



Welcome to the CNN Minor Hockey Association!

This information package may be useful to new or returning families when planning your child's upcoming season. We appreciate you taking the time to read this package over and hope you enjoy the upcoming season!

What does CNN stand for?

The acronym "CNN" stands for Crows Nest North. Crows Nest North road is the halfway point between Gibbons and Bon Accord. CNN minor hockey teams are made up of families from both communities, which makes the CNN family larger than your average rural minor hockey association.

CNN's Philosophy

CNN creates a holistic learning environment for all players, parents, and coaches. Giving players a safe and fun learning experience is our number one priority. We are committed to developing strong hockey players on the ice and well-rounded individuals off the ice.

What can you expect from CNN and what do they have to offer?

CNN is a rural minor hockey association, with big benefits. Having two arenas gives us the ability to give teams more ice time, usually 3+ hours a week! We offer reasonable hockey fees, which include hockey development classes (power skating, shooting camps, goalie camps, etc).

Fundraising is a major contributor to any hockey association. Once teams are selected, the parents from your child's team will meet and discuss fundraising options. The funds raised will help to offset fees from any tournaments or events that your team plans on attending. Any extra fees for tournaments etc. that cannot be covered by your team's fundraising initiatives will be the responsibility of the parents.

What equipment am I required to provide for my child?

The following is a checklist of equipment for the initiation level of minor hockey. Equipment requirements progress as your child progresses in minor hockey.

Underclothes	—
Jock Strap or Jill Strap	—
Shin Pads	—
Practice Socks (covers shin pads)	—
Hockey Shorts	—
Hockey Skates	—
Shoulder pads	—
Neck Guard	—
Elbow pads	—
Hockey Helmet (CSA approved)	—
Hockey Stick	—
Hockey Gloves	—

These are the minimum equipment requirements for minor hockey. As your child progresses, they will be required to supply other equipment, such as: mouth guards, goalie equipment, etc. It's important for your child's safety that all equipment fits properly and is of good quality. If equipment requirements are not met, coaches will not be able to allow your child on the ice.

[Are there places I can find quality used equipment?](#)

Facebook group – *CNN Spurs equipment Buy, sell and donate*

Find used equipment right here in Gibbons and Bon Accord!

Totem Outdoor Outfitters (7430 99 St NW, Edmonton AB) has a great selection of used equipment.

Source for Sports (8802 100 St, Fort Saskatchewan AB) Used skates and great deals on new equipment.

[What does CNN require of you as a spectator, coach or player?](#)

Spurring Positivity Program- All Parents, Players, Coaches are required to read, understand and sign an oath for our ***Spurring Positivity Program***. The program has been developed for our association to further ensure our commitment to creating an enjoyable and positive environment for everyone involved.

Spectating parents - One parent from each household is required to complete the “Respect in Sport - parent” program. This can be found at:

<http://respectinsport.com/parent-program/>

Head and Assistant Coaches - Head coaches are required to complete both the Hockey Alberta coaching program, Coach stream, and the Respect in Sport – coach program. Head coaches will progress through the levels of the “coach stream” program as desired, based on the level that they would like to coach. Assistant coaches are also expected to complete the Respect in Sport – coach program. Coach stream lessons/info can be found at:

<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/coaches/>

The Respect in Sport – coach program can be found at:

<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/members/respect-sport/>

(click on the link Activity Leader/Coach/Officials link and you’ll be prompted to register or recertify)

Coaches, assistant coaches, and parents will be required to complete these programs early in the season. Completing these courses helps to ensure that everyone has a successful and respectful season. Failure to complete these courses could result in parents not being allowed to attend or coaches not being allowed to coach.

What are some of the skills your child will be taught throughout the hockey season?

The objectives being taught to your child throughout their minor hockey experience can be summed up into specific skills. While physical and technical skills are a priority in any minor sport, your child will also be learning valuable life lessons. Important social skills like teamwork, commitment, perseverance, accountability, etc. will be blended into every season.

Where can I find additional information regarding the CNN minor hockey association?

Any other information, including policies, bylaws, and board member contacts, can be found on the CNN spurs website:

<http://www.cnnspurs.com/>

Please do not hesitate to ask your team manager or level director any questions that you may have.

Thank You, from the entire CNN hockey family. We hope you have a fun, exciting and positive hockey season!

