



Welcome to the 2026-2027 hockey season!

My name is Bruce Hendry, and I'm extremely excited to be returning as Rams head coach for the upcoming hockey season.

I'd like to welcome all players born in 2010 to attend tryouts. Every player will be given a fair and equal opportunity to earn a spot on the team.

Tryouts will consist of scrimmages and exhibition games. The evaluation team will consist of 3-4 non-parent evaluators plus 2 assigned SMHA evaluators. **Evaluators will be looking for skilled, determined, hard-working and coachable players who demonstrate high hockey IQ and a team-first mentality.**

This season's program will continue to focus on developing players both on and off the ice. Throughout the year, we will emphasize important life skills such as work ethic, sportsmanship, teamwork, respect, commitment, enthusiasm, discipline, and accountability.

Practices will focus on individual skill development, teamwork, and a variety of game-like situations. Players will learn concepts including power play and penalty kill systems, offensive and defensive zone coverage, face-off alignments and other key team strategies. Strong habits and a dedicated work ethic displayed during practices will translate into positive results during games. Practices will be well organized, fast-paced, and engaging with coaches providing positive feedback and reinforcement. Players should come to every practice expecting to have fun, work hard and be challenged to improve.

Players should expect a commitment of 4-5 sessions per week, including games, practices and team/community events. As a competitive program, attendance at all team events is expected, with exception made for illness, family commitments or school obligations. Players will be responsible for managing their personal schedules while meeting their commitments to the team.

The team is scheduled to participate in the following tournaments.

Scheduled Tournaments

1. Coco Lemay (Rockland)-Oct 16-19, 2026
2. Capital Volunteers Cup (Ottawa)-Oct 23-25, 2026
3. Oshawa Challenge (Oshawa)-Nov 13-15, 2026
4. Rams Showdown (Kanata)-Nov 27-29, 2026
5. Melanie Clancy Memorial Tournament (Peterborough)-Jan 29-31, 2027

I look forward to meeting all players at tryouts and helping create a positive, competitive and rewarding hockey experience for everyone involved.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at bhendry14@yahoo.ca

GO RAMS!

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