have the BB1 team selected after the April 21st skate and the BB2 team finalized after the April 23rd skate.

Coaching Philosophy

- Provide a positive safe environment for players to excel and have fun.
- Lead players to learn to be part of a team.
- Support players to continue to develop fundamental hockey skills and expand understanding of the game.
- Inspire players to work hard, set goals and play hockey for life!

Player Commitment

- Each player is expected to prioritize hockey as their top sport during the hockey season. Players can anticipate 4-5 activities per week including one away game.
- The U13 BB1 Team will participate in 4-5 tournaments throughout the season: 2-3 local and 2 out of town (with potential for one to be cross border).
- School should always come first - a player or family should NEVER feel they are letting the team down if they need to miss an event to focus on schoolwork.
- It is a goal of our team to compete at both league and the provincial championship. As such the expectation is for players to be available for all playoff / playdown practices and games (this includes March Break)
- It is the coach's intention for families to be able to enjoy a break at Christmas.

Family Commitment

- There is a lot that goes into ensuring the girls have a wonderful experience. As such we will need volunteers to support team management, player development and team functions. It is requested that each family volunteer to fill one volunteer spot.
- Details will be shared at the first parent meeting which is tentatively scheduled for April 30th @ 7pm.

Financial Commitment

- The final team budgets are yet to be finalized and are expected to be approximately \$56,000. Your family commitment will be *approximately* \$3,250 per player and can be partially offset by fundraising and sponsorship activities. This amount is above the Oakville Hornets Registration fee.
- Hotels and travel for tournaments are an additional expense.

Rep Apparel and Equipment

- All Oakville Hornet Rep players will be required to wear a consistent uniform to all games. The uniform will consist of jacket, warmup outfit and tracksuit. This also includes specific equipment requirements for black helmets, Hornet pants, bags, etc. .
- Fittings at Corbett's will occur after the team is picked and will need to be completed within a timely manner as dictated by the Hornets. Payment for these items will be made at time of purchase by each family.

While the tryout experience is a fantastic learning opportunity, we understand this can be an anxious and uncomfortable experience for all – players, parents, and coaches. We respectfully request that you refrain from calling or emailing coaches during the tryout period. We are happy to discuss any questions you have about the tryout or the evaluation process afterwards. In the meantime, if there are any questions or issues, please direct them to the Hornets office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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