

## **Travel Program Overview**

AMHA has travel teams in the Novice, Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Female divisions. All of these teams are called the Airdrie Lightning. These teams are run by their division director and overseen by the VP of Competitive.

The travel teams are competitive teams with moderate travel schedules and moderate operating budgets. The travel teams practice and play home games in Airdrie.

Players on these teams will practice <u>2 times per week</u>. A possible dry land session will be scheduled at the discretion of the team. League games are played on weekends. Travel to out of town games is required to compete against other Central Alberta Hockey League teams (up to 3 hours away from Airdrie) or Rocky Mountain Female League teams for the female division. Players will be expected to be committed to the team and must strive to attend all practices, games and team activities.

Team fundraising efforts could lower the team fees.

Parent participation will be required for duties on the team such as fundraising, penalty box staff, 50/50, manager, treasurer, equipment manager, tournament co-ordinator etc.

Team travel is usually parent driven, but busing is an option and can be decided upon by the team.

Team families will decide on tournaments and extra exhibition games through a team vote. If the majority vote is for any extra event it would be expected that all players would attend and that the team funds would pay for that event.

Coaches for travel teams are usually parent coaches. AMHA evaluation process selects these teams.

The travel teams play in the Central Alberta Hockey League and the Female travel teams play in the Rocky Mountain Female League.

Additional team fees for the season will arise (not including AMHA initial registration fee). These fees would not include the cost of hotels or travel.

Additional travel league team expenses might include

- 1. Tournament Registration Fees
- 2. Matching Team Socks
- 3. Ice and referee costs for exhibition games
- 4. Team supplies ( coaching tools etc)
- 5. Bussing/Dryland