



# OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



*Followed my HEART...and it LEAD me to the RINK*

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Aug 23: Coach Interviews Started
- Sept 9: Evaluations Start
- Sept 17: Hockey Alberta Coach 1 Clinic
- Sept 18: Hockey Alberta Coach 2 Clinic
- Sept 19: Hockey Alberta Checking Clinic
- Oct 3: OMHA Coaches Meeting
- Oct 4: RMFHL Manager/Coach Meeting
- Oct 11: Managers Meeting
- Nov 9-11: Female Tournament
- Nov 15: Police Record Checks/RIS Due
- Nov 21: OMHA IGM
- Dec 22-23: Novice Tournament
- Mar 2-3: Timbit Tournament
- May 15: OMHA AGM

**NEW 2018-2019  
SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES  
RELEASED**

## WELCOME TO OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY!

FROM GEOFF STEWART, PRESIDENT

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 this season.

### 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. We also need volunteers for various other functions that greatly assist the coaches, the players, and the league overall. Without parent involvement, the association simply could not exist.

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**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 take something away from the course. Please remember why we are at the rink. It is about the children first, for their enjoyment. They are not performing for our enjoyment. 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 2018/19 and 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!

- Geoff

**OMHA CASINO**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for OMHA's Casino in August. Without you we could not have pulled off another fantastic fundraiser!

**NEW OMHA JUNIOR COACHES WANTED**

OMHA is committed to the development of all our members, whether playing or coaching the game of hockey. We have created an initiative for the development of our youth members into leadership roles within our association. Please see our "Junior Coach Program" section on our web page for more information.

**NEW SAFETY, HEALTH AND GOALIE INITIATIVES THIS YEAR**

OMHA has been working very hard this summer on new initiatives for this upcoming season to keep our players safe. We will also be working on some goalie resources and clinics. More information to come!

**IMPORTANT LINKS & NOTES:**

- OMHA Website
- OMHA Bylaws
- OMHA Game and Conduct

**NEW CHANGE - 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 so if you completed the course the first year it was implemented, you will need to take this course again before your child hits the ice!**

**Hockey Alberta Hockey Alberta Coach 1 Clinic**

This course will take place on **Sept 17** in Okotoks in the Pason Centennial OMHA Board Room and the Murray Arena.

- In Class: 6-8:00 PM (OMHA Board Room)
- On Ice: 8:30-9:30 PM (Murray Arena)

**Hockey Alberta Hockey Alberta Coach 2 Clinic**

This course will take place on **Sept 18** in Okotoks in the Pason Centennial OMHA Board Room and the Murray Arena.

- In Class: 6-8:00 PM (OMHA Board Room)
- On Ice: 8:15-9:15 PM (Pason Green Arena)

**Hockey Alberta Hockey Alberta Checking Clinic**

This course will take place on **Sept 19** in Okotoks in the Okotoks Rec Centre (Lecture Room) and the Murray Arena.

- In Class: 6-8:00 PM (Rec Centre Lecture Room)
- On Ice: 8:30-9:30 PM (Murray Arena)

**Travel Permits**

There are changes to Managers getting travel permits this year. If you are a Manager, please ensure you attend the Managers meeting on Oct 11.

**Leisure Ice at Pason Centennial**

Opening hours of the Leisure Ice Arena will be 9:00 am – 9:00 p.m. *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*



## In Other News....

### ORA REFEREE UPDATE AND CLINICS

Clinics have all opened up for registration and the dates are: September 22, September 23, September 24 & 25 (Senior Clinic), September 29, September 30, October 13 & Nov 3rd. Registration can be accessed through [ora.goalline.ca](http://ora.goalline.ca)

There are also rules changes this year, once they are finalized we will pass this information along.

### CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

OMHA will be hosting an event on Concussion Management on October 24, 2018.

7:00 PM

Centennial Arena Provincial Room

Speakers: Dr. Eric Babins MD, C.C.F.P, Dip sports med And Alissa Hemsley P.T Concussion Physical Therapist

### 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 will be continuing to host information sessions for all charitable groups who have a gaming licence, would like to learn how to get a gaming licence, or would like more information on how to use gaming funds. 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



If you are interested in learning more, please go to <https://aglc.ca/gaming/charitable-gaming/information-sessions-gain/combined-charitable-gaming-classes>. Although there are no courses schedule for Okotoks, there are many throughout Calgary.

### 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

## Pason Gold Advertising Opportunities

Rink Board (4'x8') - 21 available	\$1500*/year
Wall Board (3'x8') - 29 available	\$1000*/year
In Ice Logo (4'x12') - 4 available	\$3000*/year
Score Clocks - SOLD	\$850* ea. or \$1500* for both/year

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

\*All fees above do not include the cost for production and installation

### CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR GOLD SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

Each package includes your sponsorship in OMHA Sponsored events such as tournaments, fundraisers, and the option of a rink or wall board

Contact Brenda Nagy at [omhasponsorship@okotokshockey.com](mailto:omhasponsorship@okotokshockey.com) or Konrad Berg at [kberg@okotokshockey.com](mailto:kberg@okotokshockey.com) for additional details.



# From Our Sponsors

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### WONDERING HOW YOU CAN GET YOUR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEWSLETTER?

All official sponsors of OMHA have the option to advertise in the monthly newsletter that is distributed to over 1450 families. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact the sponsorship committee at [omhasponsorship@okotokshockey.com](mailto:omhasponsorship@okotokshockey.com)



#### Okotoks Oilers Exhibition

Friday Sept 7th vs Canucks @ 7:00 pm (Scott Seaman)  
Saturday Sept 8th vs Mustangs @ 7:00 pm (Scott Seaman)

#### Okotoks Oilers Regular Season

Friday Sept 21st vs Kodiaks @ 7:00 pm  
Saturday Sept 22nd vs Dragons @ 7:00 pm

**GO OILERS!**



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