
OMHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



2023-2024

May 22, 2024 – 7:30 PM

AGENDA

Roll Call of Officers & Directors
President's Report
Okotoks Referee Association Report
Health and Safety
VP Coaching Report
VP Players Development Report
Treasurer's Report
OOAA Report
Volunteer Awards
Operations Coordinator
Director's Reports
Elections
Open Forum
Adjournment



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Coaches, Managers, and other volunteers that made our season successful

The Okotoks Referee Association

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors

Game and Conduct Directors – Jacquie and team

Operations Coordinator – Jamie Steer

OMHA Administration – Lindsay Graw

All the Sponsors

Equipment Coordinator – Joe McCormick and Kat Johnston

Intro to Hockey Tournament – Jenny Sekulich and team

U13 Tournament – Jamie Whalley, Jenn Gauthier and team

Okotoks Female Hockey Classic – Jennifer Dustow and team

All of the parents and players for their hard work and passion to play



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES

Financially stable association

Expansion of development and success to start the season and throughout the year

U11 HAPD Pilot has closed and is now officially U11 AA

Continued player growth

Safety and Mental Wellness program

Over 300 Coaches in our association

Hosted U15 Tier 1 Provincials



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

GRADUATING U18 PLAYERS, INCLUDES OOA*

FEMALE Players 22

Elle Coady
Reese Diebert
Camryn Forbes
Ava Morgan
Taryn Oloriz
Brenna Ward
Tara Den Hoed
Abby Graham
Rozena Sabeti Seibel
Grace Bjornson
Taylor Niemans

Ella Glubish
Gracelyn Winter
Sara Holmes
Grace Sims
Emily Sziva
Aneleigh Wright
Dani McDonald
Avery Mahussier
Amelia Lomas
Molly Sears
Neece Shahipour



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

GRADUATING U18 PLAYERS, INCLUDES OOA*

MALE

players 50

Patrick Beaton
Brandon Cejalvo
Nicholas Chapman
Braxton Dalrymple
Jagger McGaffey
Brennan McIsaac
Cameron Milford
Bodey Billehaug
Landon Doidge
Peter McKeen
Tyler Leroux
Ryder May
Caeden Mitchell
Leyton Neufeld
Thomas Wyzykowski
Kenton Barnes
Ethan Cook

Tyson Baumbach
Cole Byers
Mason Gosselin
Jase Clisdell
Cole Deakin
Cale Hayes
Caleb McFarlane
Keigan Peters
Nicholas Plumb
Cameron Wingate
Brandon de Haas
Kole Duquette
Jaden Rusznak
Nathan Flanagan
Jack Mitchell
Adam Lee

Ryan Williamson
Nash Wassing
Brayden Thurlow
Wyatt Olsen
Eric Vassell
Markus Vassell
Jamie Gray
Brandon Gray
Josh McCallum
Nolan Stewart
Isaac Cayetano
Lucas Gough
Mateo Johnston
Michael Makowsky
David Kitchen
Reed Tongs
Kellan Hale



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

CHALLENGES

U16 Tier 1- Numbers of teams decreased

Volunteers- Recruitment, burn- out, retention

U13 AAA and U13 AA 2025/ 2026 Season

Ice availability in Okotoks

Draw zone for U11 AA- Foothills will have a team in U13 AA and U11 AA



ALL DIVISIONS –PLAYERS

Age Division	OMHA	OOAA	Total	# of OMHA Teams	# of League Teams
Female	203	75	278	13	11
U7	140	0	140	10	0
U9	183	0	183	9	
U11	193	0	193	12	4
U13	149	17	166	10	4
U15	129	38		7	7
U16	19	19	38	1	1
U17	0	19	19	0	0
U18	111	39	150	7	7
Total	1166	207	1373	69	34

OMHA/OOAA PLAYER/TEAM SUMMARY

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
<u>DIVISION</u>	<u># Players</u>	<u>#OMHA Teams</u>	<u># Players</u>	<u># OMHA Teams</u>	<u># Players</u>	<u>#OMHA Teams</u>
U7	139	10	143	10	140	10
U9	173	11	206	11	176	11
U11	204	13	208	13	235	15
U13	221	10	211	11	210	12
U15	161	6	187	7	166	6
U18	224	6	222	6	224	7
RHL U15/U18	142	8	138	8	136	8
TOTALS	1264	56 plus 5 cohorts	1315	66	1287	69



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

Thank you!



OKOTOKS REFEREE ASSOCIATION

HIGHLIGHTS

- 160 Officials
- 153 Skated Games
 - 62 officials skated 75% of the hockey
 - 31 officials skated 50% of the hockey
 - 13 officials skated 25% of the hockey
- 30 First Year Officials
- 3955 assignments making up 1816 games
- 21 regular season games went unstaffed
- 1 major tournament went unstaffed

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1 Official Selected for NHL Officiating Combine
- 1 Official selected for AB CUB
- 1 Official headed to USHL next season
- 3 AJHL Officials
- 24/25 season should see us back to better 16 & 17 Year old official numbers as there was a lag since COVID

Challenges:

- Retention/Recruitment of Officials 16+
- Female official recruitment
- Lack of 3&4 official systems due to lack of qualified officials resulting in game cancellations, 2-man systems or late games
- Continued lack of funding from HA to support officiating development
- Lack of Supervision and mentoring due to lack of officials and senior officials being on the ice
- Officiating burnout, senior injuries, resulting from working too many games
- Timekeepers, scorekeeper abuse continues to be inappropriate at the u11 & u13 level



Health and Safety

Orinda McCann

OMHA Bench Trainers course:

- Successfully trained 55 coaches
- Will continue to have safety coaches take every 2 years.
- Will continue with the online safety binder.

New Health and Safety Director:

Kat Johnston - kjohnston@okotokoshockey.com

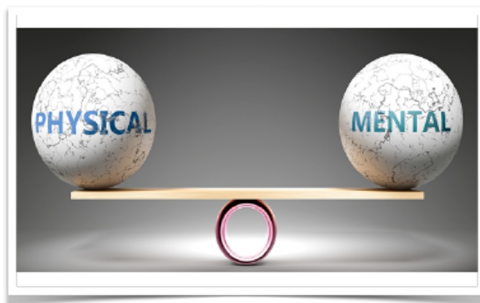


Health and Safety

Amy Snyder

Mindful Wellness

Mental Health Program



What is Mindful Wellness?

The Mental Health Initiative started in 2019 with a Mental Wellness Survey created by Dr. Caroline Harker-McDonald and her research team at Mount Royal University. The survey was distributed among OMHA and OAAA players to assess the players overall well-being. From there, the OMHA welcomed Amy Snyder (Parallel Youth Connections) to add a Mental Wellness component to their safety program.

The goal of the now "Mindful Wellness" Initiative, in addition to the physical component provided by the safety program, is to support both social and emotional well-being, and to ensure players have both physical and mental health balance to perform their best.

What is Mental Health?

Mental Health or Mental Wellness, refers to: *"A person's condition with regard to their psychological, social and emotional well-being. It affects how we think, feel and act. It also helps us determine how we handle stress, relate to others and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage in life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood."*



Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.



Early identification and intervention are key



1 in 5 Canadians are affected by mental health problems

What we know about Sports and Mental Health

- Team sports build STRONG RELATIONSHIPS
- Improves SLEEP
- Teaches RESILIENCE
- Teaches PERSEVERANCE
- Builds LEADERSHIP skills
- Distracts the brain and REDUCES STRESS

What can Mindful Wellness look like for your association or team?

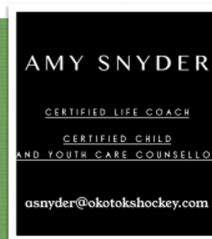
Amy is currently primarily working with teams within OMHA, but has had some involvement with OAAA. To date for the 2022/2023 hockey season she has responded to over 60 reach outs from parents, coaches and players. Her involvement consists of individual and team session that are mindful, strength-based and empowering. These sessions address current themes or concerns while providing a safe, positive team environment. Some examples of these sessions are: Mental Health, Sports & Mental Health, Stigma, Social Media, Decision Making, Resilience, Perspectives, Team Positivity and Goal Setting.

Players have access to Amy's services whenever they need it, in accordance to the players preferred method of communication, and can book one to one sessions as well. All sessions are confidential.

"Amy was an integral component to our hockey season last year. It was no secret that our young players were struggling with their mental well-being after their return from COVID-19. As a coaching staff, we felt it necessary to bring in Amy as a resource to ensure our players mental health was looked after. Our players loved meeting with her as a team every two weeks, often feeling refreshed, supported, and ready to continue on with their busy week. We were pleased to find out that once our sessions with Amy started, our players felt like they could better manage this stress, while also feeling validated in their emotional responses. Additionally, the coaching staff could not ask for a better mental health liaison throughout the season. Amy always gave us 24-hour access to her, should we need to call from the road, set up an emergency session or individual meeting, or give us strategies on how to mediate our players overall mental well-being for that week, she was always easy to get into contact with. It was a tough season on all of us; however, Amy's unwavering support, knowledge, and guidance, allowed us to confidently continue forward, even in the toughest times. As a coaching staff, we believe that mental health is a large aspect of the game and therefore, we could not be more excited to bring Amy back for her second season with the Raiders!"

BE AWARE...KNOW WHEN TO REACH OUT...KNOW WHO TO REACH OUT TO

It is important to be sensitive to the ever-changing needs and situations of our players and families.



VP COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

Special thank you to all of the Coaches who volunteered and supported the OMHA throughout the year.

COACH Development Courses

- 3 Courses hosted by Hockey Alberta
- Coach 1, Coach 2, and Checking.
- Registration was strong with many NEW Coaches in 2023

For 2024-2025

- 3 Coach Certification Courses - Oct
- Development 1- Coach Certification
- In-Season Coach Development - OMHA & Guest Hosted



VP COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

Coach Selection

- Higher Tiers = Coach Interest
- U13 Limited Applicants - Travel
- U7-U9 Strong Group
- Timeline between Coach selection and Coach skate needs improvement
- Coach Selection enhancements

In Season Challenges

- Suspensions were down. Still too many!
- AP process Inconsistent - NEW policy for 2024/25
- Fair Play Issues during playoffs.
- Coach conduct - Overall very good
- Communication Opportunities



VP COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

Feedback Surveys

- Lower YoY response rate. Increased % in useable feedback
- Included Div Director and Board feedback columns
- Need to improve in-season feedback - Interim survey?
- Multi athlete families - Difficult completing multiple survey(s)
- Perception of “consequence for honesty” remains
- Member Feedback Welcome

Coach Survey: 329 submitted 77% usable

Coach Feedback Survey: 49 submitted 96% usable

Manager Feedback Survey: 66 submitted 94% usable



VP COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

Coach Mentoring

- Initiative was underutilized - Committed to enhancing the offering
- Reluctance from NEW coaches but some uptake
- Mentors needed - Share your experience with tomorrow's coaches
- Several benefits exist utilizing a mentor:
 - Running an effective practice - observation and use of time and space
 - Sourcing coach resources - plans, skills, etc
 - Managing a bench - AC's, team officials, players
 - Idea sharing and feedback loop
 - Leveraging previous experience and situational examples

Interested in becoming a Coach Mentor?
Please reach out!



VP COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

THE GOOD NEWS !

Goalie Count is Up

Coach Interest Increasing

Coach Retention Strong

Positive Member Feedback



VP COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

COACH OF THE YEAR

1. Demonstrates the ability to teach and contribute to fundamental skill development of the players
2. Demonstrates dedication to the Game, Association, Team and Players, beyond what is expected of a coach.
3. Provides positive leadership and integrity, with and interest in furthering not only the physical development of the players, but also the intellectual and character development of the players.
4. Is viewed as a positive role model by the membership and the association for our local athletes.

78– Coach Nominations submitted, Thank You!!!



**VP COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT
COACH of the YEAR**

**2023/2024
Female Coach of the Year**

CONGRATULATIONS:

MATT WINTER

U18 A Female



**VP COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT
COACH of the YEAR**

**2023/2024
Mixed Coach of the Year**

CONGRATULATIONS:

TOLAN FRIESEN

U11 Tier 1



VP PLAYER DEVELOPMENT – GEOFF ROLLINS

Our 2023/2024 Skill Development Vendors

- Built Strong Evolution
- Coast 2 Coast
- Dave Marcoux School of Goaltending
- Evolution Goaltending
- Hi-Tek Development
- K&M Hockey Development
- Lift Hockey
- On The Edge Power Skating
- Pam Hurst Power Skating
- Score Hockey Range



VP PLAYER DEVELOPMENT – GEOFF ROLLINS

- Our vendors delivered over **235 hours** of additional on ice and off ice development to our athletes this season provided by OMHA.
- We were able to do this because of the incredible work that was put in by our tournament volunteers and organizers. Because of all their hard work, we are able to host profitable tournaments that generate the revenue necessary to provide these opportunities for our young athletes throughout the course of their minor hockey journey.
- We will be hosting our annual OMHA Development Camp again prior to our evaluations. (Sept 11-20th) These skates will be run by our OMHA approved skill development vendors. This is a great way to get our athletes on the ice and have our potential coaches familiarize themselves with our skill development coaches leading into the upcoming season.



VP PLAYER DEVELOPMENT – GEOFF ROLLINS

- After overwhelmingly positive feedback, we will be moving forward with in season positional development sessions for both coaches and players. (Goaltending, Defence, Offensive Tactics/Scoring) Schedules and formats will be released in the fall.
- We will be putting our Skill Development out for bid again early June. We are looking to onboard a few more vendors as we continue to grow.
- OMHA will be forming a Goaltending Committee that will be managed by a board appointed Goaltending Liaison. That committee will work directly with the executive, and will be tasked with providing the feedback, planning, support and resources required to develop and provide the necessary opportunities to netminders in OMHA.



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

2024-2025 SEASON

The U18 jerseys were replaced for the start of the season. The U9 division are scheduled to be replaced for the 2024/25 season with the U13 and U11 divisions the following year.

Some highlights for registration this year

There is a 3% admin fee added to registration fee to offset the credit card processing charge.

This fee is not added to payment by e-transfer

Registration opens June 24 and closes July 21. Any registration after registration closes are subject to a \$100 administration fee for late registration, and only as space in the division allows

Payment deferral plan will be permitted with credit card only registration - 1/3 due on registration, 1/3 due Aug 1, remaining 1/3 due Sept 1.

Any payments that are not cleared by the credit card company will be subject to an admin fee



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

FEES BY DIVISION

DIVISION	2022-2023 Fee	2023-2024 Fee	2024- 2025 Fee	Increase (%)
U7	\$825	\$835	\$840	less than 1%
U9	\$990	\$1,000	\$985	1.5% Decrease (socks will not be provided in 24/25 season)
U11	\$1,070	\$1,095	\$1,110	1.3%
U13	\$1,138	\$1,165	\$1,180	1.3%
U15	\$1,195	\$1,220	\$1,235	1.2%
U18	\$1,210	\$1,235	\$1,250	1.2%
U15 Rec (RHL)	\$825	\$835	\$840	less than 1%
U18Rec (RHL)	\$825	\$835	\$840	less than 1%



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

TOURNEY FINANCIALS - FEMALE

2023 Female Hockey Classic

Income

Team Entry Fee \$54,600.00
Program Advertising \$13,125.00
Raffle, 50/50, Silent Auction \$17,574.00

Income Total: \$85,299.00

Expense Total: \$85,771.04

2023 Net Profit/Loss (\$472.04)

Notes:

1. Raffle table sales down 19% over previous year
2. U7 Division was cancelled
3. Facility fees up over last year
4. Registration fee hasn't increased for a couple years and were below the average tournament entry fees for 2023/24

Expense

Ice and Facility \$29,773.62
Ref Fees \$11,116.00
Medals & Programs \$6,195.66
T- Shirts & Prizes \$16,940.62
Program Ad - Team Refunds \$15,600.00
Bank Fees \$178.14
Storage Fee \$1,467.00
My City Cares Donation \$1,000.00
OMHA Development Fund \$3,500.00
Income Total: \$85,299.00



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

TOURNEY FINANCIALS – U13

2024 U13 Big Rock Classic

Income

Team Entry Fee \$55,500.00
Bracket Sponsors \$4,000.00
Raffle, 50/50, Silent Auction \$17,165.00

Expense

Ice and Facility \$21,216.74
Ref Fees \$10,365.00
Medals & Programs \$4,974.48
Swag and Prizes \$18,312.95
Rafflebox Fees \$404.84
Misc. items \$3128.37
Bank Fees \$84.40

Income Total: \$76,665.00
Expense Total: \$58,486.78
2023 Net Profit/Loss 18,178.22



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

TOURNEY FINANCIALS – INTRO TO HOCKEY U7 + U9

2024 U7/U9 Intro to Hockey Tournament

Income

Team Entry Fee \$35,800.00
Raffle, 50/50, Silent Auction \$28,289.95

Income Total: \$64,089.95
Expense Total: \$54,831.52
2024 Net Profit \$9,258.43

Expense

Ice and Facility \$6,715.34
Ref Fees \$1,656.00
Medals & Heart & Hustle \$8,921.70
Swag and Prizes \$29,907.41
Program printing \$3,978.43
Rafflebox Fees \$218.61
Misc. items \$3,318.33
Bank Fees \$115.70





OOAA

President Report

- Three of our SCAHL AA teams Advanced to league finals
- U15AA Team won SCAHL and advanced to provincials
- U18AA Raiders Hosted provincials end of March as part of our Male / Female rotational approach to bidding to host provincials
- Awards banquet End of March
- Male and Female Showcases in April – lots of feedback coming in to improve for next year
- Coach Director – Mark Pederson appointed
- Coach Selection process underway
- OOAA offers Dev 1 coaching support clinics in Oct with OMHA participation
- Shared Ice Scheduler with OMHA - resulting in better ice utilization
- Shared Registrar with OMHA – streamlined process particularly during cc and evals (eliminated chqs / cash)
- Expand on the existing Collaboration with Draw Zone associations
- Jan U15AAA Oilers game in January in Strathmore supported by over 800 fans
- Feb U17AAA game in Chestermere in March
- U13AA raiders first year in AFHL
- Budgeting process underway
- Securing tournaments underway
- AGM Thursday June 20th 7pm Hosted on Virtual Platform
- OOAA Registration to open Wed June 22nd
- Daytime programming of 3 OOAA teams allows for a better use of ice for the Okotoks Hockey Community
- Increased opportunities to for billets to support daytime draw zone / open border teams
- Thank you to all the volunteers support hockey

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

2023/2024 SEASON

Okotoks Minor Hockey Association is proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of the following outstanding volunteers who are receiving a volunteer appreciation award.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2023/2024 MIXED

Congratulations to the volunteer managers of the 2023/2024 hockey season in the OMHA.
A volunteer role takes commitment and effort. The following nominees have been recognized by their coach for going above and beyond in their role as manager and doing an exemplary job for the team:

HEATHER BOURGEOIS

U9 PISTONS

Congratulations and thank you for contributing to the success
of the Association, on behalf of OMHA



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2023/2024 FEMALE

Congratulations to the volunteer managers of the 2023/2024 hockey season in the OMHA. A volunteer role takes commitment and effort. The following nominees have been recognized by their coach for going above and beyond in their role as manager and doing an exemplary job for the team:

DEAN ROHATYNSKI

U18 Female A

Congratulations and thank you for contributing to the success of the Association, on behalf of OMHA



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2023/2024

JENN GAUTHIER

Congratulations and thank you for contributing to the success
of the Association, on behalf of OMHA



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

LONG SERVICE VOLUNTEER AWARD

This award is given to a volunteer(s) that have volunteered for a number of years with OMHA, often behind the scenes and we just want to acknowledge their time and dedication and say “THANKS”

"To all of those before us who have spent time, energy, and focus on always moving this association forward, we thank you"

GEOFF STEWART

Congratulations and thank you for contributing to the success of the Association, on behalf of OMHA



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

TUNE-UPS AND CLINICS

Tune-Ups - For the 21st year we offered Tune-ups to our younger age groups and house divisions to get them ready for the season. K2 hockey clinics again did a great job.

Conditioning Camps- This past season we used several vendors to run our pre season Conditioning camps. These vendors became our preferred vendors for the season. Thanks to all groups for a great job.

Goalie Clinics – For the second straight year we used Hockey Alberta for our Sunday night goalie clinics. Feedback was great so thank you.

EVALUATIONS

Evaluators – For the 25th season in travel hockey we used independent paid evaluators. We used Dave Marcoux goaltending for our goalie evaluations. Thank you for your time and professionalism.

Volunteers - Also a thank you to all the volunteer evaluators at the House and RHL levels. It takes a lot of help to get these done and OMHA appreciates it.



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

TEAMS AND SUCCESS

35 Okotoks House League teams (10 U7's, 11 U9's, 8 U11's and 6 U13's). Congrats to the U11 House Roughnecks and Stingers and the U13 Knights and Rink Rats on winning the 2023-24 House Championships.

8 RHL teams(4 U15's and 4 U18's). Congrats to U15 A on winning the championship and to U18 B for being runner ups!

26 league teams (includes 16 CAHL and 10 RMFHL). Congrats to U16 CAHL, U15 Tier 2 Green, U11 Tier 3 Green(female A) and U15 Female B Green on winning their divisions

Provincials: Congrats to both Female U18 Tier 1 and U15 Tier 1 representing us at Provincials and to U15 Tier 1 for hosting the event.



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

Huge Thanks to everyone that makes Okotoks Minor Hockey Run

Managers, Coaches, and team volunteers

Executive Board and OMHA Board

Evaluators

Development vendors

Brenda Honish, Shanda McTighe, and all our Referees

Serena Rowland, Sean Murphy, and the arena staffs

Managers and Tournament committees

CAHL, RMFHL and RHL for hosting our teams and their endless work



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

Volunteers we must have for our teams to play in our leagues and THANK YOU

Trevor McFarlane (CAHL VP)

Jamie Steer (CAHL Director)

Lindsay Graw (CAHL Data/ Roster Entry)

Destin Klepaychuk and Denise Plouffe (CAHL Governors)

Darcy Williams (RMFHL President)

Crystal Crawford and Jennifer Dustow (RMFHL Okotoks Directors)

Rebecca Streit (RHL Director)

Leslie Ready (RHL Governor)

Roy Bowlby (Hockey Alberta)



DIVISION DIRECTORS

RECOGNITION

Jenny Sekulich U7
Dhara Rogers U9
Michelle Barratt U11 Travel
Jenn Gauthier U11 House*
Jamie Whalley U13 Travel
Candice Wyma U13 House
Jenn Zaffino U15 Travel
Michelle Barratt U16 Travel
Michelle Barratt U18 Travel
Crystal Crawford Female Director (U9, U11, U13)
Jennifer Dustow Female Director (U15, U18)
Rebecca Streit RHL U15
Nadine Neufeld RHL U18

*indicates first year



U7 DIVISION – JENNY SEKULICH

- ❖ **137 Registered Participants for the 2023/24 Season**
 - Five senior teams (2017's)
 - Four junior teams (2018's)
 - One all girls (mixed birth year) team that played against the juniors
- ❖ **Tim Hortons moved to a new jersey program this year. All Timbit U7 players got to keep their jerseys for the first time!** (except the girls' team who used the pink OMHA jerseys instead of the Tim Hortons branded ones!)
- ❖ **The Intro to Hockey Home Tournament was a great success! It consisted of...**
 - 21 Home teams
 - 24 Away teams
 - For a grand total of 738 players

A huge thank you to all our U7 volunteers! We couldn't do it without you and are extremely grateful for all your help!



U9 DIVISION – DHARA ROGERS

179 Athletes Registered in U9 Mixed Division

U9 'A' Division (2 Teams)

Crushers- Mike Ford

Pistons - Jeff Ryan

U9 'B' Division (3 Teams)

Outlaws - David Reidford

Rig Rippers - Jason Adamek

Timberwolves - Aaron Waugh

U9 'C' Division (4 Teams)

Future Flames - Tyson Jones

Lightning -Curtis Kerth

Oilers - Andrew Bell

Phantoms - Luis Slater

Special thanks to our coaches, team managers and parents for making this season a success!

Intro to Hockey Tournament

Thanks to the tournament coordinators and volunteers for organizing. Our association represented well and received several compliments on the event in addition to the friendly demeanor of our volunteers and community as a whole.



U11 TRAVEL DIVISION – MICHELLE BARRATT

U 11 Travel had 4 teams
We had 6 goalies for 4 teams

HAPD team 56 players tried out for the team
finished 2 in league play
Lost to Lethbridge in 2nd round of playoffs

Had 3 tiered teams
Tier 1 and 2 did not move past 1st round of playoffs
Tier 3 went to second round of playoffs

Thank you to all the coaches and managers for a great season



U11 HOUSE DIVISION – JENN GAUTHIER

U11 HOUSE TEAMS (8)

HOUSE A

Roughnecks (Champions)

Oilers

Bison

Wolfpack

HOUSE B

Stingers (Champions)

Snipers

Mighty Ducks

Thunder

Big thanks to our Head Coaches this season. Thank you being such positive influences

Thank you to the Managers of U11 House for keeping the teams running smoothly!

Duane Gervais
Mat Peltier
Mike Bergschoeff
Ben Lafont

Nick Ruigrok
Cam Merkley
Jeff Hillier
Keith Trithart

Brenna Fraser
Amy Spence
Bailey Johnson
Sarah Lindquist

Jamie Tomlinson
Nicole Robins
Tara McTavish
Amelie Stehr

Thank you to all of our Assistant Coaches for stepping up and helping the kids to achieve excellence

Jake Woolridge
Todd Bridgen
Tyson Brown
Derrick Potter
Shawn Anderson
Derek McTavish
Jered Lindquist
Scott MacDonnell

Matt Szabo
Craig Becker
Ian Herle
Rob Robins
Mackenzie Ogloff
Jon Pryznyk
Shane Davies
Shawn Tippett

Keith Lewis
Kent Fenton
Jake O'Brien
Trent Whalen
Jeffrey Whitelaw
Marley Vewchar
Randy Wegner
Ryan Harrison

Blair Scott
Graham Busch
Jason Akins
Joe Stephenson
Shea Timchishen
Ross Cunningham
Jay Watson
Mike Lorieau

Big thank you to all the parents that volunteered throughout the season. You are what made this season a success!



U13 TRAVEL DIVISION – JAMIE WHALLEY

Season Summary:

U13 Tier 1- Finished 4th with a record of 9-9-0

U13 Tier 2- Finished 3rd with a record of 8-5-3

U13 Tier 3 Green- Finished 4th with a record 6-8-2

U13 Tier 3 Gold- Finished 5th with a record of 5-8-3

4th Annual Big Rock Classic Tournament Dec 16-18, 2024

10 Home teams

30 Away teams

Over 680 kids participated in the tournament

U13 parents volunteered throughout the weekend, helping to make it so successful.

We had some wonderful sponsors and donations from the community.

2024 Tournament is December 20- 22.



U13 HOUSE DIVISION – CANDICE WYMA

❖ 83 Registered Participants for the 2023/24 Season

➤ 3 House A teams

- Ghost Pirates (coach: Ryan Baynton)
- GOATS (coach: Joel Rupprecht)
- Knights (coach: Russell Nutter)

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOUSE A CHAMPIONS: KNIGHTS

➤ 3 House B teams

- Okotoks Thunder (coach: Pat Jefferson)
- Wolverines (coach: Brennan Martin)
- Rink Rats (coach: Jared Bradley)

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOUSE B CHAMPIONS: RINK RATS

Special thanks to Jenn Gauthier and Jamie Whalley for chairing the U13 Big Rock Classic tournament. Also thanks to the many volunteers who helped make this tournament a HUGE success.



U15 DIVISION – JENNIFER ZAFFINO

Thank you for a great season to U15 hockey.

Tier 1: Head Coach Travis Bouchard

Assistant Coaches: Joel Hill, Dean Williams, Wade Davis

Manager: Codi O'Brien

Tier 2 Gold: Head Coach: Curt Colfer

Assistant Coaches: Carl Timmer, Chris Brockman

Manager: Allison Bencharski, Laura Vipond

Tier 2 Green: Head Coach: Brad Mushet

Assistant Coaches: Jason Akins, Trevor Livingstone, Shaun Wzykoski, Rob Pelletier

Manager: Allison Beaton

Highlights: Tier 2 Green won the Tier 2 Green CAHL Banner;

Tier 1 Hosted Provincials; was able to give back almost \$5000 to the Health and Wellness Fund



U16 DIVISION – MICHELLE BARRATT

40 players registered to try out

Head Coach was Darcy Williams

Travelled to the USA for a tournament

Won their league banner

Will not be a U16 division in the 2024- 2025 season



U18 DIVISION – MICHELLE BARRATT

Originally slated for 2 teams, ended up having 3 teams (team 3 was the smallest in size)

1 tier 1 team and 2 tier 3 teams

All 3 teams did not make it out of 1st round of playoffs.

Thank you to all the coaches and managers for a great season.



FEMALE DIVISION

JR. DIRECTOR – CRYSTAL CRAWFORD
SR. DIRECTOR – JENNIFER DUSTOW

- How many girls played in 2023/2024
- 14 teams - U7 through U18
- 1 - U7 House team
- 2 - U9 House teams

3 - U11 Teams

- ❖ U11 CAHL Tier 2 - Head Coach Josh Harding finished in Tier 2, won the Tier 2 CAHL league banner
- ❖ U11 Gold - Head Coach Geoff Rollins finished 3rd in league
- ❖ U11 Green - Head Coach Keith Arsenault finished 2nd in league

3 - U13 Teams – Played in RMFHL; Tier 2

- ❖ U13 Gold – Head Coach Kelsey Gustafson finished 2nd in league
- ❖ U13 Green – Head Coach Dave Kawula finished 3rd in league

3 - U15 Teams – Played in RMFHL; 1 A team and 2 B teams

- ❖ U15 Tier 1 - Head Coach Ryan Carson finished 1st in league
- ❖ U15 Gold - Head Coach Phil Hornburger finished 3rd in league
- ❖ U15 Green - Head Coach Wade Evans finished 2nd in league and won South League Banner

3 - U18 Teams – Played in RMFHL; 1 Tier 1 team and 2 Tier 2 teams

- ❖ U18 Tier 1 – Head Coach Matt Winter finished first in league; and attended Provincials
- ❖ U18 Gold - Head Coach Robin Mitchell finished 1st in league
- ❖ U18 Green - Head Coach Sean Selmsler finished 6th in league

**"Thank you to all of our Coaches, Managers
and Volunteers for a wonderful 2023- 2024 season.**



Rockies Hockey League (RHL) – REBECCA STREIT AND NADINE NEUFELD

This league has been designed to give players a place to play non-checking, competitive hockey without committing to the long travel schedules. The associations that are part of the RHL include Okotoks, Cochrane, Canmore, Banff, Airdrie and Chestermere.

8 OMHA teams played in the Rockies Hockey League for the 2023/2024 season -4 U15 and 4 U18

Okotoks U15 A	Head Coach – Jeff Reinhart	Managers –Leslie Ready/Colleen Hunter
Okotoks U15 B	Head Coach – Matt Crawford	Manager – Jessica Meads
Okotoks U15 C	Head Coach – Jason Goodreau	Manager – Katelyn Banks
Okotoks U15 D	Head Coach – Nick Ruigrok	Manager – Crystal Duckett
Okotoks U18 A	Head Coach – Robin Mitchell	Manager- Nadine Neufeld
Okotoks U18 B	Head Coach – Matthew Martel	Managers–Laura Watkins& Camile Owchar
Okotoks U18 C	Head Coach – Murray Anhorn	Manager – Taunia Mclsaac
Okotoks U18 D	Head Coach – Monty Kenyon	Manager – Carley Cabelguen

Congratulations to U15A on winning their Division banner!

Thanks to all the Volunteers that helped this past season!



2024 - 2025 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

REGISTRATION

June 24- July 21, 2024

U11 HADP is now U11 AA and will stay under OMHA this season

U13- 1 House, 5 Teams

No U16 CAHL Teams this season

Evaluation Commitment Policy

START DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Sept 11- 20- Development Camps

Sept 13- 15- U11 AA tryouts

Sept 22- October 6- Evaluations

Sept 30- October 8- Travel Coaches Skates

October 12- Tentative House league start date

October 18- CAHL and RHL Start

RMFHL Start date TBA

Pre-Season Development Camps

Intro to Goalie- 2 sessions, 1 group, mixed

Goalie- 4 sessions, 2 Groups, U11 and U13 combined, U15 and U18 Combined, mixed

U15 Checking Clinic- 2 Sessions, 2 groups

Defense Clinic- 2 sessions, 3 Groups, U11, U13 and U15, Mixed

U7- 4 sessions, 2 groups, mixed

U9 Mixed- 4 sessions, 3 groups

U9 Female- 4 sessions, 1 group

U11 Female camp, 4 sessions, 1 group

U11 Mixed camp, 4 sessions, 2 groups

U13 Female camp, 4 sessions, 1 group

U13 Mixed camp, 4 sessions, 2 groups

U15 Female camp, 4 sessions, 1 group

U15 Mixed camp, 4 sessions, 2 groups

U18 Female camp, 4 sessions, 1 group

U18 Mixed camp, 4 sessions, 1 group

OPEN POSITIONS U7 DIRECTOR U9 DIRECTOR
U11 TRAVEL DIRECTOR U13 HOUSE DIRECTOR U15 RHL U18



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

2024 AGM Positions		
OMHA Appointed Positions	Current Board status for 2023/2024 Season	2024/2025 season
Treasurer	Amanda Germain	Appointed position
Director of Health and Safety	Orinda McCann / Raeanne Tangedal	Appointed position
Managing Director	Daron Dumanski	Appointed position
Sponsorship Director	Open	Appointed position
Apparel Director	Apparel Committee	Appointed position
Game & Conduct Director	Jacque Milford	Appointed position
Police Record Check Coordinator	Lindsay Graw	Lindsay Graw
Web Administrator	Open	Appointed position
Goalie Liason	Open	Appointed position
Equipment Manager	Joe McCormick/Kat Johnston	Appointed position
Fundraising Director	Geoff Stewart	Appointed position
Jersey & Jeans	Open	Volunteered position
Casino Chairperson	Amanda Germain	Appointed position

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

2024 AGM Positions

OMHA Position	Current Board status for 2023/24 season	2024/2025 season
President (3 year term)	Geoff Stewart (Fourth year of three year term)	Geoff Rollins (first year of three year term)
VP Coach Development (3 year term)	Blair Scott (Second of three year term)	Third year of three year term
VP Player Development (3 year term)	Geoff Rollins (First year of three year term)	Second year of three year term
Director of Programs (2 year term)	Troy Tanegal (First year of two year term)	Second year of two year term
Secretary (2 year term)	Karla Helm (Second year of a two year term)	Jenn Gauthier (First year of a two year term)
Division Director – RHL U15 (1yr)	Rebecca Streit	
Division Director – RHL U18 (1 yr)	Nadine Neufeld	Rebecca Streit
Division Director – U7 (1 yr)	Jenny Sekulich	
Division Director – U9 (1 yr)	Dhara Rogers	
Division Director – U11 (1 yr)	Michelle Barratt	
Division Director – U11 House (1 yr)	Jenn Gauthier	Melissa Au
Division Director – U13 (1 yr)	Jamie Whalley	Danielle McGregor
Division Director – U13 House (1 yr)	Candice Wyma	
Division Director – U15 (1 yr)	Jenn Zaffino	Jenn Zaffino
Division Director – U18 (1 yr)	Michelle Barratt	
Division Director – Female Sr. (1 yr)	Jennifer Dustow	Jennifer Dustow
Division Director – Female Jr. (1 yr)	Crystal Crawford	Crystal Crawford

ELECTIONS

U9

DIRECTOR

CRYSTAL KRAUSS

JESSY YASINSKI



NOMINATION

CRYSTAL KRAUSS

I have called Okotoks my home for 22 years and couldn't imagine raising my kids any place else! I am a mom of three kids ages 18, 16 and 12. My oldest son played basketball, my middle (daughter) plays volleyball and my youngest is the only one that plays hockey. He started his "career" here in Okotoks at the age of five and will be going into U15 this coming season. I have spent time volunteering in many capacities in various sports and school associations over the past 13 years. I consider myself to be organized and I enjoy lending my time and energy in any way I can! I believe that development is a huge part of any young athletes' journey and look forward to being a part of that for the kids in U9 this year. It is a pivotal division in which these young players are learning more advanced skills in preparation for the transition to full ice hockey in U11. I am here for the kids and look forward to what the 2024-25 season will bring!





NOMINATION

JESSY YASINSKI

My name is Jessy Yasinski and I am interested in being the Director of U9 for the upcoming 24/25 hockey season. I have two boys in OMHA, who will play 2nd year U7 and 2nd year U9 in the 24/25 season. The timing would be perfect for me to volunteer for this position as I will have a minimum of 3 years to dedicate to the role while my kiddos play at the U9 level.

I have the following volunteer experience with OMHA so far –

2023/2024

Team Manager – U9 Pistons

Head Coach – Mike Ford

2023/2024

Co-Team Manager – U7 Jets

Head Coach – Adam Couillard

2022/2023

Team Manager, U7 Flames

Head Coach – Tyson Jones

To be successful in this role I believe that you need to be approachable, engaged and well organized. I enjoy getting to know the players, parents, and coaches, and have built some great relationships and friendships over the past 3 years.

In my previous role as Team Manager, I always made sure to double check and then triple check the schedule I shared with the team as well as the details of anything that was organized. Each week before practices and games I would double check what our app said against the master schedule to ensure the time and locations were correct.

I enjoy being a part of OMHA and think that the Director position would be a natural transition from my experience as Team Manager.



NOMINATION

**U9 DIRECTOR
RESULTS**

**JESSY
YASKINSKI**

AGM QUESTIONS (FROM ONLINE FORM)

What is being done by OMHA to keep players from leaving to independent leagues? (HSL/PHL)

How come you don't have more B teams in U9?... it seemed there was quite a discrepancy in the house league this past year between those who should have been playing house and those who could have been on a B team.

Would it be possible to reset the rosters of the RHL U18 teams a few games into the season?

There is a larger than average dropout rate where some kids would rather quit than play at this non-elite level. The kids that stick around are forced to play short handed for the entire season normally missing 4-5 players. They try hard but it is tough to win being short handed all the time. Dropping a team and rejigging early on would fix that.

Would kids be allowed to try out for the AA team as well as for other private teams e.g. HSL and PHL? If they go through the AA evaluation process are they obligated to continue with OMHA if they don't make the team or can they try out elsewhere with no penalties?

Why does OMHA always use the same evaluation company? It's supposed to be an independent third party evaluator, but the company owner sits on the OMHA board with a paid position? Should the evaluator position be a bid position?



AGM QUESTIONS (FROM ONLINE FORM)

Why does U11/ U13 House not have outside evaluators when we pay the same as U11/ U13 Travel?

Can the organization look at 3rd party evaluators this year? Even if it adds a few dollars to my skater's registration, it would be a welcome trade off to ensure teams are made up solely on skills displayed and not who knows who. It makes the organization very unwelcome to new families to town.

What type of transparency is required regarding individual team funds? Who decides where the funds are spent and how much is required?

Will there be consideration into giving the U15 female teams the same amount of full-ice time as the male teams? At this level of play our girls need the full-ice practices to be competitive. Our fees are the same as the male team, we'd like to see the girls get the same consideration in scheduling.

U9 half ice vs full after Christmas

U9 Okotoks needs to increase the amount of full ice. Hockey Canada says that you can transition to full ice after Jan 15. This will allow the 2nd year players to learn about playing a position and difficult rules, such as offsides. Player who are moving into U11 the following year need the experience because their evaluations first thing the next level are full ice. Some players do summer hockey and learn through those leagues, but this puts the players who do other sports on the offseason at a disadvantage coming into U11. Families should not need to pay for summer hockey to avoid their kid being behind for the following age level. U9 needs to switch to teaching full ice after Jan 15. This includes the C level as there are still 2nd year players in those levels. We do not want to keep the gap growing between early bloomers and late bloomers in hockey. After Jan 15 the refs also need to be instructed to call things like offsides and faceoffs.



AGM QUESTIONS (FROM ONLINE FORM)

Why don't we open up more travel teams to more closely match what people register for?

Last season there were more than a full team of kids cut from the U13 travel and forced to play in house league. One of the results from this was many kids leaving OMHA to play for other towns, like Black Diamond. When this upcoming season's registration has closed, OHMA should look at the number of kids registered for travel and prepare to create as many full travel teams as possible that can be matched, assuming there are enough goalies registered. The tryouts can take place and fill the top teams down until there are not enough kids to fill a full team or we are out of travel goalies. Teams can be made as low as tier 6, if desired by registration numbers. Last season a tier 4 team could have easily been made. I do not understand why we are forcing families who desire to play travel hockey to play in house league. I understand that House A might be more skilled on average than playing tier 5 or 6, but if families desire to travel, then let them, even if it is a low tier. 1 of the issues with Okotoks house league is there are only 3 teams per level. Traveling lets the players play in a league with real playoffs. Why not open another travel team or 2 (if registration indicates it that year) and then have a single house league of 4-5 even teams? At least there would be something somewhat resembling league play. Yes, this will lower the skill level of house, but if playing only in Okotoks and avoiding travel is the priority of the families registering for house, then why are we forcing the rest who desire travel into a league to accommodate them? There seems to be this desire to protect and prioritise our house league with 2 levels. Why? Either a family's main priority is hockey close to home or it is to play competitive, but not both. A second comment is that I have heard of the Rocky Mountain Hockey League as a solution. There are 2 things that people do not like about this league. The first is that the format only 1 practice and 1 game each week. This would make it more difficult to move up tiers the following year due to less ice time. The 2nd issue is that the RMHL is never contact (when contact starts). This is unappealing to kids who hope to improve and move up to higher tiers where this is contact. We must remember that many towns do not even have a house league. When I grew up in Okotoks there was only travel from Pee Wee on. If interest in a house league is falling in a year, then don't force it. To summarize the plan I am suggesting: Registration concludes: "X" players register for travel hockey: $X/\max[\text{players per team}] = \# \text{ of possible travel teams}$ "Y" number of goalies registered for travel hockey. # of possible travel teams and # of goalies are used to determine how many travel teams Okotoks will have for the upcoming season. Whichever runs out first. # of kids registered for house + leftover kids from travel (who cannot fill a full team) will be used to predict number of house league teams. Tryouts commence. The remaining kids who cannot create a full team with a goalie will then drop into house. The number of house vs travel teams will fluctuate slightly each year based on what people indicate on their registration.



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