My name is Mike D'Aloisio and I am excited to be returning as an Ottawa Valley Silver Seven head coach for a  $3^{rd}$  season. I am the coach of the U11 "AA" team for the 2023-24 season. I am looking forward to a terrific season filled with development and fun for our players.

I'd like to welcome all players born in 2013 to come and try out for the team. Please check back on the website on a regular basis for registration information and tryout details. If you have any questions about the season, I encourage you to email me for more information. We strive to ice the most competitive team possible. Parents and players can be guaranteed that each player will be given the opportunity to make the team and be assessed by independent evaluators.

This season will be spent focusing on team play and individual skill development in a positive, safe, fun, and competitive environment. Our team will be striving to improve at each ice session, and I will be encouraging our players to dedicate themselves to accomplishing whatever personal and team goals are established by and for our players. I am dedicated to providing strong instruction to our players and teaching them the fundamentals of hockey, teamwork and sportsmanship. My expectation of players is that they show a positive attitude and the ability to be coached. They must be team oriented and have the skill, speed and competitive drive of an elite player.

Players and parents are expected to commit to a minimum of 4-5 sessions per week (games, practices, and off-ice training) at a variety of locations throughout Ottawa and our district. To play on the team, I require that players and families prioritize playing for Silver Seven ahead of all other sports and extracurricular activities. Attendance at all practices, games and other team events are mandatory.

The team is entered in 4 tournaments this season. Locations and dates are listed below: Sep 22-24 —Peterborough
Dec 8-10 — Vaughn
Dec 27-Jan 1 — Bell Capital Cup (Ottawa)
Feb 2-4 — Barrie

I am looking forward to hitting the ice and having our players continue on their hockey development paths. It is going to be a fantastic year and I hope that all players in our district interested in playing top tier hockey attend tryouts this coming fall.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns about your player, please do not hesitate to contact me.

See you at the rink! Mike D'Aloisio mdaloisio@silversevenhockey.com