

Toronto Leaside Wildcats Midget AA

Head Coach: Kim McCullough

My name is Kim McCullough and I am the head coach of the Toronto-Leaside Wildcats Midget AA team for the 2012/13 season. This will be my 5th year coaching in the Leaside organization.

In the 2011/12 season, I was the Head Coach of the Leaside Bantam AA team, an Associate Coach for the Toronto Aeros Midget AA team and a Head Coach at the 2012 Ontario Winter Games. In the previous season, I was an assistant coach for the Leaside Midget AA team and an assistant coach in the PWHL (Provincial Women's Hockey League). I have also completed my High Performance 1 coaching certification through Hockey Canada, which is required to work with elite players at the Under-18 and senior level nationally, and have been invited to complete the High Performance 2 certification this summer.

As a player, I played for the Leaside Wildcats organization for my entire minor career (Bantam, Midget and Intermediate) before playing NCAA Division 1 hockey at Dartmouth College (Ivy League), where I was the captain in my senior year, and we won 4 league titles and made two national tournament appearances. I am also the Director and Founder of Total Female Hockey, an organization that has run hockey camps and provided specialized training resources for female players and teams all over North America for the past 5 years. Helping players realize their potential is my true passion.

The overall goal of our Midget AA program is to create an environment that gives the individual players, and the team as a whole, the opportunity to develop and succeed. Having coached at the Midget AA level for the past 2 seasons, I have firsthand knowledge of what it takes to compete and succeed at this level. The primary focuses will be on developing elite level individual skill and game sense, as well as executing team strategies & systems. We will be a very well prepared, well respected and highly competitive team at both the league and provincial level.

Professional instruction for the players will be provided by the head coach in her capacity as instructor/coach and goalie instruction will be provided by Sandy Sampson, Director of Just Goalie hockey school. In addition to 3-4 hours on practice time each week, our program will include weekly off-ice conditioning sessions, off-season training programs, a pre-season training camp, and will also incorporate mental performance and nutrition sessions to help all players perform their best. We plan to enter 4-6 tournaments over the course of the season.

We are looking for skilled players who are committed to working hard on and off the ice, and are dedicated to becoming the best players they can be while having a strong "team first" mentality. Interested players should contact me directly in advance of tryouts. Best of luck to all those who attend tryouts and I look forward to a most successful season.

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