

# OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



## IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct 31: Budgets and Equipment Deposits Due  
 Nov 15-17: Female Tournament  
 Nov 15: Police Record Checks/RIS Due  
 Nov 20: OMHA IGM  
 Nov 27: OMHA Picture Night  
 Dec 20-22: Peewee Tournament  
 Feb 27-Mar 1: Intro to Hockey Tournament  
 May 14: OMHA AGM

**NEW 2019-2020  
 SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES  
 RELEASED**

## And We're Off....

FROM GEOFF STEWART, OMHA PRESIDENT

Finally, it's hockey season again!

As we enter the 2019/20 season as an organization, on behalf of the board, I would like to welcome back all of our returning players and families. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new players and families who are joining the OMHA.

We look forward to a very successful season! Our goal as an organization is to provide the best hockey experience for the largest number of players, given the parameters we have to work within (ice slots, ice allocation) as we continue to grow. Given that, I can tell you that your Board of Directors have put in countless hours in an effort to provide the highest level of hockey development, to all players.

Our biggest goals this year still include:

- Providing quality programs while keeping costs as low as possible to avoid significant increases in registration.
- Emphasis on developing hockey players with character.
- Having fun while working hard and learning the great game of hockey.

Finally, the strength and success of our organization lies within the participation of our membership. I strongly encourage all members to volunteer and try to contribute to the organization in any way possible. We are always looking for volunteers. Help your teams out and volunteer to handle the jerseys, work the time clock and fundraise. Talk to your team manager and please volunteer the success of each team depends on it!

- Geoff



## REMINDERS...

### BUDGETS AND EQUIPMENT DEPOSITS

Reminder to all teams, please have your budgets and equipment deposits submitted to Amanda at [treasurer@okotokshockey.com](mailto:treasurer@okotokshockey.com) by October 31, otherwise your team will start to lose their practise times.

### 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!

### ORA REFEREE UPDATE AND CLINICS

Clinics have all opened up for registration and the dates are:

October 26 (Beginner/New)  
November 3 (Junior/Senior Clinic)  
November 23 (All levels).

The above clinics take place in either Okotoks or High River, depending on the date chosen.

Registration can be accessed through [ora.goalline.ca](http://ora.goalline.ca)

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

Come support your local female hockey teams in this 52 team tournament on Nov 15-17. The games will be played at all 5 Okotoks' arena's and include all of our Novice-Midget teams. Come cheer them on!

# GO OILERS!



### 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](http://okotoks.ca/pcamural) or call 403.938.8954.



Donation Prices:

8" Stick - \$125  
Plaque - \$400

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

### VP MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

On behalf of the OMHA executive, I wanted to thank our directors and our volunteers for the many hours spent at the rink over the last three weeks. The ranking / Evaluation process is a long and stressful time for everyone and these individuals put their lives on hold during this time. The number of hours strictly dedicated to making sure emails get out, groupings are put together, coaches are picked, and have the occasional conversation about a child's placement are numerous often times missing their own child's skate because they are running around the rink making sure the next group is ready to go. Thank you for your time and dedication during this time. Good luck to all our players and teams this season. May you have a fantastic year of development, improvement, and fun.

Regards,

Gabe Amyotte

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:omhasponsorship@okotokshockey.com)



#### Okotoks Oilers Regular Season

Friday Oct 25th vs Olds @ 7:00 pm  
 Saturday Oct 26th vs Kodiaks @ 7:00 PM  
 Saturday Nov 2nd vs Olds @ 7:00 PM  
 Friday Nov 15th vs Eagles @ 7:00 PM  
 Saturday Nov 16th vs Dragons @ 7:00 PM  
 Tuesday Nov 19th vs Thunder @ 7:00 PM

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