

Welcome to the 2026–27 U13 Rams Competitive Season

Dear Rams Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026–27 U13 Rams Competitive season. I am proud and excited to return for my third season as Head Coach of the Stittsville Rams 2014 age group. Over the past two years, we have built a culture centered around hard work, development, respect, and having fun. This season, we look forward to continuing that journey as our players take the next step into U13 hockey.

Our Mission and Philosophy

Our team will continue to be built on a coaching philosophy that emphasizes effort, accountability, teamwork, and continuous improvement. Hockey provides an incredible opportunity to teach life lessons that extend far beyond the rink. We want our players to learn the importance of commitment, resilience, leadership, and supporting one another through both success and adversity.

We are here to compete, develop, and enjoy the game. Practices will be challenging, purposeful, and fast-paced while providing an environment where every player is encouraged to improve and reach their full potential. Our goal is to become a team that is difficult to play against, represents the Rams organization with pride, and enjoys coming to the rink every day.

Our Core Values

- **Work Ethic** – Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.
- **Respect** – For teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and the game itself.
- **Leadership** – Every player has the opportunity to lead through attitude, effort, and character.
- **Team First** – The name on the front of the jersey will always be more important than the name on the back.
- **Growth Mindset** – We don't lose... we win or we learn.

Parent Partnership

Our parents play an important role in creating a positive experience for every player. I ask that we continue to foster an encouraging environment in the stands, around the rink, and at home. Cheer for all of our players, trust the development process, and remember that confidence grows through positive reinforcement.

Open communication is important to me. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's development, I am always happy to have a respectful conversation at the appropriate time.

Our Season: What to Expect

Competitive hockey requires commitment from both players and families. We anticipate 3–5 team activities each week, including practices, league games, tournaments, off-ice development, and team-building activities. We also recognize the importance of family, school, and maintaining balance throughout the season.

As our players continue to mature, we will place an even greater emphasis on hockey IQ, compete level, accountability, and becoming outstanding teammates. Most importantly, we want every player to continue developing a lifelong love of the game.

Tournament Schedule

We're excited to have another outstanding tournament schedule planned this season:

1. Perth Lanark Minor Hockey Tournament – October 23–25th, 2026
2. Pembroke Silver Stick Regional Tournament – November 20–22nd, 2026
3. Rams Mid-Season Showdown – November 27–29th, 2026 (Ottawa, Bell Sensplex)
4. *International Silver Stick Finals (Forest Hills, ON) – January 22–24th, 2027 (*if qualified*)
5. Powassan Black & Gold Hawkey Rep Tournament – February 5–7th, 2027

*If we do not qualify for the International Silver Stick finals, we will be signing up for the following tournament on the same weekend:

- Tournoi National M13 Anjou (Montreal)

Important Season Dates

- League Start: October 16th, 2026
- Rams Day: November 7th, 2026
- League Christmas Break: December 21st – January 3rd, 2027
- Regular Season Ends: February 7th, 2027
- Playoffs: February 12th – March 31st, 2027
- March Break Blackout: March 12 – 21st, 2027

Let's Go Rams!

The greatest reward in coaching is watching young athletes grow. Not only as hockey players, but as teammates, leaders, and confident young people. I am incredibly excited about this group and look forward to working together with our players and families to make this another memorable season.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Let's make this our best season yet!

See you at the rink!

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