



SEPTEMBER 2019

# OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

We interrupt your regularly  
scheduled life  
to bring you  
your child's  
hockey  
season!



*Welcome Back...*

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept 5: Coach Interviews Start  
Sept 10: Evaluations Start  
Sept 23: Hockey Alberta Checking Clinic  
Sept 24: Hockey Alberta Coach 2 Clinic  
Oct 3: OMHA Coaches Meeting  
Oct 8: Hockey Alberta Coach 1 Clinic  
Oct 9: RMFHL Manager/Coach Meeting  
Oct 10: Managers Meeting  
Nov 15-17: Female Tournament  
Nov 15: Police Record Checks/RIS Due  
Nov 20: OMHA IGM  
Dec 20-22: PeeWee Tournament  
Feb 27-Mar 1: Intro to Hockey Tournament  
May 14: OMHA AGM

**NEW 2019-2020  
SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES  
RELEASED**



## Let the Hockey Season Begin!!!

FROM GEOFF STEWART, OMHA PRESIDENT

The excitement is building as we get set to drop the puck for the 2019/20 season. During this first month the organization is running at full steam and we want to express our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers, supporters, coaches, parents, friends, and board members who supported our hard-working athletes and the organization.

As the organization continues to grow, we encourage additional volunteers take part and join in efforts to help with continued growth in the OMHA. A special thank you goes out to the Jerseys & Jeans committee who continued to support our organization with an amazing event this past April.

From parents to volunteers, members of the coaching staffs, and all who play a role behind the scenes in this organization that make it possible for the kids to be on the ice, let's have a season we can all be proud of.

We can not forget the many sponsors who support all the events that take place in our organization. Thank you for the continued support and involvement in the OMHA hockey community.

Let's have some fun, show respect and bring pride to our community. Have a Tremendous Season!

- Geoff



## REMINDERS...

### OMHA JUNIOR COACHES WANTED

This is a great opportunity for any players that may no longer play the game but would like to still be active in the sport. It is also a great opportunity for any players that are looking for volunteer opportunities within OMHA! Please see the note to the right for more information.

### 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:

September 21 (Beginner/New)  
 September 22 (Senior Clinic)  
 September 28 (Beginner/New)  
 September 29 (Junior Clinic)  
 October 19 (Beginner/New)  
 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)

### DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS

If you have not already, you will soon be hearing from your directors in regards to your player's start to their season. Please check your emails regularly!

### 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.

### 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.



### Hockey Alberta Hockey Alberta Coach 1 Clinic

This course will take place on Oct 8 in Okotoks in the Pason Centennial OMHA Board Room.

### Hockey Alberta Hockey Alberta Coach 2 Clinic

This course will take place on Sept 24 in Okotoks in the Pason Centennial OMHA Board Room.

### Hockey Alberta Hockey Alberta Checking Clinic

This course will take place on Sept 23 in Okotoks in the Pason Centennial OMHA Board Room.

*save the dates*



## In Other News....

### OMHA'S NEW BYLAWS

We would like to extend a big thank you to Dan LaPlante and the executives that worked together to create our new bylaws. They were officially voted in on August 8, 2019. To read the new Bylaws, please click [here](#).

### 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

Hey Everyone.

With School starting and hockey tryouts just around the corner, its a busy time of year for everyone. From meeting new people at school, new teachers, new schedules and routines, things can get pretty stressful for kids this time year. Then you add hockey tryouts, kids and parents alike don't know which way to turn.

The ranking procedure for minor hockey is on the website. I urge you all to review it and understand the process that is involved. Every effort is made by our independent ranking group to ensure that every kid plays at the level he/she belongs. With 1500 kids to manage, yes there are a handful that may get missed but year over year we are pretty close.

Our directors are at their busiest during the month of September organizing volunteers, managing dressing rooms, checking kids in, and sending out communications. Answering questions regarding your child's placement is not priority and will not be addressed. Please email them, allow them time to respond, and please do not approach them at the rinks. If anything, if you want to learn the process a little more, please volunteer during this time. We are always looking to dressing room coordinators, jersey parents, check in parents, etc.

Good luck everyone and all the best during your tryouts.

Regards,

Gabe Amyotte



## In Other News....

# 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!**



**Oilers Pride!**



## **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 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.



# 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 Exhibition

Saturday Sept 7th vs Bandits @ 7:00 pm

#### Okotoks Oilers Regular Season

Friday Sept 20th vs Kodiaks @ 7:00 pm

Saturday Sept 21st vs Eagles @ 7:00 PM



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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