

OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Public Service Annoucement:

Life will be postponed
due to playoff
hockey until further
notice.



Bar down: when the puck goes in the net off the bottom of the crossbar.
- Definition

IMPORTANT DATES:

Mar 14-17: Atom Major AA Provincials

Mar 21-24: Bantam B Provincials

Apr 13: Jerseys and Jeans Fundraiser

May 15: OMHA AGM

**NEW 2018-2019
SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES
RELEASED**

Good Luck!

FROM THE OMHA EXECUTIVE

To Our Wonderful Parents and Players,

It's that time of year, bittersweet for some yet so incredibly exciting for others! We would like to thank all of the teams that have finished their season and wish all of our remaining teams Good Luck!

With so many emotions that come out at this time of year, good...bad...nervewracking...sad...excited - *I am sure that everyone has felt those at some point these last few weeks* - please keep in perspective your environment whether it be on the ice or in the stands. Let's finish this year off being classy Okotoks!

Take care and safe travels everyone,

- OMHA Executive Team

REMINDERS...

PROVINCIAL HOSTS - ATOM AA MAJOR AND BANTAM B FEMALE

CONGRATULATIONS to the Atom T1 Green and the Bantam B Female teams for being selected as the host team for their divisions.

Provincial hosts have the opportunity to show their community spirit, and as such, will be looking for volunteers to help ensure that both of these weekends are a success. Please contact us if you are able to help!

Atom Major AA Provincials - Mar 14-17th

Opening Ceremonies: Friday, March 15 from 2:30-3:30 in the Pason Centennial Green Arena.

Bantam B Female Provincials - Mar 21-24th

Opening Ceremonies: Friday, March 22 from 1:15-2:15 in the Pason Centennial Green Arena.



OMHA EQUIPMENT RETURNS, FINAL BUDGETS & DEPOSIT RETURNS

Ryan will be accepting team's equipment returns during the last week of March and the first week of April. The required equipment for the returns are washed/dried jerseys, pucks, bucket, goalie equipment (if applicable) and first aid kits

In order for your team to receive their full equipment deposit returned, they will need to submit their final budget to Amanda, treasurer@okotokshockey.com.

OMHA JERSEYS AND JEANS - APRIL 13, 2019

TICKETS SELLING NOW FOR JERSEY AND JEANS 2019

500 Tickets available - ONLY \$60 each
Crescent Point Fieldhouse

All proceeds of the event will be used for Coach & Player Development, Equipment & Jersey Replacement, and Health & Safety Programs

Please contact jerseysnjeans@gmail.com for any questions or to purchase your tickets.



IMPORTANT LINKS & NOTES:

OMHA Website

OMHA Bylaws

OMHA Game and Conduct

Travel Permits

There are changes to Managers getting travel permits this year. Please contact Lindsay if you have any questions. lindsaygraw@shaw.ca

On-Ice Helpers / JR Coaches

OMHA is committed to the development of all our members, whether playing or coaching the game of hockey. If you have someone on the ice under 18, please see our "Junior Coach Program" section on our web page for more information. A helper that has not filled in the applicable forms may be removed from the ice immediately.

Okotoks Minor Hockey Association BELIEVES

SPORTSMANSHIP is an EXPECTATION

- So Please, let the **Players Play**
- Let the **Coaches Coach**
- Let the **Officials Officiate**
- Let the **Spectators Be Positive!**



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

JERSEYS AND JEANS
APRIL 13 2019



In Other News....

HOMETOWN HOCKEY IN OKOTOKS

A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers that came out in the cold weather so that we could all enjoy Hometown Hockey. Thanks to all of the players, coaches, and families that participated in the parade, quite a few of you appeared on TV!

Scotiabank presented OMHA with a very generous donation of \$15,000 during this event, we are excited to have such strong support in our community. Thank you Scotiabank!

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH - UNKNOWN

To the hockey parents I've witnessed,

You may not realize it but the "worst referee ever" and the ref who "sucks" just happens to belong to the person standing beside you. He's my son.

The "crappy" ref is 13 years old and has officiated over 50 games. He has taken on everything from Atom House to Championship games in Pee Wee Rep tournaments.

He would rather be sleeping in but because of his passion for the game, he gets up at 4:45am to ref your child at their 6:15am game on a Saturday morning.

He can often hear your voice, he knows what is being said....yet he does his job in a responsible, professional manner and somehow manages to not take it personally.

The "ref who shouldn't be out there" has spent hours studying, writing tests, going to classroom and on ice sessions to be certified by Hockey Canada. He has been recognized by his local hockey association and has worked hard to earn the right to be on the ice. He's had multiple coaches from other towns compliment him for doing a great job. He most likely knows the rules of the game better than you.

Yet, he SUCKS!

He's had parents "boo" at him as he walks to the change room after a game. He's even been followed into the change room by a pissed off coach. Yet he keeps officiating.

So....if the referees decided not to show up because of the abuse from the parents and coaches - then what? Do you have the courage to jump on the ice? I guess you just cancel the game and go home. How does that sound?

Parents, coaches, players and everyone in that rink must answer to the ref. He didn't make the rules, he is simply enforcing them. If anyone in that rink is out of line....that 13 yr old has the power to throw them out of the rink. Guess what?....he has thrown out a coach who was in his 40's because the coach took it too far. Could you do that? Perhaps, but perhaps not.

They call the game as best as they can and it's truly remarkable how few mistakes they make.

When your player clearly tripped a kid then scored, you were fine with that. Turn the tables and now it's a different story.

Who do I cheer for? The black and white stripes. They keep the game fair and they keep the players safe.

I'm beyond proud of my "worst ref ever." He takes on more than you will ever know....and he loves every second.

As for me, I feel sorry for what your kid must go through on the ride home after the game. Hockey is supposed to be fun....I'm guessing for your kid it's not.

And for the penalty that was called at 3:25 in the third period - it was too many men, and you probably didn't notice....but the ref did.



In Other News....

FROM THE DIVISIONAL DIRECTORS

Good luck to all of our teams still participating in playoffs for that sought after banner and to those that are still working hard towards their Provincial goals. **Safe travels!**

Your Divisional Directors

NEW SAFETY, HEALTH AND GOALIE INITIATIVES THIS YEAR

Thank you to everyone that attended our safety programs, we had a great turn out!

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 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 or Konrad Berg at 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



Okotoks Oilers Regular Season

Thursday Mar 7th vs Canucks @ 7:00 pm

Friday Mar 8th vs Canucks @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday Mar 13th vs Canucks @ 7:00 PM, if needed

All OMHA players can receive complimentary entrance to all home games with their VIP Player's cards for the 1st round of playoffs



On behalf of Josh & Melissa Esler and the staff at Professional Skate Service. We would like to congratulate all the OMHA players on making their respected teams and wish everyone a fun and safe hockey season.

Please have a look at our new OMHA branded store that includes apparel and equipment for your personal or team needs this season. [Click here to view online!](#)



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