

# NobleKing Minor Hockey Association 2022/23 Season

Hello Parents and Players,

First off, I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer and enjoying the last week as we all start to prepare for back to school and of course the beginning of a new hockey season! On behalf of the NobleKing Board of Directors and myself, I would like to officially welcome everyone - both returning and new families to the upcoming 2022/23 NobleKing hockey season.

Secondly, I would also like to thank all our volunteers who have worked very hard behind the scenes, as well as those supporting us throughout the season to ensure ongoing growth and development, a fun and respectful atmosphere and the opportunity to make memorable hockey moments!

## **Opening Week**

Opening week is just around the corner with the official start of the season scheduled for September 6th, 2022. Like in previous years, we will use this time to give our athletes the opportunity to dust off the rust, reconnect with their teammates and new coaches and maybe even build the case for a new hockey stick. All players (both NobleKing LL and those awaiting rep tryouts) will be on the ice throughout the week, so both our King City/Nobleton arenas and staff will be super busy.

To celebrate the start of our season, our friends at the King City Lions Club will once again be sponsoring and providing food and drinks for all players and parents at King City Arena on September 10<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you all to attend, as members of our board will be available to answer any of your questions and potentially help you squeeze some extra mustard and ketchup on your hamburgers. If you require any information in advance of opening week,

please contact our administrator, Julie Kerr at administrator@kingminorhockey.com

Lastly, as mentioned during the registration process, all players U8 and above will require NobleKing jerseys. You are welcome to reuse last years purchased jersey or order a new one via our apparel website at <a href="https://ultimatesports.tuosystems.com/stores/nobleking">https://ultimatesports.tuosystems.com/stores/nobleking</a>. Of course, it's also a great time to order some fan and player apparel as well!

#### The schedule for opening week will be as follows:

Division/Year of Birth	Tuesday Sept 6	Wednesday Sept 7	Thursday Sept 8	Friday Sept 9	Saturday Sept 10	Sunday Sept 11
U7 IP (2017/18)					10 am King City	
U7 LL (2016)					11 am King City	1230 pm King City
U8 (2015)				6 pm King City	12 pm Nobleton	130 King City
U9 (2014)		6 pm King City			1 pm King City	2:30 King City
U11 (2012)	7 pm Nobleton				3 p.m. King City	330 King City
U11 (2013)		7 p.m. King City		7pm King City	2 p.m. King City	
U13 (2010)		8 p.m. King City		8 pm King City	2 p.m Nobleton	
U13 (2011) Group A**			8 pm King City		12 pm Nobleton	10 am Nobleton
U13 (2011) Group B**				6 pm Nobleton	1 pm Nobleton	11:15 am Nobleton
U16 (2007/2008)			9 pm King City		3 p.m. Nobleton	1:45 pm Nobleton
U18 (2005)		9 pm Nobleton			5 p.m. Nobleton	4:15 pm Nobleton
U18 (2006)		8 pm Nobleton			4 p.m. Nobleton	3:00 pm Nobleton

<sup>\*\*</sup> U13 (2011) - Julie will email families directly with ice times as this age group will be split into 2 groups due to the large number of players

Until all teams are created sometime in late September/early October, I encourage you to visit the NobleKing website regularly at <a href="https://kingminorhockey.com/Categories/1001/Calendar/?Month=8&Year=20">https://kingminorhockey.com/Categories/1001/Calendar/?Month=8&Year=20</a> to gain insight on player ice times and locations as they may change week to week.

## **Local League Program**

As in previous years, we will be fielding various teams across most divisions this season from U7IP all the way up to U18 - to battle it out within the Simcoe Region.

We are also excited to announce a league wide partnership with TeamSnap. For the upcoming season, will be providing access to all teams - coaches, parents and players. For those that aren't aware, TeamSnap provides real-time scheduling for games/practices, chat and email communication, photo sharing and much more. Your coach/manager will provide more details on access to this tool once teams are created.

Finally, to help cheer on the home team you will notice increased NobleKing Knights pride in both our King City and Nobleton arenas, as we have now added our logo under the ice surface. Go Knights Go!

## **King Rebellion Rep Program**

We are also excited to kick off our rep program with our continued partnership with Schomberg, fielding various rep teams across all divisions. Teams and tryouts have already been created for U14, U15 and U16 divisions and we encourage those interested within U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 and U18 divisions to register for upcoming try outs happening in late September via the website <a href="https://kingminorhockey.com/Pages/1171/Tryout Registration and FAQ/">https://kingminorhockey.com/Pages/1171/Tryout Registration and FAQ/</a>

# **Development Programs**

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 be partnering 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 U7 IP & U7 LL (Saturday Mornings)

- Saturday mornings will be the key development time for our U7 IP Junior Knights and U7 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 U8 to U13 will be eligible to participate in optional development clinics hosted on Thursday Nights from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Nobleton Arena
- 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 rotating clinics as part of this program, with online registration for these clinics being available soon. 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., Powerskating, Shooting, Puck Handling - as well as occasional Coaching Development for Local League Coaches).
- Please refer to the NobleKing website for times and locations.

## (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 all season long, as developing local

goaltending talent is a key priority for us. We have several sets of beginners goaltending equipment for young players available for loan, and we encourage any children interested in goaltending to come out and give it a try.

#### (4) Enhanced "Optional" LL Development - U7LL/U8 Only

- In addition to the regular IP Development Clinics on Saturday mornings, additional supplemental Skill Clinics will be hosted on Saturday mornings from 9-10am at the King City arena for both Schomberg and NobleKing LL players in the U7LL and U8 divisions. These supplemental clinics will be skill based, for advanced level players hoping to move into competitive level Rep hockey in future years. This enhanced program will offer approximately 26 weeks of skill development. Development costs will vary depending on the level of interest and the size of the group.
- Please contact Julie Kerr for further details.

We sincerely hope that this season is filled with great friendships, everlasting memories, and a rewarding hockey experience that will lay the foundation for the continued love of this great game.

## **Pucks Deep!**

See you all at the rink!

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President NobleKing Minor Hockey Association