



# Kanata Cubs 9U Rep Baseball



Hello Players and Parents,

My name is Mark Crispin and I am extremely excited to have been given the opportunity to coach the 9U Kanata Cubs rep team for the upcoming 2022 season. This will be the initial jump into the world of competitive baseball for both players and parents so I would like to welcome everyone and provide a brief introduction of myself and outline the upcoming season.

Baseball has been part of my life from a very young age when I was a member of Kanata little league, I played baseball at a high level all the way up, then moved on to some more competitive traveling teams which allowed me the opportunity to play in a number of tournaments all over North America. I feel my experiences on and off the field will translate really well into coaching young athletes and can't wait to share some of those experiences.

My intentions for the upcoming season are to create an environment that players can have fun in and that every player wants to be part of. I want players to be engaged when they come to the diamond for both games and practices with a willingness to put in the work to improve their skills. Learning to be part of a team and working with others will also be a focus and help all of these players grow as individuals on and off the diamond. Focusing on fundamental skill development is extremely important at this age level and all the players will get an opportunity to learn and play all over the diamond. My goal at the end of the season is to ensure every player makes progress with skills development but more importantly wants to continue playing baseball in our program past this season.

In order to successfully develop within a competitive baseball structure an increased level of commitment is required from both players and the parents. At the 9U level players and parents need to be prepared for 1-2 practices per week and 1-2 games per week. Practices and games are important parts of development at this age and are considered mandatory in this program. We are also hoping to take part in 3-4 tournaments throughout the season, one of which we will be hosting on August 5-7, 2022 as well as a couple of out-of-town tournaments.

Tryouts for the 9U team will take place Feb 12<sup>th</sup> & Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

Once tryouts have been completed I will send out offer letters by end of day Feb 21<sup>st</sup> outlining further details for the upcoming season.

Once again I appreciate the opportunity and look forward to seeing everyone at the diamond.

Thank You  
Mark Crispin