



My name is Ehren Cory and I will be coaching the Leaside Wildcats Pee wee A team for the 2018-19 season. This will be my sixth season coaching with the TLGHA, in addition to coaching experience in boys' hockey and soccer, and I am looking forward to another exciting season. My goal is to provide a positive atmosphere where the girls can develop their skills and build what I hope will be a lifelong passion for the game.

Overall philosophy/approach

I believe that the keys to having a fun, successful season where the girls learn, develop to their full potential, and grow their love of hockey are:

1. Grounding everything in fundamentals – particularly skating speed and agility, puck handling, and passing
2. Having specific learning goals both for the team as a whole as we progress through the season, and for each individual player so they can each reach their full potential
3. Keeping practices fun and fast-paced, with clear teaching points and often with a competitive element to keep the girls engaged
4. Making sure the girls have the opportunity to form lasting friendships with teammates
5. Creating leadership opportunities for each girl, in the room and on the ice
6. Competing to our full potential, being tenacious, and bringing our best to the rink each time we are on the ice
7. Valuing sportsmanship above all – treating teammates, opponents, and officials with the utmost respect (both players and parents)

The team is for players born in 2006 and 2007. I am looking for players who are enthusiastic, keen to learn, and hardworking. Having the right attitude is essential to having a successful season in a team environment.

Season schedule

We will be on the ice 3-4 times per week – typically 2 practices and 1-2 games per week.

Practices will be a mix of coach-led and professional instruction, with additional targeted instruction for goaltenders. We will start the season with a pre-season training camp in late August so that the team can start to build a strong bond as a group and to get their skating legs back. We will participate in the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League, with pre-season games and practices starting in September and the regular season running from October through January, with playoffs in February/March. We will also

take part in 5-6 tournaments throughout the year, including 2 with overnight stays. These overnight tournaments are an important part of team building and are usually a highlight of the year for the girls.

I encourage well-rounded players who participate in a range of activities and sports. That said, hockey at this level requires a significant commitment from players and their families. Family and school should come first, after that hockey must be considered the primary extra-curricular activity.

Toronto Leaside Girls Hockey Association Requirements and Rules

All players must pay a deposit of \$300 upon making the team at April tryouts. Remaining program fees must be paid in full by the end of the calendar year 2018 and can be paid in instalments, as laid out by the team manager.

All Wildcats Competitive teams are required to participate in the Toronto Leaside Wildcats Tournament which takes place the first weekend of March break (2019). All families are expected to assist with volunteer tasks for this significant Association event.

If the Peewee A 2018-19 program interests you, please feel free to contact me. Tryouts for the team will be held in April, details to follow on the TLGHA website.

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