



## **AA Program Overview**

AMHA has AA teams the Pee Wee (two teams), Bantam, Female Midget and Midget divisions. All of these teams are called the AA Lightning. These teams are run by their division director and overseen by the VP of High Performance.

The AA teams are competitive teams with heavy travel schedules and large operating budgets. The AA teams practice and play home games in Airdrie arenas.

Players on these teams will have busy schedules and should expect to practice 2 times per week with additional dry land sessions. Games can be on weekends or weekdays. Travel can be as far away as 5 hours (in divisions where Cranbrook is enrolled). Players will be expected to manage their time and their school work in order to attend all scheduled team activities.

A sponsorship program may be initiated on a per division bases depending on approval.

Parent participation will be expected for duties on the team such as fundraising, penalty box staff, 50/50, manager, treasurer, equipment manager, etc.

AA have the option to travel to games more than one hour away by bus. Parents and family members may also ride the bus provided there is space available. Games that are less than one hour away from Airdrie will be parent driven. Players are not permitted to drive themselves to out of town games.

AA Coaches may see a benefit to having players room together at tournaments. In this case parents would be required to book a room for their family in addition to the team bookings for the players.

AA team coaches will decide on busing, hotels, meals etc. for all league games. Team families will decide on tournaments and extra exhibition games through team vote. If there is a majority vote is an extra event it would be expected that all players would attend and that the team funds would pay for that event.

Coaches for AA teams are usually non-parent. The coaches and their staff will choose the team.

The AA teams play in the South Central Alberta Hockey League and the Alberta Female Hockey League.

AA team fees for the season can be upwards of \$2000 per player (not including the initial registration fee paid to register with AMHA). These fees would not include the cost of hotels or travel for parents.

Additional AA team expenses might include

1. Tournament Registration Fees
2. Matching Team Socks
3. Ice and referee costs for exhibition games
4. Team supplies (first aid kit, coaching tools etc)
5. Team meals
6. Team building events
7. Coaching expenses (mileage, hotels, food)
8. Practice Jerseys
9. Team apparel
10. Referee fees
11. Program printing costs