



MARCH 2020

OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Apr 4: Truck Raffle Draw
- May 4: OMHA Nominations due
- May 14: OMHA AGM



NEW 2019-2020
SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES
RELEASED

Thank You for a Wonderful Season

FROM OMHA EXECUTIVE

OMHA Members:

The hockey world in Canada has literally been grounded to a halt due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the ban on large public gatherings to battle the spread of the virus has affected the NHL, NBA and of course at home, Okotoks Minor Hockey Association.

As per my last message on March 12th, all minor hockey activity, including games and practices, for the 2019/20 season has been cancelled under orders from Hockey Canada, which includes Hockey Alberta.

As this is very disappointing to our association, Covid 19 continues to affect our lives and businesses. Everyone must work together to stop the spread of this virus, so we can be back on this ice in the foreseeable future.

On behalf of the OMHA Executive we want to thank the members, volunteers, players and referees who help make this association proceed year after year. We are truly grateful and fortunate to be part of such a progressive growing association.

Please be safe and follow the government procedures during this difficult time in the world, so we can get back on the ice enjoying Canada's game.

OMHA Exec



REMINDERS...

HOCKEY CANADA NEW DIVISION NAMES

Hockey Canada will be renaming their divisions, their announcement can be found by clicking [here](#).

Initiation - U7
Novice - U9
Atom - U11
Peewee - U13
Bantam - U15
Midget - U18
Junior - U21

EQUIPMENT RETURN

Due to recent events, all scheduled equipment returns are post-poned. We will send out a new communication in a few weeks regarding when/where to drop off your equipment. We realize that a lot of team's budgets are waiting for this return and we are working diligently on a solution.

Items to include:

Pucks
Safety Binder
Jerseys (Washed, dried, A's/C's removed, numerical, all #'s facing same way)
Completed Jersey Inventory Form
First Aid Kit
Pylons/Cones (If applicable)
Goalie Equipment (If applicable)

BUDGETS - YEAR END

Just a reminder that once your season is over you will need to submit your final year end budget to Amanda at treasurer@okotokshockey.com

COACH AND MANAGER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

To nominate your amazing coach and/or manager, please go to the following links:

Manager of the Year: <http://www.okotokshockey.com/form/2075>

Coach of the Year: <http://www.okotokshockey.com/form/2074>

END OF YEAR COACH SURVEYS - PARENTS/PLAYERS TO COMPLETE

OMHA will be sending out the end of year coach survey sometime later this month, we encourage everyone to submit feedback!

IMPORTANT LINKS & NOTES:

[OMHA Website](#)
[OMHA Bylaws](#)
[OMHA Game and Conduct](#)

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR RIS CERTIFICATION

Last season Respect in Sport issued new changes. You will now have to renew your RIS Certification so remember to check your account to see if you are overdue.



OMHA is already planning our next event and we are looking for volunteers to form a committee to organize the details. If that is you, or you know of someone, please contact us.

GEOFF STEWART
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Spring Development

3 on 3

March 31—April 30th, 2020—Pason Arena Okotoks

Novice ~ Atom ~ Pee Wee ~ Bantam ~

Male & Female Mixed Divisions

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION LINK

Visit our Facebook Page OR www.bamahockey.ca

OMHA'S NEW NOMINATION PROCESS



OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION PROCESS



READ

Read the available roles for the upcoming season and their descriptions. Who do you know that would be a great volunteer?



DISCUSS

Now that you have read the descriptions for the available roles, discuss the opportunity with the potential candidate



COMPLETE

Congratulations, your candidate has agreed to be nominated! Complete the nomination form and email, mail, or drop the form off at least 10 days before the association's AGM

*Note: If mailing in the form, please ensure enough time for OMHA to receive the form 10 days prior to the AGM

NOMINATIONS AND INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED
WITH THE MEMBERSHIP 9 DAYS BEFORE THE AGM

OMHA Office - Drop Off
Pason Centennial Arenas
204 Community Way, Okotoks, AB T1S 2N3

OMHA Mailing Address
Okotoks Minor Hockey Association
ATTN: Admin, Nomination Form
Box 1152, Okotoks, Alberta T1S 1B2

Email admin@okotokshockey.com

READ THE OMHA BYLAWS FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON NOMINATIONS

ELECTION PROCESS



Nominations from the floor will only be accepted where a nomination to fill a particular vacancy has not been received in advance of the Annual General Meeting



If the number of candidates nominated for a specific role is equal to the number of roles to be elected for that role, those nominated are declared elected and no election is required

If the number of nominees in an election for one of the available roles exceeds the number of roles to be elected at the election, the election must be by secret ballot

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In Other News....

OKOTOKS MINOR MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY - REMINDER FOR PLAYERS

Dear Families,

We Okotoks Minor Hockey Association Challenges You!

Last season Okotoks Minor Hockey Association partnered with Dr. Caroline Harker-McDonald, Sociologist and Professor from Mount Royal University, to implement a Mental Wellness Survey that we requested all OMHA players ages 10-17 to complete. OMHA is the first association in Alberta to undertake such an initiative. We would like to be the pioneers in this endeavor and be a resource for our athletes. The survey is completely anonymous and does not ask for any personal or identifying information.

The purpose of this initiative is to identify the areas of need within our community when it comes to our youth. Tryouts are a stressful time no doubt, but the pressures of getting good grades in school, as well as individual or team sports where coaches are asking for 110% effort every practice/game can be very taxing. We would like to gather as much information as possible so that we can determine what resources to offer to our players. The results of this survey will help determine what resources are needed.

We need your support OMHA! Parents and coaching staff, we ask you to speak to your teams and encourage your players to complete the survey in order for Dr. McDonald-Harker and her research team to collect and analyze the data. Combined results will be presented to show trends and areas of need.

The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please encourage your player to complete the survey at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sportstudy>

To support this initiative, Dr. Caroline McDonald-Harker has brought on board Amy Snyder, as a Community-Based Research Assistant, to lead the initiative. Amy Snyder is available should anyone need further clarification or assistance with the survey. We have provided her contact information below.

Amy Snyder, Community-Based Research Assistant, amysnyder81@gmail.com, 587-894-4602

Pason Gold Advertising Opportunities

All 2019-2020 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 Jennifer Dustow at omhasponsorship@okotokshockey.com for additional details.



**FREE Admission for all OMHA and OAAA players
to Okotoks Bisons Regular Season Home Games**

Wear your team colours and come cheer on the Bisons

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 1500 families. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact the sponsorship committee at omhasponsorship@okotokshockey.com



Okotoks Oilers Regular Season

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