



Okotoks Minor Hockey Associations

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WELCOME TO OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY!

Dear Parents and Participants,

As the Okotoks Minor Hockey Association Board President, I want to thank you for your family's involvement in our program for the upcoming season. As a volunteer and coach in our program for numerous seasons, I know the amount of time and effort it takes to prepare a team and league for play. I would like to thank you in advance for making the commitment to this association, and I look forward to working with you in 2017-2018.

Please Take Time to Volunteer

For those of you that do not know, we continue preparation for each upcoming season and work all the way through to the end of our current season. I would like to encourage all of our families to become more involved in our program. This is a volunteer based organization and without parent participation, it will be impossible to grow and improve our program. When we ask for your assistance, please help. Parents normally perform jersey duties, penalty & score clock, etc. but we also need volunteers for various other functions that greatly assist the coaches, players, and the league overall. Without parent involvement, the association simply could not exist.

Competitiveness

Hockey is a very competitive program, not only here locally, but throughout Canada. Our organization encourages fair play giving every child an opportunity for playing time. We coach to improve the skills of all players, but also the life lessons they will use in the future. Coaches are trained to evaluate the players, and determine where they can best be suited to help the team. Not all players will perform at the same level, or have the same desire to play and perform, but all players will participate.

Continued Growth

Youth sports are a great way to teach children about teamwork, honor, integrity, sportsmanship, leadership, and other character traits. Our coaches strive to teach your children not only the fundamentals of playing hockey, but also the fundamentals of valuable life lessons.

Parents Responsibility

Hockey Alberta has mandated that all parents complete Respect in Sport before your child will be allowed to play their first game. I urge all parents to pause and think why we are required to do this, and to take something away from the course. Please remember why we are at the rink, it is about the children first, for their enjoyment not ours. Let's let the kids have fun while we meet new people, connect with old friends, or just enjoy watching and cheering on our kids doing something they love!

I look forward to serving you in 2017/18 and to helping our children become better hockey players and individuals in the community while keeping our program as one of the best in Southern Alberta!

Best wishes for your family for a fabulous season!

Regards,

Geoff Stewart
OMHA President