



NobleKing Minor Hockey Association

2024/25 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 exciting updates and news for our upcoming 2024/25 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. Unlike previous years, this year it will be held on September 7th starting at 11:00 am just outside the entrance of Nobleton Arena. We will have hot dogs 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. 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

| PRESKATES for upcoming tryouts | | | | |
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| U8 MD | 03-Sep | 600pm | Nobleton | These skates are for 2017 kids wanting to tryout for the U8 MD team |
| | 05-Sep | 500pm | Trisan | |
| | 08-Sep | 1030pm | Nobleton | |
| U9MD | 03-Sep | 700pm | Nobleton | These skates are for 2016 kids wanting to tryout for the U9MD team |
| | 05-Sep | 600pm | Trisan | |
| | 08-Sep | 1130am | Nobleton | |
| U18BB | 10-Sep | 9:30-11pm | Nobleton | These skates are for 2007/2008 kids wanting to tryout for the U18BB team |
| | 13-Sep | 9-11pm | Nobleton | |
| | 17-Sep | 9:30-11pm | Nobleton | |
| Opening Day: Saturday September 7th | | | | |
| U5 | 2020/2021 | 1130-1230pm | Nobleton Arena | |
| U7LL | 2019-2018 | 1230-130pm | Nobleton Arena | |
| U9 | 2017-2016 | 130-230pm | Nobleton Arena | |
| U11 | 2015-2014 | 230-330pm | Nobleton Arena | |
| U15 | 2010-2009 | 330-515pm | Nobleton Arena | |
| U18 | 2009-2008-2007 | 515-600pm | Nobleton Arena | |
| Monday September 9 | | | | |
| U9LL-U11LL skate | 7-8pm | King City Arena | | |
| Wednesday September 11 | | | | |
| U15LL skate | 830-930pm | King City Arena | | |
| U18LL skate | 9-10pm | King City Arena | | |
| Saturday September 14th | | | | |
| U5 skate | 10-11am | King City Arena | | |
| U7 skate | 11- 12pm | King City Arena | | |
| U9 skate | 12-1pm | King City Arena | | |
| U11 skate | 1-2pm | King City Arena | | |
| Sunday September 15th | | | | |
| U5 skate | 12-1pm | King City Arena | | |
| U7 skate | 1-2pm | King City Arena | | |

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 U5 Timbits all the way up to U21LL, 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 year's set if it still fits.

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

Go Knights GO!

King Rebellion Rep Program

As many of you are aware we are now a "AA" centre. 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: U11AA and U11B, U12A and U12B, U13AA, U13B and U14AA, U14A, U15AA, U16AA, U16BB, U18AA and U18BB. Tryouts are still underway for our U8MD U9MD and U18BB teams, if interested please ensure you register for tryouts on the King Rebellion website.

Zancor Centre Update

Like many of you, we are super excited for the opening of our new state of the art Recreation Centre. Construction is underway on King's Township-Wide Recreation Centre, a multi-partner project with an opening date set for Winter 2025. The centre will be a state-of-the-art, carbon neutral, fully accessible recreation complex with two NHL-sized ice surfaces, a six-lane 25-metre lap pool, a leisure pool, a multi-purpose athletic fieldhouse, and a multi-purpose community room. The building address will be 1600 15th Sideroad, King City, Ontario. For more information, please visit <https://www.king.ca/zancorcentre>

Until then, we will continue to offer programming at the historic King City Arena!

What's New!

- 1) **Welcoming our King Rebellion Junior "A" Team:** We are thrilled to welcome a new partner to the King Township Hockey community. The King Rebellion Junior "A" team now calls King home and will be integrated within our programs.
 - All members, when wearing their KTMHA jerseys will gain free access to all home games to cheer on the home team!
 - Exclusive opportunities throughout the year - meet the players, player development clinics and much more. We will continue to share and announce any upcoming opportunities throughout the season.
 - For more information on games and to learn more about this exciting team, please visit <https://www.kingrebellionojhl.com>

- 2) **LiveBarn Video:** In partnership with the Township of King, we will continue to offer live video streaming in all our arenas. 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

- 3) **BARDOWN in partnership with Hockey Lion:** Like last year, we will continue to partner with BARDOWN 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 U5 & U7 LL:** Saturday mornings will be the key development time for our U5 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.
 - **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 7:30 to 8:30pm at Nobleton Arena. Stay tuned sign-ups will be available shortly. To maximize the amount of ice time available and ensure that these development clinics are provided these will be hosted out of the Nobleton Arena on a rotating basis.
 - This will help ensure consistent development clinics until the end of January, 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 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., Power skating, Shooting, Puck Handling - as well as occasional Coaching Development for Local League Coaches).
 - Please refer to the NobleKing website for times and locations.

- 2) **Goalie Clinics:**
 - Goalie Clinics will return for all NKMH and SMHA Goalies, hosted Thursday nights at Trisan Arena from 6:00 to 7:00 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 clinics will be offered until the end of January, 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. Registration for these clinics will be available shortly.

- 3) **Enhanced "Optional" LL Development**

This year we have 2 opportunities for the kids that are looking for even more development and want to work towards the rep program. York Simcoe has added 2 programs U7CPP and U9CPP which are select teams where you would play on your local league team and in addition would have this extra

practice per week and that ice slot would also become the game slot for the select team when they play their games. It does not Interfere with the Local league program. It is in addition to the local league program. Tryouts will be held for this team later In September. Stay tuned for the date for this.

Lastly, on behalf of the NobleKing and King Rebellion board members and myself, I wanted to wish everyone an exciting 2024/25 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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