



# King Township Minor Hockey

## -The King Rebellion Hockey Club-

**August 28, 2018**

**Dear Rebellion Players, Coaches and Families;**

**Welcome to a 2<sup>nd</sup> exciting season of King Rebellion Hockey!**

On behalf of our entire KTMHA Board of Directors, we extend a sincere welcome to all our Players, Parents, Coaches and Volunteers.

With our first season now successfully behind us, we continue to focus our attention on building and improving our organization for the future. Many of our teams have settled in, with families getting to know one another, and members from across King Township's villages making new friends. For new players to our organization, welcome to the Rebellion! You have picked a great Hockey Club to become part of, and we are happy that you have chosen to play with us.

We encourage all of our returning families to extend a warm welcome to new families on your team. Please don't be shy about introducing yourselves, and help make all new families feel at home in our arenas.

Our Administrator and Ice Scheduler Julie Kerr has worked hard to finalize the ice schedule for the season. We have tried hard to meet the needs of all Teams at the Local League and Rep levels. But please understand that there is limited ice available in King Township and its simply not possible to give every Team its first choice in terms of ice times. We've done our best, so please be patient and respectful of Julie in the hard work she has put into managing this complicated ice scheduling process.

Nothing in Minor Hockey is possible without our Volunteers. This includes our Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Conveners, Board Members – and our Timekeepers and Referees. Please be respectful of all the people in Minor Hockey who dedicate their time so that your child can develop and have fun.

Please check the King Township Minor Hockey Website regularly for information, schedules and announcements. Ensure that you subscribe to our email distribution list for regular "e-blasts" with important Rebellion news updates and information. Also on the website, you will find important links to things like our online store for amazing hockey gear and Rebellion Team and Fan Wear, links to important Association policies, as well as contacts to KTMHA Board members and our hard-working Administrative staff. Also, don't forget to "like" us on Facebook at King Township Minor Hockey as well as King Rebellion Hockey on Instagram. Tag your team pics @kingrebellionhockey – we love to receive your game and tournament updates to post and share!

We continue to build a new Association, and the culture we establish for this new Hockey Club is important. That culture should be part of every Team and should positively influence every Rebellion Player who wears one of our Jerseys. We would ask everyone to keep a few things in mind, as key priorities:

**First** – we are calling on all parents, players, coaches and officials to make good sportsmanship the calling card of King Rebellion. We will expect all Coaches and Staff to manage their Players accordingly – and not fall into the easy pattern of blaming officials for bad calls, or letting selfish play undermine team spirit. Good sportsmanship starts on the bench with a respectful attitude and a disciplined environment being set by the Coaches and Parents on the Team.

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Let's work together to ensure that our entire league comes to know King Rebellion as not only a competitive Club, but a hockey club that plays with both class and respect. There will be zero tolerance in this organization for Players, Coaches or Parents treating others with disrespect.

**Second** - if our new Association is to be successful in the long term, we need to maintain a balanced approach between competitive hockey and having fun. Sure, everyone wants to win games and have competitive "A" level Rep teams, but let's not become so serious about winning games and the parental push for elite player development that we suck the fun out of the game for our players. At the end of the day, minor hockey is about fun, and kids playing with their friends. Let's play some competitive hockey, while also keeping some perspective as Parents and Coaches, that we need to let the kids be kids.

**Third** - even though King Township Minor Hockey runs the combined King Rep teams for NobleKing and Schomberg, we can never forget about the importance of our Local League Programs. Our Local League Teams are the grassroots of our Program, and the future Rep players at the competitive hockey level. We must continue to balance the needs of our Rep and Local League Programs, in terms of ice time needs, fundraising, and skill development. We have made some significant advances this season in terms of moving forward with a coordinated Development Program for the Local League teams, which should benefit the broader organization in future years. In addition to the Development Clinics we are offering at the Local League level, all of our Rep Teams and Rep Coaches have an important leadership role to play in making those Local League players feel like they are part of the Rebellion Club, with the Rep Teams and Rep Coaches helping to support Local League player development, provide meaningful AP and practice opportunities to help us build Local League talent, as well as help support fundraising and community social events. The Rep and Local League Programs will only "win" if we all "win" together. So please give some thought in terms of how your Rep Team can help support and develop Players, Coaches and Teams at the Local League level – who could benefit from your skill and expertise.

Finally, we need to continue to build a sense of community in our new Minor Hockey Family. This involves investing in relationship building with Team Social events, coming to each other's games to cheer on our Hometown Teams, and supporting Association Social Events & Fundraisers. Our organization will grow stronger and more successful over time as we build bridges between the villages of King Township, encouraging our Teams to interact with and support one another. We've tried hard from a scheduling perspective to schedule Hometown Game Nights throughout the week so that various Teams will be playing back to back. Come out and support our Hometown Teams and help build King Township community spirit!

Again, on behalf of the Board of King Township Minor Hockey and all our hard-working volunteers, we want to wish all our Teams success this season. Looking forward to seeing you all at the rink. Until then, keep your heads up and sticks on the ice!

Yours truly,

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