



NOVEMBER 2019

OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov 27: OMHA Picture Night
Dec 14: Cash Prize Draw - Truck Raffle Tickets
Dec 20-22: Peewee Tournament
Feb 27-Mar 1: Intro to Hockey Tournament
Apr 4: Truck Raffle Draw
May 14: OMHA AGM

Regular Season...Good luck!

FROM OMHA EXECUTIVE

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped get the teams through the beginning of their hockey seasons. We know how much work it takes to make sure all if the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed. But now, finally, you should be able to sit back and enjoy the rest of the season!

You may have seen in the news over the last few days that the town of Okotoks, in partner with some other local groups (including OMHA), has put up signs regarding referee abuse. They say, "DON'T LIKE THE REF'S CALL? PUT YOUR SKATES ON AND TAKE THE COURSE". This is a great reminder to please remember to respect the referees. To read the article from CBC, please click [here](#).

Good luck to everyone!

- OMHA Exec

NEW 2019-2020
SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES
RELEASED



REMINDERS...

HOCKEY CANADA INSURANCE WHILE PLAYING IN THE USA

Hockey Canada only covers players/coaches/managers as a secondary insurer if you are participating in the USA. If you plan on attending a game or tournament in the USA, then please have your players families research primary insurers that cover athletes participating in a sport.

OMHA'S NEW SAFETY INITIATIVES AND PROCESS

After a successful season last year, OMHA is pleased to announce that we are now introducing some of our new safety initiatives into other divisions. Some of these initiatives include our new Return to Play and Concussion Procedures, Our New Bus Procedure, and the use of Headcheck in some of our older divisions. We will be working hard this year to maintain and grow the safety of all of our players in this upcoming season!

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

Now that the season has started and teams are doing team activities, please remember that there is no drinking on buses. We also have a general alcohol and drug policy, please review these two policies here and here.

BUS TRAVEL POLICY

As teams start to travel with the use of buses, please ensure you read the Bus Travel Policy found here.

GAME AND CONDUCT - ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Just a reminder that we have a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY in regards to game and conduct, this includes social media. Please be respectful. Click here so that you can review the policy to refresh your memory.

GAME SHEETS AND PENALTIES

Just a reminder to all volunteers that when you fill in a double minor on a gamesheet, please use 2 lines instead of adding them both on one.



PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The ORA will be enforcing a zero tolerance rule for the improper wearing of their protective equipment, such as helmets and neck guards. This is a province wide initiative to enforce the safety of all players. Please remind your players to ensure their neck guards are not altered and that their helmets are on properly.

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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.

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.



save the dates

STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING
EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

In Other News....

OKOTOKS FEMALE HOCKEY CLASSIC

Congratulations on another great tournament, and congratulations to all of the teams that participated.



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
Plaque - \$400

18" Stick - \$250
5' Stick - \$600

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In Other News....

OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY PARTNERS WITH JR A OILERS FOR TRUCK RAFFLE

The reason for the late information regarding this raffle. We fully expected the AGLC was going to approve this much earlier than last week so we could have shared the information much sooner. In the end, the AGLC took a few more weeks than expected to approve the license which is why we are a little later than expected in sharing this information. We received approval yesterday.

It is expected that every team take part in this raffle.

1. Use current team funds to pay OMHA for their \$100/player. As tickets are sold, team keeps the \$100/player. Team isn't out money. Upon return of ticket stubs, team will receive \$80/player to spend as they wish.
2. Ask parents for \$100 each and send to OMHA (as a team, logistically too difficult for me to keep track of 1,500 members \$100). As parents sell their tickets, they keep the \$100. Parents aren't out any money. Team will receive \$80/player to spend as they wish.

We know most, if not all, have already started your fundraising initiatives. We know that most, if not all, have not budgeted for this opportunity. This is not the way we wanted to start this raffle. It is not. However, the effort needed to sell these tickets will be minimal.

The attached pictures show a resemblance of the truck which we are raffling. Actual truck pictures to come next week. This vehicle, made right here in Okotoks, will be at all of the Jr. A Oilers games, all of our tournaments here in Okotoks, and any other event we deem it necessary to be at.

Early bird draw of \$20,000 is December 14, 2019
Truck Value over \$40,000



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

Friday Nov 29th vs Pontiacs @ 7:00 pm
 Saturday Nov 30th vs Wolverines @ 7:00 PM
 Saturday Dec 7th vs Dragons @ 7:00 PM
 Sunday Dec 8th vs Eagles @ 4:15 PM
 Saturday Dec 14th vs Grizzly's @ 7:00 PM

All OMHA
 players can receive
 complimentary entrance
 to all home games with
 their VIP Player's
 cards



Okotoks Bisons Regular Season

Friday Nov 22nd vs Lakers @ 8:00 pm
 Sunday Dec 1st vs Rams @ 1:15 PM
 Friday Dec 6th vs Colts @ 8:00 PM
 Friday Dec 13th vs Copperheads @ 8:00 PM
 Sunday Dec 15th vs Cubs @ 1:15 PM



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