



NobleKing Minor Hockey Association

2023/24 Season Kickoff and Updates

To our NobleKing Members, Parents, and Athletes,

As we say goodbye to summer, I wanted to welcome back the game of hockey and provide each of you some exiting updates and news for our upcoming 2023/24 season.

First off, I wanted to thank the commitment and support of all our Board Members and Volunteers who have worked over the summer months to ensure a seamless start to the season. This impact goes a long way in providing a safe and fun environment for youth hockey in our community. On behalf of the King Hockey community, I want to say THANK YOU.

Opening Week

Like in previous years, to officially kick off the start of the hockey season we will be hosting a community BBQ sponsored by our friends from the King City Lions Club. This year it will be held on September 9th starting at 10am just outside the entrance of King City Arena. We will offer free burgers and drinking boxes to all members who are attending skates that day. Below you'll find a preview into the schedule, but as always, I encourage you to check the NobleKing calendar for up-to-date timing. We will also have our new apparel supplier "BARDOWN" on site showcasing their products for both NobleKing Knights and King Rebellion. Additionally, we will have our board members on-site to answer any hockey related questions you may have. Looking forward to meeting many of you that day! If you require any information in advance of opening week, please contact our administrator, Julie Kerr at administrator@kingminorhockey.com

2023-09-08 - King City Arena
9:30-11pm U18 (2006) all kids
2023-09-09 - King City Arena
10-11am IP Tim Bits Jr. Knights (2018, 2019)

11-12pm U7LL Jr. Knights (2017)
12-1pm U8 kids (2016) All kids including those trying out for MD team (preskate for tryouts as well)
1-2pm U9 kids (2015) All kids including those trying out for MD team (preskate for tryouts as well)
2-3pm U11LL (2013-2014) all kids
3-4pm U15LL (2009-2010) all kids
815-930pm U18LL (2007) all kids including those trying out for rep
2023-09-10 - King City Arena
2-3pm U7 LL (2017)
3-4pm U8 and U9 All kids (2016 and 2015) skate including those tryouts for MD team (preskate for tryouts)
2023-09-11 - King City Arena
6-7pm U8 and U9 All kids (2016- 2015) SKATE (preskate for tryouts as well)
7-8pm U11LL all kids (2013-2014)
9-10pm U15LL (2009-2010)
10-11pm U18LL 2006 kids not attending U18AA tryouts same evening
2023-09-14 - King City Arena
930-11pm U18LL 2007 Kids
2023-09-15 - King City Arena
6-7pm IP Timbits Jr. Knights (2018-2019)
9:30-11pm U18 (2006) all kids
2023-09-16 - King City Arena
10-11am IP Timbits Jr. Knights (2018-2019)
11-12pm U7LL Jr. Knights (2017)
2-3pm U8 and U9 kids that aren't attending tryouts that day
3-415pm U11 all kids (balancing skate)
655-815pm U15LL kids
815-930pm U18LL kids all 2007 kids
2023-09-17 - King City Arena
230-330pm U7LL (2017) kids

Until all teams are created sometime in late September, I encourage you to visit the NobleKing website regularly at <https://kingminorhockey.com/Categories/1001/Calendar/> to gain insight on player ice times and locations as they may change week to week.

Local League Programs

Timbits and NobleKing Knights

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 (SRLL) Simcoe Region Local League. We have most of our coaches selected at each age group who have been working hard behind the scenes preparing for the upcoming season and maybe a SRLL championship! Big thanks to those coaches who have already raised their hands to support. Although practice skates will start next week, most regular season games won't kick off until the official start of the SRLL season in early October. Lastly, don't forget to order a jersey set for the upcoming season, if

you require – and yes, you can totally reuse last years set if it fits. These jerseys sets are once again being subsidized to help drive the cost down for our LL program.

<https://www.hockeylion.ca/collections/nobleking-knights-team-wear>

Go Knights GO!

King Rebellion Rep Program

As many of you are aware, we are excited to kick off our first season as a “AA” centre. This shift will allow us to field teams at “AA” “A” and “BB” where viable. This is a great opportunity to offer our hockey athletes many options at different skill levels within each age group. Over the summer, our tryout committee was busy selecting our coaches and forming teams across many age groups. Big thanks to all those who supported this execution and all athletes who showed interest in showcasing their interest and capability to be part of a representative program. Go Rebellions Go!

This year we will be fielding representative teams in the following age groups: U10 AA and A, U11 AA and BB, U12 AA and BB, U13 AA, A and BB, U14 AA, U15 AA and BB, U16 AA, and BB. Tryouts are still underway for our U8/9 and U18 teams, if interested please ensure you register for tryouts on the King Rebellion website.

What’s New!

Every year, based on feedback from our members and coaches we look to improve the quality of play for all our teams and coaches. I’m excited to share a sneak peek into some of the improvements you’ll see this year:

- 1) **NEW Mini Goal Nets:** We have upgraded and purchased brand new high quality mini goal nets for our younger athletes at our King City Arena. Big thanks to King City Lions for the generous donation to subsidize 100% of all costs.
- 2) **NEW Rink Divider Half Boards:** We have also replaced all foam rink dividers with new high quality rink half boards at Trisan, Nobleton and King City Arenas. We have also future proofed the dividers in King City to be retrofitted into the new Township Wide Rec Centre. Big thanks to the Township of King who have fully subsidized this purchase for all arenas.
- 3) **LiveBarn Video:** In partnership with the Township of King, we have fully upgraded all King Township arenas with new video equipment to enable live streaming of all games played. LiveBarn is a subscription service that allows you to watch events Live or On Demand for 30 days. Your subscription allows you to watch streams from any LiveBarn-installed venue across the US & Canada. We have secured a discount code to provide each member with a 10% discount/promo code: “king-live” For more information visit www.livebarn.com
 - Save and share 30-second highlights
 - Download entire games/practices
 - Tag highlights while watching live, in-venue

- 4) **ACE Performance Gym Partnership:** More exciting details on exclusive membership and dryland rental discounts coming soon.
- 5) **BARDOWN in partnership with Hockey Lion:** Starting this season, we have also moved to a new provider for all our apparel needs. They have published a wide selection of apparel options from mittens, jackets to bucket hats to support and help cheer on our Knights and Rebellions in or outside of the rink. Please visit them online to show your Knight and Rebellion pride!
<https://www.hockeylion.ca/collections/nobleking-knights-team-wear>
<https://www.hockeylion.ca/collections/king-rebellion-team-gear>

Development Programs

Providing skill development opportunities for our Local League athletes 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 a partner with Young Guns Hockey to provide professional skill instruction to our skaters, as well as with Duane Crocker 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 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:** Players at age divisions from U8 to U13 will be eligible to participate in optional development clinics hosted on Thursday Nights from 7:00 to 8:00pm at Nobleton Arena. (NOTE: Unfortunately, because of the Nobleton Arena repairs, this will begin after November 1)
 - 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:**

- Goalie Clinics will return for all NKMH and SMHA Goalies, hosted Thursday nights at Kingdemere Arena in Pottageville from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Goalie instruction will be provided by Duane Crocker. Duane will work with beginner and developing LL goalies to help them learn basic skills and techniques. These free clinics will be offered until the Holidays, 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**

- Like in previous years, we will continue to look for new and exciting development opportunities to develop our athletes. We will share more information on the development of new programs and initiatives. Please share any feedback/suggestion directly with our development Director Matthew Cinelli at matthew.cinelli@kingminorhockey.com

Lastly, on behalf of the NobleKing and King Rebellion board members and myself, I wanted to wish everyone an exciting 2023/24 hockey season filled with everlasting memories, teamwork, development and of course lots of fun!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out! See you all at the rink 😊

Pucks Deep!

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