



# OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb 3: Coach Mentor Night @ Oilers
- Feb 6: AGLC Charitable Groups Session
- Mar 3: Grand Opening New Arena
- Mar 3-4: Timbit Tournament
- April 21: Jerseys and Jeans Fundraiser
- May 16: OMHA AGM
- June 21: OMHA Golf Tournament

**NEW ARENA  
SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES  
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## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

FROM GEOFF STEWART, PRESIDENT

Okotoks Minor Hockey is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals – players, bench staff, spectators and game officials – are treated with respect.

It has recently come to my attention that certain individuals and groups within OMHA have been abusing our game officials and conducting themselves in a manner that is not consistent with the values or Code of Conduct of Okotoks Minor Hockey or Hockey Alberta.

Be advised:

Insulting language or gestures towards the referee in the arena is just as unacceptable as it would be on the street or in the grocery store. The context of hockey does not change what is appropriate or what should be tolerated, and our children should not be led to believe otherwise.

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As role models to these young players, it is everyone's responsibility to demonstrate dignity and respect, no matter what the venue.

Members and participants shall not engage in any activity or behaviour that is not consistent with the values of fairness, integrity and mutual respect. As per the VP of Programs letter we have advised our Directors to notify all referees that any further incidents from spectators will result in the immediate suspension of game play until the referee has removed the spectator in violation of the Code of Conduct. The OMHA Game in Conduct Volunteers and Executive board have already received numerous complaints and issues derived from behavioral issues at the Rink.

Players, coaches and officials make mistakes. Hockey is a game played, coached and officiated by humans. Players have the greatest opportunity through the course of a game to influence it's outcome more than any referee who just 'blew' a call ever will.

Hockey is a game, let's keep it fun for everyone.

-Geoff

**Coach Mentor Night @ the Okotoks Oilers**

The Okotoks Oilers would like to invite the Head and Assistant Coaches of OMHA to this year's Coach Mentor Session on Saturday February 3rd when the Oilers take on the Sherwood Park Crusaders. We are inviting coaches from both Male and Female streams, and from Timbits to Midget. All participants will receive complimentary tickets to the game.

February 3  
5:30-6:00 PM Light Dinner / 6:00-6:45 PM Oilers Coaching  
Multi-Purpose Room @ Pason Centennial Arena  
RSVP by January 28 to dawnl@okotoksoilers.com



**Okotoks Oilers Bantam 3 to Play Against Croatia February 4**

The Okotoks Oilers Bantam 3 team will be competing against an international team from Croatia, the KHL MLADOST, on February 4, 2018 at 4:45 PM in the Piper Arena in the Okotoks Recreation Center. Come cheer the players on!



**IMPORTANT LINKS & NOTES:**

- OMHA Website
- OMHA Bylaws
- OMHA Game and Conduct

**Respect in Sport Course**

Hockey Alberta mandates that one parent of every player take the Respect in Sport course. This course must be renewed every 4 years. You must have a valid certification before your player will be allowed to play this season. If you have not already taken this course, please click here.



OMHA logo is on the new office door!

**New Arena Update**

The two NHL sized arenas will now be known as the Pason Centennial "GREEN" and "GOLD" arenas. The original arena will be the GREEN arena and the new arena will be the GOLD arena. Isn't that much better than Pason #1 and Pason #2!!

There will be 3 new multi-purpose rooms in the expanded facility and will be available to rent starting March 1st (bookings will not be taken until February 1st)

Opening hours of the Leisure Ice Arena will be 9:00 am – 9:00 p.m. Flood times will vary depending on other activities in the building and the amount of use on the ice surface. All skating will be free of charge and is not rentable. Please note that this surface is for leisure skating only. Full hockey equipment is not permitted, hockey practices/warm-ups and figure skating is not allowed and users will lose their regular ice times if abused in any way.

*save the dates*

JERSEYS AND JEANS FUNDRAISER  
APRIL 21 2018

OMHA GOLF TOURNAMENT  
JUNE 21 2018



## In Other News....

### OMHA BYLAWS

Our bylaws were last updated in 2010 and are due for an update. Dan Laplante has graciously offered to help us, thank you Dan!

### Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission

The Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission has scheduled a Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) combined session near you! The session is Tuesday February 6th, 2018, at the Best Western Plus Okotoks Inn & Suites, 100 Southbank Road, Okotoks at 9am-1pm.

This session is for all charitable groups who have a gaming licence or who would like to learn how to get a gaming licence and who would like more information on how gaming funds may be used. Examples of groups would be:

- Museum Society, Historical Society, Senior Clubs and Church Organizations
- School Education Associations and Sports groups – curling, soccer, hockey, skating, golf



The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission facilitator will cover the following topics:

- Eligibility for gaming Licenses and the Licensing application process.
- Requirements for conducting a, Casino, raffle, bingo or pull-ticket events.
- Policies around the use of gaming proceeds and how to get approvals (examples of forms). New Forms & policies for donations
- Financial reporting requirements.
- Able to ask questions
- GAIN manual provided (Eleventh Edition-July 2017)!!

This session will provide valuable information to charitable groups by helping them gain a better understanding of the responsibilities and requirements of their gaming licence. **To pre-register, please contact your Director.**

### BE A PART OF HISTORY AS WE BUILD A HOCKEY STICK MURAL AT THE PASON CENTENNIAL ARENA

Just like the pros, sign and display your favorite stick permanently on the donation wall. All proceeds go towards new furniture and fixtures in the expanded arena and a charitable donation receipt provided. View the design online and at the Pason Centennial Arena Client Services desk. For more information, please visit [okotoks.ca/pcamural](http://okotoks.ca/pcamural) or call 403.938.8954.



#### Donation Prices:

8" Stick - \$125	18" Stick - \$250
Plaque - \$400	5' Stick - \$600

## New Arena Sponsorship Opportunities

Starting Feb 2018 and Continues for the 2018-2019 Season

Rink Board (4'x8') - 20 available	\$1500*/year
Wall Board (3'x8') - 32 available	\$1000*/year
In Ice Logo (4'x12') - 4 available	\$3000*/year
Score Clocks - 2 available	\$850* ea. or \$1500* for both/year

All 2018-2019 sponsors will receive the right of first refusal for the following season.

Contact Geoff at [gstewart@okotokshockey.com](mailto:gstewart@okotokshockey.com) for more information and to secure your sponsorship!



# From Our Sponsors

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OMHA offers two exciting opportunities for local businesses that allow their company name to be seen by hundreds, if not thousands, of local families.

Each travel team in OMHA is eligible to have a company name displayed on a name bar on the back of their jerseys.

For further information, please contact us at [sponsorship@okotokshockey.com](mailto:sponsorship@okotokshockey.com).



### Okotoks Oilers

- Saturday February 3rd vs Crusaders @ 7:00 pm
- Sunday February 4th vs Wolverines @ 4:15 pm
- Friday February 9th vs Storm @ 7:00 pm
- Saturday February 17th vs Mustangs @ 7:00 pm
- Monday February 19 vs Canuchs @ 4:15 pm
- Friday February 23rd vs Grizzly's @ 7:00 pm

All OMHA players can receive complimentary entrance to all home games with their VIP Player's cards

### Okotoks Oilers Spring Hockey Development

Novice to Midget Aged Players

8 weeks – 19 sessions from April 9 to June 7

Programs running at both Scott Seaman Sports Rink & Pason Centennial Arena

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