



# Driving Policy for U18 Aged Players

*Note: This policy applies only to LMHA players (not CAS U18AA)*

## PURPOSE:

To ensure the safety of LMHA U18 players that are legal driving age and hold a valid permit. U18 practices are generally later at night, when it is dark, and it is understood that a 16–18-year-old may not have the necessary experience to drive alone, tired, at night. It is also understood that much of the hockey season is during the winter months where poor weather and road conditions are expected.

LMHA members agree to adhere to all conditions set forth within the LMHA U18 Driving Policy. It is understood that violating the guidelines set forth within the policy will lead to appropriate disciplinary action against both parents and/or child/player.

## FOR PRACTICES:

**a) Practices within a 29 km radius (Ponoka, Clive, Blackfalds)**

Players will be allowed to drive to venues which reside within a 29km radius. Players who do drive are expected to drive “directly”, meaning there are no detours taken that bring another reason for the trip into consideration.

**b) Practices outside of a 30km radius (Red Deer)**

Players will not be permitted to drive themselves or any of their teammates. We recommend that a parent, or responsible adult over the age of 25 drive to these practices and recommend carpooling when reasonable.

## AWAY GAMES:

Players will not be permitted to drive themselves or their teammates to any games where the Lacombe team is the visiting team.

## HOME GAMES:

**a) Driving within a 29km radius**

Players will be permitted to drive themselves “directly”, meaning there are no detours taken that bring another reason for the trip into consideration.

**b) Driving outside of the 30km radius**

Recommend a parent drive and suggest setting up arrangements for rides if parents cannot attend early for games.