

Hi everyone,

My name is Kendall Acres, and I'm excited to be a returning head coach for the 2026-27 U16 Rams and what will be a fun and exciting season.

I'd like to welcome all players born in 2011 to try out for this year's Rams team. Tryouts will begin in mid-September, and all participating players will be given a fair and equal evaluation and an opportunity to earn a spot on this year's team.

Tryouts will consist of scrimmages and exhibition games. The evaluation committee will be composed of independent, non-parent, hockey knowledgeable personnel who will be looking for players who are attentive, skilled, disciplined, and hard-working. Players who consistently exhibit a high compete level, positive attitude, and have a "team first" mindset will be critical to the overall team success.

Players can expect to develop both on and off the ice, through a combination of on-ice practice, off-ice instruction and conditioning, games and team activities.

Practices will be designed to be engaging, instructional, and high-paced. Drills will be designed to develop individual skills, to improve team play and to enhance in-game decision making. Practices plans will have an appropriate level of progression throughout the year. Players are expected to have fun at practice, and to bring with them a strong work ethic, be engaged, attentive and willing to learn and develop their game play.

Players should expect to commit 4-5 sessions per week. This includes games, practices, and team activities. Being a competitive club, all players are expected to attend all team events with exceptions made for illness, family, school, or suitable personal reasons.

Scheduled Tournaments

Tournament scheduling is in progress with the expectation that the team will attend 4-5 tournaments including 2-3 that require travel. There is a possibility we will travel to the US if no other tournaments can be found.

The team is presently registered to participate in the following events:

1. International Silver Stick Eastern Regionals, Northumberland, Ontario, November 20-22nd
3. Rams Showdown, Bell Sensplex, November 27-29th
4. King Playoff Challenge Cup, King City, Ontario January 29-31st

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the rink in September. Until then, I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Thanks,

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