

# NobleKing Minor Hockey Association

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## ***Welcome to the 2018/19 NobleKing Hockey Season!***

The NobleKing Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning NobleKing families. We trust that you are all as excited as we are to kick off the 2018/19 hockey season. Our volunteers have been hard at work putting together what is sure to be a fun filled and rewarding season.

### **Opening Weekend**

Opening weekend is just around the corner with the official start of the season scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Our opening weekend will give our athletes the opportunity to get some of the rust off the blades as well as get to know some of their fellow *Knights* and meet their coaches. All of our players will be on the ice this weekend, so it will be a busy weekend for hockey at the rinks.

**The schedule for opening weekend will be as follows for all Local League registered players:**

### **Saturday, September 8th**

#### *King City Arena*

9-10am:	Jr. Knights (4 and 5 year olds)
10-11am:	IP Jr. Knights (6 year olds)
11am-12:15pm:	Tyke LL
12:15pm-1:15pm	Novice LL
1:15-2:30pm	Atom LL
2:30-4pm	Peewee LL

### **Sunday, September 9th**

#### *Nobleton Arena*

12:15-1:30pm	Bantam LL
1:30-2:45pm	Minor Midget LL
2:45-4pm	Midget LL

#### *King City Arena*

2:30-3:30pm	Novice LL
3:30-4:45pm	Atom LL
4:45-6pm	Peewee LL

Additional skates are also on the website during the week of September 10<sup>th</sup> so please check for dates and times. Teams are not assigned until balancing has been completed.

Thank you to our friends at the King City Lions Club who will be providing food and drinks for all at the King City Arena on September 8<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join us. We will also be available to answer any of your questions at the King City Arena. If you require any information in advance of opening day, please contact our administrator Julie Kerr at [administrator@kingminorhockey.com](mailto:administrator@kingminorhockey.com).

## **Local League Program**

We are pleased to say that we will be fielding teams in all divisions this season from IP to Midget. All of our programs will be consistent with the new Hockey Canada Development Format including modified cross ice games for all divisions below Novice.

Divisions Novice to Midget will once again be participating in the 11 Centre SRLL.

IP LL and Tyke will be participating in a modified season with games starting in December.

IP (Junior Knights) will be a predominantly skill building program, with the opportunity for scrimmages and exhibition games as well.

## **Development Programs**

We are committed to constantly looking for ways to add to the minor hockey experience for our members. As such, we have been working extensively on our development program to create a program that we believe will bring opportunity and value to our members across King Township. Please read the Development Program highlights below for a taste of what we will be offering this year. Details will be coming soon to your inbox and on our website at [www.noblekinghockey.com](http://www.noblekinghockey.com).

### **Overview**

To help maximize the amount of development funding available to our players this year, we have worked cooperatively with our Local League Partner, Schomberg Minor Hockey, to create a cooperatively run skill development program that will ensure that all Local League players receive the same high quality development opportunities regardless of what King Township community they live in or where they are playing Local League. We will partner with Young Guns Hockey to provide professional skill instruction to our skaters, as well as with Tyler Bly who will be working with our Local League goalies.

At this point, our Local League Skill Development Program consists of the following primary initiatives:

#### **(1) Development Clinics for IP & Tykes (Saturday Mornings)**

Saturday mornings will be the key development time for our IP Junior Knights and our IP Local League players. From September to the end of December, instructors from Young Guns Hockey will be working with our youngest Knights to help them develop basic skating and hockey skills. This is included as part of your registration – no sign up required.

#### **(2) Player Development for Skaters (Regular Thursday Night Skill Clinics)**

Players from Novice to Peewee will be eligible to participate in optional development clinics hosted on Thursday Nights from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

In order to maximize the amount of ice time available and ensure that these development clinics are provided for the entire regular season, these will be hosted out of the Nobleton Arena on a rotating basis. This will help ensure consistent development clinics during most of the regular season, with both NobleKing and Schomberg Hockey Associations investing significant money into purchasing a consistent sheet of ice every week to allow for this.

Thursday Development Clinics will vary from week to week, focusing on different skill themes (e.g. Power Skating, Shooting, Puck Handling – as well as occasional Coaching Development for Local League Coaches).

To make these skill clinics financially viable, players attending will be asked to pay a modest \$10 fee for each session they attend. Most age divisions in this group will be offered 7 rotating clinics as part of this program, with online registration for these clinics being available shortly. Please register early before these clinics fill up!

### **(3) Free Goalie Clinics (Wednesday Nights)**

Goalie Clinics will return for all NKMH and SMHA Goalies on Wednesday nights at the Trisan Centre from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Goalie instruction will be provided by Tyler Bly. Tyler will work with beginner and developing LL goalies to help them learn basic skills and techniques. These free clinics will be offered all season long, as developing local goaltending talent is a key priority for us. Sign up will be available on our website shortly.

### **(4) Enhanced “Optional” IP Development**

In addition to the regular IP Development Clinics on Saturday mornings, additional supplemental IP Skill Clinics will also be hosted on Saturday mornings at the King City arena for both Schomberg and NobleKing LL players in the 2012 birth year. These supplemental clinics will be skill based, for advanced level players hoping to move into competitive level Rep hockey in future years. There will be 3 initial evaluation skates available to assess player ability, and the final development group will be selected based on skill. Watch out for our Development update on our website, check your inbox or contact [john.fiacco@kingminorhockey.com](mailto:john.fiacco@kingminorhockey.com) for more details.

### **(5) Coaching Development**

Coaching development is important to us, so we will be investing in our Local League Coaches to ensure they have the development and resources they need to be successful.

A Coach 2 certification clinic will be hosted at the Trisan Centre on September 23 for any Coaches still needing their credentials (please see online registration which will be posted shortly on the website).

In addition, a Coach Development Clinic will be hosted on September 27th, with OMHA instructors providing valuable insights and tips on “How to Plan and Deliver an Effective Practice”. Coaches, this clinic is here to help you, so please sign up and attend!

### ***Most Importantly.....Make it Fun!***

We sincerely hope that this season is filled with great friendships, memories, and a rewarding hockey experience that will lay the foundation for the continued love of this great game. We'll see you all at the rink!

Yours in Sport,

NobleKing Minor Hockey Board of Directors

