

NobleKing Minor Hockey Association



Welcome to the 2019/20 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 2019/20 hockey season. Our volunteers have been hard at work putting together what is sure to be a fun filled and rewarding season.

We will be updating events on the NobleKing website, so please check in regularly at www.noblekinghockey.com.

Opening Weekend

Opening weekend is just around the corner with the official start of the season scheduled for September 7th and 8th. Our opening weekend will give our athletes the opportunity to get some of the rust off of the blades as well as get to know some of their fellow *Knights* and meet their coaches. All of our teams will be on the ice the weekend of the 7th and 8th, so it will be a busy weekend for hockey at the rinks.

The schedule for opening weekend will be as follows:

Saturday September 7th

IPLL Supplementary Development Evaluation skate 9:00-10:00a.m. - King City
IP (4 and 5 year olds) 10:00-11:00 a.m. - King City
IPLL (6 year olds) 11:00 a.m-12:00 p.m. - King City
Minor Novice (7 year olds) 12:00-1:00 p.m. - King City
Novice (8 year olds) 1:00-2:00 p.m. - King City
Atom (9 and 10 year olds) 2:00-3:00 p.m. - King City
Peewee 12:30-2:00 p.m. - Nobleton
Bantam 2:00-3:15 p.m. - Nobleton
Midget 3:15-4:30 p.m - Nobleton

Sunday September 8th

Minor Novice (7 year olds) 3:00-4:15 p.m. - King City
Novice (8 year olds) 4:15-5:30 p.m. - King City
Atom (9 and 10 year olds) 5:30-7:00 p.m. - King City
Peewee 2:45-4:15 p.m. - Nobleton
Bantam 1:30-2:45 p.m. - Nobleton
Midget 4:15-5:30 p.m - Nobleton

Thank you to our friends at the King City Lions Club who will once again be providing food and drinks for all at the King City Arena on September 7th. 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.

Local League Program

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

New for this season, the Tyke program has been rebranded as **Minor Novice**. This division is made up of 2012 born players.

Divisions from IP LL to Midget will once again be participating in the Simcoe Region Local League.

IP LL and Minor Novice will be participating in a modified season with games starting in December. Major Novice to be determined.

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

Development Program

Providing skill development opportunities for our Local League Players continues to be an important priority for us.

To help maximize the amount of development funding available to our players this year, we have once again 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 & IP LL (Saturday Mornings)

Saturday mornings will be the key development time for our IP Junior Knights and IP Local League teams. 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.

Please refer to the NobleKing website for times and locations.

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

Players at age divisions from Minor Novice to Pee wee 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.

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 in the near future. Please register early before these clinics fill up!

Clinics for the Thursday Development Nights 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).

(3) Free Goalie Clinics (Wednesday Nights)

Goalie Clinics will return for all NKMH and SMHA Goalies, hosted 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 until mid-December, as developing local goaltending talent is a key priority for us., We encourage any children interested in goaltending to come out and give it a try.

Sign up information for both our player and goalie clinics will be posted soon.

(4) Enhanced “Optional” IP Development

In addition to the regular IP LL Development held at 11am on Saturday mornings in King City, additional supplemental IP LL Skills Clinics will be hosted on Saturday mornings at 9am at the King City arena for both Schomberg and NobleKing LL players in the 2013 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. This enhanced program will offer approximately 26 weeks of skill development, for a fee of approximately \$350 - \$500 per player (ice costs will vary depending on the level of interest and the size of the group). This program will commence on Saturday September 8th, and clinic times will be Saturday mornings at 9:00 am. Please contact Julie Kerr for further details. A sign up link is now available on the King Township Minor Hockey website.

(5) Coaching Development

Coaching development is important to us, and we will be investing time and resources this season into making sure our Coaches have the development and resources they need to be successful.

Coach 1 and 2 certification clinics will be hosted at the Nobleton arena on Saturday September 28 (Coach 1) and Sunday September 29 (Coach 2) for any aspiring Coaches still needing their credentials. Please contact Julie Kerr for further information.

In addition, two Coach Development Clinics will be hosted on Thursday September 26 at Nobleton arena and Wednesday November 13 at Trisan arena, with OMHA instructors providing valuable insights and tips on *Small Area Games, and Developing Defensemen*. Coaches, this clinic is here *to help you, so please sign up and attend!* Contact Julie Kerr for more information.

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,

Remo Di Giovanni
President
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