



South Stormont Minor Hockey Association – P.O. Box 308, Long Sault, Ontario, K0C 1P0

Dear parents and players,

Let's go U11 Rep Team! Welcome to the 2021/2022 season. My name is Devon Eveleigh and I will be your head coach. Most of you will remember me from our time together in the U9 division. For those of you who don't know me, let me give you some insight into my hockey background. I started playing goalie at a young age with the Cornwall Minor Hockey Association eventually working my way onto the Rep Team and then to the AA division playing along side players like Jesse Winchester (#namedrop). From there, I went on to play Junior hockey for multiple teams in the surrounding area including none other than the local Long Sault Vipers.

My coaching career began early on working summers for Huron Hockey School coaching and teaching alongside some phenomenal instructors, and even a few NHL players. This eventually led to my position as head on ice goalie instructor. I've since coached for Atom, Peewee, Bantam with the CMHA and most recently the U9 division with SSMHA. I'm now looking forward to a great season as your head coach and the opportunity to pass on my knowledge and passion for the game we all love.

As we head into tryouts, I would like to address some key information.

- All tryouts are run and evaluated by the association, 3rd party evaluators, myself and the coaching staff.
- The following are the core hockey priorities that we will look for when evaluating players trying out for the South Stormont Selects U11 Rep Team.
 1. Attitude:
 - Shows respect for the game, teammates, coaches, officials and opponents
 - Supports teammates
 - Desire to learn and show discipline at all times
 2. Skating:
 - Sound agility and balance on both feet
 - Speed and acceleration in all directions
 - Ability to have speed with and without the puck
 3. Hockey sense:
 - Ability to make teammates around them part of the play
 - Ability to read the ice and react to the situation
 - To be creative
 4. Puck control:
 - Skill to handle puck at high speed in traffic and open ice
 - Ability to make hard and accurate passes
 - Skill to place their shots on net
- There will be 2 to 3 team events (practice, dry-land training, games, etc.) per week. Depending on fundraising activities, families should expect to contribute team dues over and above the SSMHA registration fees to cover additional ice times, referees, tournaments and/or exhibition games, and team events.

We will bring a firm approach to the rink and have an expectation that players work hard, play with discipline, encourage and support each other, and compete hard at each team event. Our focus this year will be on team play, developing and improving skills in your position and most importantly, having some fun on and off ice, together as a team!

LET'S GO SELECTS!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. devoneveleigh@hotmail.com