



Leduc Junior Athletic Club Information Document 2021-2022 Hockey Season



The Leduc Junior Athletic Club (LJAC) was established in August 1983, in response to a need in the Leduc & area for the provision of leadership, coordination, support and financial assistance dedicated to the development of skills and abilities necessary for our developing hockey players to compete at progressively higher levels in the sport of hockey. Over the years the LJAC has also provided support to other hockey teams, sport groups and community associations in Leduc and area.

The LJAC provides the leadership, coordination, development, administration, programs & delivery of the AAA male hockey teams in the LJAC (Leduc) Draw Zone of Hockey Alberta's Elite Male Hockey Model (AEHL). The Alberta Elite Hockey League is the single governing body for AAA male hockey for all teams identified under Hockey Alberta's Elite Male Hockey Model. The AEHL is a sanctioned league of Hockey Alberta and is comprised of the U18 AAA Division (formerly the Alberta Midget Hockey League), U16 AAA Division (formerly the Alberta Minor Midget Hockey League) and U15 AAA Division (formerly the Alberta Bantam Hockey League). Over the years LJAC partnership with Leduc Minor Hockey Association (LMHA) & City of Leduc to and ongoing communication with other local minor hockey associations in the Leduc (LJAC) Draw Zone & Hockey Alberta.

The LJAC is a member of the new Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL) and participate in the U15 AAA, U16 AAA and U18 AAA divisions/levels of the AEHL. The LJAC is responsible for the Leduc (LJAC) Draw Zone and provides the leadership, coordination & delivery of the hockey program. The Minor Hockey Associations in the Leduc (LJAC) Draw Zone include the following: Beaumont, Calmar, Devon, Drayton Valley, Edson, Hinton, Jasper, Leduc, Maskwacis, Millet, New Sarepta, Pembina, Ponoka, Thorsby, Warburg, Winfield & Wetaskiwin.

The LJAC values and appreciates the partnerships & support of Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, Alberta Elite Hockey League & Teams, Leduc Minor Hockey Association, LJAC Draw Zone Local Minor Hockey Associations, Leduc Recreation Centre, City of Leduc, Individual & Team Sponsors & Spectators. For the 2021-2022 Hockey Season we fortunate and appreciate the support of our Team Title Sponsors: Wilhawk Beef Jerky (U18 AAA) and Techmation Electric & Controls (U16 AAA). Our LJAC team names for the AEHL Hockey Season are Leduc Wilhawk Jerky Oil Kings (U18 AAA), Leduc Techmation Oil Kings (U16 AAA) and Leduc LJAC Oil Kings (U15 AAA).

Over the years the LJAC program has a rich tradition of developing players on & off ice while having competitive teams in the Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL), Alberta Minor Midget League (AMMHL) and the Alberta Midget Hockey League (AMHL) and looking forward to participating in the first full season of the Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL).

Beyond the pure skill and competition of Elite Hockey in Alberta, LJAC players are encouraged to demonstrate excellence, hard work, commitment, being a good teammate, sportsmanship & discipline, community engagement and strive to improve on & off the ice. The LJAC consistently is recognized as an organization whose teams display positive qualities on and off the ice. Respect, Positive Attitude, Hard Work, TEAM & FUN are important values & components of the LJAC program and Oil Kings Hockey Teams. LJAC parents & families, coaching staffs and executive have provided leadership & support to the Players & TEAM while being positive and respectful. *Please Note: Players & Parents are all required to review and sign the LJAC Player/Parent Code of Conduct.*

LJAC Players, Coaching Staffs & Teams are registered & carded with Leduc Minor Hockey Association/LJAC for the 2021/22 Hockey Season. The AEHL teams play under the Rules of Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta, and each player & team is responsible for complying with all rules and regulations of those Governing Bodies as well as the regulations of the AEHL & LJAC. When the hockey season is over LMHA/LJAC provides year end transfers or release of card back to the players hometown local minor hockey association. Note: Players transfers will be held with LMHA/LJAC if there are fees owing or damage assessments are outstanding.

LJAC Provides the following for Hockey Season:

The LJAC provides the following programs, services, support, covers expenses & fees for the items indicated below. Conditioning & Identification Camps, Pre-season Exhibition & Evaluation Series/Games entry fees & expenses, tryout expenses, league fees, league meetings & expenses, coach meetings, Hockey Alberta & AEHL meetings, Hockey Alberta/Hockey Canada carding & insurance, players equipment items: gloves, pant shells, jerseys (tryout, practice & game), socks, hockey bags, helmet stickers, etc. (note: all equipment is kept at the end of the year by the player except jerseys). Team supplies are covered by LJAC i.e., tape, pucks, medical & equipment supplies. LJAC athletic therapist and equipment manager fees & expenses and coaching staff's monthly expenses & honorariums. LJAC covers the costs for the LJAC team apparel program for players & coaching staff.

LJAC also covers expenses related to preseason, league & playoff/ provincials team travel expenses (hotels, meals), regular season & playoff bus charter expenses, tryout and pre-season ice rental, regular season & playoff ice rental, practice ice rental, referee fees & travel expenses, LRC storage room rental, team room expenses, meeting expenses, goaltending instruction, skills instruction, power skating sessions, HockeyTV, InStat & video/computer programs, iPads, off ice training costs & expenses and other related expenses for the season. (Note: each LJAC player is required to wear a royal blue helmet, this is a cost to the player/family).

Note: In 2020/21 the LJAC removed the Team Sponsorship Pull-Up Banner Program and Players/Parents are now no longer required to attain local business sponsors to help pay for such items as a team tournament, team building activities, dressing room/bus nutritional snacks, LJAC Awards Banquet (tickets for players/parents & coaching staff). The LJAC Team Director & Manager are responsible to manage the Team Account that is set up by LJAC.

Team Bus Charters:

The LJAC will charter a bus for team transportation for the AEHL regular season games & playoffs. Bus travel will be provided for games in Grande Prairie, Lloydminster and AEHL teams south of Red Deer. Over the years parents have been welcome to utilize the bus. Please Note: Busing procedures, occupancy numbers are being reviewed due to COVID-19.

LJAC Casino, Special Events, Hosting and other Fundraising/Volunteering:

LJAC has a casino license from Alberta Gaming and receives a casino opportunity every 2.5 years. Other fundraising and volunteering opportunities may occur for LJAC parents and players. Over the years teams will be asked to assist in special events or fundraisers for the organization or the community. This may entail the hosting of a special event for the LJAC or an U15AAA/U16AAA/U18AA Team. Past examples include: The TELUS Cup, Alberta Cup, Olympic Women's National Team Game vs U18AAA, Hockey Alberta Provincials, Showcase Weekends and other Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada events, Food Bank Drives, HUB Support, School Programs, assist with LMHA practices and other community events. LJAC players, teams & parents over the years are proud of community involvement, leading by example and giving back to minor hockey & community. Note: This season LJAC is hosting the AEHL U15 AAA Showcase Event at the LRC and all three LJAC teams' parents will be required to assist with volunteering.

Scholarships:

Leduc Junior Athletic Club feels it is important to promote and assist our players in their goals to further their personal development through advanced education. We have established a scholarship program to yearly assist two alumni players in funding for post-secondary education. For further information on this program please contact Scott Fraser, President of LJAC. The AEHL – U18AAA Division also has a scholarship program for 17 year-old players. More information can be attained from the AEHL- U18AAA website.

Player Registration Fees (note: combined registration & team fees for season):

U18 AAA: \$7,000 (1st Instalment: \$4,000 & 2nd Instalment: \$3,000)

U16 AAA/U15 AAA: \$6,500.00 (1st Instalment: \$4,000 & 2nd Instalment: \$2,500)

The registration fees are to be paid in two instalments with 1st Instalment required once LJAC teams are selected (late Sept./ early Oct.) and 2nd Instalment on Dec. 1. Note: Payments are to be made by credit card.

Enjoy the 2021/22 Hockey Season...GO OIL KINGS!!