



AAA Program Overview

Players within the AMHA zone have the opportunity to participate with the following AAA teams:
The CFR Chemicals Midget AAA Bisons **A/C Avalanche Midget 15 AAA**Xtreme Bantam AAA
****Check Websites for registration information** for these teams.**

Governance of these teams is provided by a board of directors that is made up of representatives from each of the following Minor Hockey Associations; Airdrie, Cochrane, Wheatland, Okotoks, and Foothills. The teams are chosen by the coaches with the team selection process being over seen by the board of directors.

The CFR Chemicals Bisons players are expected to live and attend school in Airdrie and be registered in the Global Sport Academy. A successful relationship between the Bisons and Global Sport Academy/Rocky View Schools will allow for daytime practices and smooth transitions back to player's home schools after their season concludes. There is a billet program to accommodate non-local players this program is NOT mandatory for the 2017/2018 season.

For all AAA teams there are tryout sessions and for some teams there are optional conditioning camps. Fees for tryouts and conditioning camps are separate from team fees and are due at the time of registration. Tryout and Conditioning camp fees are between \$150 and \$200 per player per camp.

Invitations for tryout camps are sent out by the individual teams and every attempt is made to ensure all eligible players receive invitations however, if you don't receive a camp invite your player can still attend by obtaining a registration form from the team's websites.

All three of these teams are highly competitive teams with heavy travel schedules and independent operating budgets. The Bisons practice and play home games out of the Ron Ebbesen Arena in Airdrie, the Xtreme practice and play home games out of the Ron Ebbesen Arena in Airdrie and the AC Avalanche practice and play home games out of the Cochrane arenas.

Players on these teams will have very busy schedules and should expect to practice 2 to 4 times per week, with additional dry land sessions. Players will be expected to manage their time and their school work in order to attend all scheduled team activities. Bison players will be expected to participate in the Global Sport Academy Program and practice during weekdays. Players usually travel by bus to games with the team and coaching staff. Parents may or may not ride the bus depending on the team policy. Bussing may not be required for games that are close to home.

Fees for these teams do not include the cost of hotels or travel for parents. Fundraising endeavors may be initiated by the teams to apply toward team and player costs.

All players who reside in the Airdrie Minor Hockey Boundary must register with AMHA in the event they don't make the AAA team they are trying out for. This is important so that a spot is held for each player within their local association.