

Dear Parents and Players -

I am honored to be the Bantam A Head Hockey Coach for the 2008-2009 hockey season and I would like to invite you to try-outs this June 13th-15th. The ultimate goal of try-outs will be to place the athlete on a team where they will benefit most. The coaches and evaluation panel will make every effort to make the selection process as fair as possible for all players involved.

17 players will be selected for the team. 15 skaters and 2 goalies. Players are to be dressed and out of the locker room 15 minutes before the ice time begins to receive session instructions. Shortly after the final tryout, a list will be posted at the arena indicating which players have been selected for the A team. Roster decisions throughout the season will be based on USA hockey guidelines.

Our season will consist of approx. 50 games, 90 practice hours, 4 tournaments, Regionals, and a load of excitement. Players will learn several team strategies and philosophies while developing physical and mental skills. We will play fun, competitive hockey with an emphasis on teamwork, sportsmanship, and player development. All members of the team will make a commitment to responsible behavior, a positive attitude, and hard work.

I am excited to be a part of the Portland Jr. Hawks Premier Bantam team for the 08-09 hockey season. I hope to see you all at tryouts and throughout the season. Please contact me with any questions or comments at (503) 419-8281 or bwewerka@comcast.net.

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