



Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association
2020 - 2021

2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday June 19th

7 pm



OOAA AGM Agenda

- Call to Order and Attendance
- Approval of the November 2024 IGM Minutes
- Welcome and Reports
 - President - Dan Laplante
 - Treasurer – Kathleen Dengler
 - Secretary- Jennifer Dustow
 - OMHA President – Geoff Rollins
 - Coach Director- Mark Pederson
 - RFQ- Grant Farion
 - OOAA Administrator- Lindsay Graw
- Fees for 2025-2026
- Ice Scheduler update
- Health and Safety
- Equipment update
- Divisional Director reports submitted
- Election/ New board announcement
- Q/A
- Adjourn



Motion to accept the IGM Minutes

- IGM Minutes are posted have been posted on the OOAA Website since early December
- “Move to approve the OOAA IGM minutes from Thursday November 28th 2024”

Jennifer Dustow -Motion

Candice Wyma 2nd



President Report

Dan Laplante

- **U17AAA Oilers Hosted provincials and won Bronze part of our Male / Female rotational approach to bidding to host provincials**
- **U13AA Raiders will be afforded first opportunity to bid to host provincials next year**
- **Awards banquet March 25th – thank you to Jenn Dustow and Tamara Spencer**
- **Hockey Alberta permitted Minor Hockey Associations to conduct spring evaluations and make formal commitments**
- **lots of feedback coming in to improve for next year**
- **Currently close to 100 athletes have been committed to for 2025/26 Season**
- **Equipment Director appointed – Dan Parsons**
- **Preseason Tournament and Provincial Bid Director appointed – Lee Watkins**



President Report

Dan Laplante

- **3 daytime teams U18AAA Bowmark, U18AAA Raiders and U17AAA Oilers**
- **Increased opportunities to for billets to support daytime draw zone / open border teams**
- **Ice Challenges in Okotoks as outside groups continue to pressure The Town of Okotoks for Access to ice**
- **A Potential Solution might involve existing user groups to work together and make a financial commitment**
- **Mandatory Annual Arena Fees to be considered – placed in a restricted use Fund**
- **Government granting opportunities to be explored as well**
- **Thank you to all the volunteers who support hockey in Okotoks**



Treasurer Kathleen Dengler

- **Financial Highlights & Motions**
- **Casino Fundraiser: \$65,000 in proceeds received**
- **Increased Income: Spring tryouts this year contributed to higher revenue related to this.**
- **OOAA completed a successful CRA GST Audit.**
- **Kathleen Dengler- Motion: Approve Givens LLP as the OOAA Auditor for the 2025–2026 season**
- **2nd Kari Meyer**



Secretary Jennifer Dustow

Event Coordination

- Hosted SAIT Pre-Season Game vs Medicine Hat Rattlers at Viking Rentals Center. Event was well attended a great showcase of Women's hockey in our community.
- 2025 OOAA Awards Banquet. Helped organize and coordinate this event and prepared the dinner for attendees.

Policy Updates and Development – Updated by OOAA Subcommittee

- Social Media Policy
- Cell phone and Camera Policies
- Rooming Policy
- Fraternization Policy
- Travel Policy
- Apparel Policy
- Registration Policy

***This committee is still actively working on updates to existing OOAA policies.**



Secretary Jennifer Dustow

Sub-Committee Engagements

- **Participated in new coach interviews**
- **Year end coach reviews**
- **Skills and Development RFQ interviews**
- **Fostering key relationships with the Town of Okotoks, Hockey Alberta and other associations**



OMHA President- Geoff Rollins



- Expanded Player Skill Development sessions will continue this year 2025/26
- Pre-season Development Camp will continue this September
- OMHA finished its 2nd successful season with its new Skill Development Model using tournament proceeds to fund 10+ hours of skills to every team in OMHA.
- OMHA is planning to integrate OOAA coaches into the delivery of skill development sessions, alongside our existing OMHA skill vendors, for select OMHA teams. This initiative aims to strengthen collaboration and unity between the OOAA Committee, OMHA/OOAA Coaches and the Association.
- Position and age specific sessions will continue to be hosted by OMHA approved Development Partners
- U13 Female Tiering structure updated to align with elite OOAA development pathway



OOAA Coach Director Mark Pederson

- **Completed 1st year as OOAA Coach Director**
- **Existing WHL Scout enrolled in MRU Sports Mgt program – 160 Hours of practicum to support evaluations as directed by Coach Director for both Male and Female teams**
- **Oversight of OOAA Video program for the 6 teams required to stream on Flo TV**
- **Several other AA teams offered Video for their players**
- **Examples of impact of video**



OOAA Coach Director Mark Pederson

- **OOAA offered Development 1 in October for all Assistant Coaches in Coordination with Foothills and OMHA**
- **OOAA investing in 1 coach for HP1 training – Geoff Stewart**
- **U15AA Oilers Advanced to Provincials**
- **U17AAA Oilers Hosted Provincials and won Bronze with a Double OT goal**
- **RFQ Awarded for 2 years for Skills, Video, Goaltending and Academic Support**
- **Currently BETA Testing Sports Performance Coaching program**
- **Looking forward to working with all our Coaches in the upcoming season**



Coaching Updates

Mark Pederson

OOAA is please to announce the following Coaches for 2025-2026 season

- **U18AAA Bowmark- Head Coach- Mark Pederson**
- **U18AAA Raiders- Head Coach- Dave Addison**
- **U18AA Oilers- Head Coach- Rob Hale**
- **U18AA Raiders- Head Coach- Dave Hayes**
- **U17AAA Oilers- Head Coach- Ken Plaquin**
- **U16AA Oilers- Head Coach- John Shaw**
- **U15AAA Oilers- Head Coach- Daron Dumanski**
- **U15AA Oilers- Head Coach- Geoff Stewart**
- **U15AA Raiders- Head Coach- Mark Hallam**
- **U13AAA Oilers- Head Coach- Greg Krebs**
- **U13AA Raiders- Head Coach- Tony Fairfield**



OOAA 2024-2025 Highlights

COACH ACHIEVEMENTS

- John Shaw recognized as AEHL U16AA South Division Coach of the year
- CJ Wedenig selected to Coach in AB Challenge
- Daron Dumanski selected to Coach in AB Cup

PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 7 U18AAA Raiders Committed to Post Secondary Schools in Canada / US
- 9 U18AAA Bowmark Oilers signed JrA LOI's or listed / signed by WHL Teams
- Carson Meyer recipient of 3000.00 AEHL U18AAA Scholarship
- Claire Delaney and Kasey Melrose U18AAA AFHL Scholarship recipients
- 3 U15AAA Players selected in WHL Draft
- 3 U15AAA Players selected to participate in U16 Team AB summer camp
- 2 U18 AFHL Players selected to represent Team AB at National Aboriginal Championships
- AEHL Awards
- U18AAA Top Scorer and 1st team All star Adam Halat
- U18AAA 2nd Team All Star Grady Pichette
- U17AAA Top Scorer and 1st Team All Star Gavin Wrathall
- U15AA South All Star Cody Carson
- 5 U15AAA Players selected to AB Cup
- 5 U15AA Raiders selected to AB Challenge



OOAA 2024-2025 Highlights

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

- U15AA Oilers advanced to Provincials
- U17AAA Oilers hosted Provincials and Won Bronze in 2OT
- U18AAA Bowmark Oilers Qualified for Circle K and finished season with best regular season record in Bowmark history



OOAA Ongoing Challenges

Dan Laplante

Spring Tryouts

- 2025/26 Season – Hockey Alberta moved to allow Minor Hockey Associations to run Spring tryouts with commitments to compete directly with CSSHL, HSL, PHL, FSL and JPHL etc.
- HA mandated that the tryouts be open to all players and not by invite only.
- This decision was made in February 2025. OOAA had to commit to Spring ice in late October 2024 with the Town of Okotoks.
- When this decision was announced OOAA picked up what little ice was available.
- The Town of Okotoks simply did not have enough available ice.
- Decisions by HA need to be in 3rd quarter of the calendar year to allow associations the opportunity to react and plan



OOAA Ongoing Challenges

Dan Laplante

Ice

- Critical ice shortages with the Town of Okotoks
- Multiple new user groups wanting access to prime-time ice which is putting pressure on the Town of Okotoks.
- The Town of Okotoks is focused on local youth being a priority
- 8 out of 11 OOAA teams are either draw zone or open borders.
- 3 daytime teams are supported by the local High Schools and billets
- Billeted players are not recognized as local youth by our Town
- OOAA has approached all of the draw zone associations requesting ice
- Foothills stepped up with one practice ice slot / week for U16AA in Blackie
- To support OOAA for the 2025-2026 season
- Hard internet line will need to be installed at the Murray if the leagues mandate Flo tv at the AA divisions



RFQ Breakdown – 2 years Skills, Video, Goalie and Academic Grant Farion

- **Committee established to put out proper RFQ for skills, goalie development, video and academic support. The committee was comprised of:**

Grant Farion – Director at Large, Chair

Dan Laplante- OOAA President

Geoff Rollins- OMHA President

Mark Pederson – Coach Director

Jennifer Dustow- OOAA Secretary

Rob Ellis – U17AAA and U18AAA Bowmark Director

- **Respondents were able to apply for any section they wished**
- **Full submission was not required**
- **Interviews were set up for all applicants**



RFQ Breakdown – 2 years Skills, Video, Goalie and Academic Grant Farion

- **Scoring criteria**
- **Knowledge, experience, vision, organization, skills, value add**

- **Skills – 3 candidates**
- **Video – 3 candidates**
- **Goaltender – 2 candidates, 1 removed submission**
- **Academic – 1 candidate**

- **Key take aways**
- **Good candidates exist and are now aware of our ask**
- **Opportunity for collaboration – group to group and OOAA and OMHA**
- **The committee made a recommendation to the Executive after interviewing all of the candidates**
- **The Executive approved the committee's recommendation.**



RFQ Breakdown – 2 years Grant Farion

- 130 Skill Sessions divided as follows – OAAA Financial Responsibility
- 60 skills sessions -- 15 skills/team - U15AAA, U17AAA, U18AAA Oilers and U18AAA Raiders
- 70 skills sessions – 10 skill/team - U13AAA, U15AA, U16AA, U18AA, U13AA Raiders, U15AA Raiders and U18AA Raiders
- Supported by CW Hockey Development
- 105 Goalie Sessions divided as follows – OAAA Financial Responsibility
- 56 Goalie sessions – 14 Goalie sessions/team - U15AAA, U17AAA, U18AAA Oilers and U18AAA Raiders
- 49 Skill Sessions – 7 Goalie sessions/team - U13AAA, U15AA, U16AA, U18AA, U13AA Raiders, U15AA Raiders and U18AA Raiders
- Supported by CW Hockey Development
- 825 Hours Video Review Sessions divided as follows – Team Financial Responsibility
- 100 Hours/team - U15AAA, U17AAA, U18AAA and U18AAA Raiders
- 75 Hours/team - U13AAA, U15AA, U16AA, U15AA Raider and U18AA Raiders
- 50 Hours for the U13AA Raiders
- Supported by CW Hockey Development
- Academic Support – Team Financial responsibility
- 45 – 50 sessions depending on team's schedule
- Led by Rich Dusevic and Jessica Laroque – all core subjects are supported
- U17AAA Oilers and U18AAA Bowmark Oilers



Cash Call Amounts- Dan Laplante

Cash Call amounts for each team:

First Cash Call amount of \$6000 for the teams below:

U18AAA Raiders

U18AAA Bow Mark

U17AAA Oilers

U15AAA Oilers

First Cash Call amount of \$3000 for the teams below:

U13AA Raiders and U13AAA Oilers

U15AA Raiders and U15AA Oilers

U16AA Oilers

U18AA Raiders and U18AA Oilers

Due dates for Cash Calls:

1. First cash call due no later than October 15th
2. Second cash call November 15th, team dependent
3. Third cash call December 15th, team dependent

- If a player misses a cash call they will be suspended immediately from all team activities until the cash call is paid *



Registration Fees

Lindsay Graw

Registration opens June 25th and closes July 23rd

Late fee of \$100.00 for all registration received after July 23rd

- Conditioning Camps \$300.00
- Checking Clinic \$150.00
- Tryout fees
 - Last Chance Skates for U13AAA, U15AAA, U18AAA Raiders \$150.00
 - Open tryout U17AAA/U18AAA Bowmark \$300.00
 - AA tryouts Male and Female \$350.00
 - AAA Main camp tryouts U13AAA, U15AAA, U18AAA Raiders and U17AAA/U18AAA \$350.00

(U17AAA/U18AAA Players that are invited to main camp from the open tryout will receive a reduce fee of \$250.00 for the main camp registration)

Committed players are encouraged to register/pay for main camp. If they choose not to attend, they are required to register and attend the Green and White game. The fee is \$200.00



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GST will be added to where applicable (any camps tryouts U16AA and above)



Tryout Details

Lindsay Graw

- Tryout fees include jerseys, ice, trainers, referees, potential for green and white game, practices before final roster if applicable*
- Players do not have to tryout for AAA if they do not want to. Please register for the AA tryout in your division if you want your player to go straight to AA.
- All Okotoks players must register with OMHA prior to registering with OOAA. The only exception is signed AAA players. All signed AA players must register with OMHA.



Team Formation Fee Breakdown

Lindsay Graw

- The fees vary between each team based on how many ice times the teams receive before final team formation.
- Items that are covered under team formation fees are:
 - All practices
 - Exhibition games
 - Transportation if required.
 - Tournament entry fees
 - Trainer fees
 - Referees if required are included
 - Any additional oversized roster events



Ice Scheduling- Jamie Steer

- Jamie is entering 6th season as OOAA ice scheduler.
- Ice scheduling for next season is started and currently working through September with our main arenas (SSSR and the 3 town arenas, Centennial Green/Gold and Murray)
- AEHL/AFHL Game scheduling will be commencing shortly as they are looking for ice as soon as we can submit it.
- Full Conditioning and evaluation schedule has not officially been released but the dates are
- U15 Checking clinic August 11th and 12th
- Conditioning Camps August 14th to 27th
- Evaluations Starting August 20th and going until September 23rd (tentatively). U18/U16 AA Mixed can sometimes delay this finish.



Ice Scheduling- Jamie Steer

- **Hosting exhibition tourney for U15 AAA September 6th and 9th**
- **Hosting exhibition tourney for U18 AAA Bowmark September 10th to 13th**
- **Hosting U15 AA, U13 AAA and U13 Raiders exhibition tourney September 14th to 16th**
- **Hosting U18 AA exhibition tourney September 19th to 21st**



Health and Safety

- 4th year with the health and safety program
- All teams assigned an athletic therapist minus the two U13 teams.
- Two companies provide the therapists: Baseline Athletic Therapy and ProSport Therapy



Equipment Update

- 25/26 Season Order placed: new jerseys sets Oilers U18AAA (White), Oilers U13AAA (AAA format), Raiders U18AAA (Black), Raiders U15AA
- Spring Tryout jerseys: over 600 jerseys assigned to groups. Used a combination of inventoried jerseys and ordered jerseys
- Fall Tryout jerseys: will evaluate order need given the Spring tryouts in April
- Graduating Player Jersey Program: successful 2nd year of the program with the majority of '07 graduates purchasing jersey
- Welcome to Dan Parsons - OOAA Equipment Director



Billets

- Billet families are an integral part of our OOAA community by supporting our student athletes
- Our billet program supports OOAA Male and Female U17/U18AAA players as they participate in daytime programming and attend high school in Okotoks
- Our billet coordinator works closely with billet families and student athletes to ensure a positive experience
- We are currently looking for billet families for the 2025-26 season. If interested in learning more about our billet program please email ooaabillet@okotokshockey.com



U18AAA Bowmark Oilers

- Finished 3rd in AEHL U18AAA South Division
- Lost in first round of playoffs to Calgary Royals
- HC Mark Pederson for 2025/26 season
- Attended Island Classic U18AAA Tournament in Victoria
- Qualified for Circle K Tournament



U18AAA Bowmark 2025-2026 Daytime Practice Schedule

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| | | | |
| Monday | Academic Support | Provincial Room, Centennial Arena | 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm |
| Tuesday | Practice | Centennial Green | 11:00 am - 12:15pm |
| Tuesday | Dryland training | Training Foundation | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Practice | Centennial Green | 8:30 am - 9:45 am |
| Thursday | Practice | Centennial Green | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm |
| Thursday | Academic Support | Provincial Room, Centennial Arena | 4:15 pm -5:15 pm |
| Thursday | Dryland training | Training Foundation | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| Friday | Practice | Centennial Green | 8:30 am – 9:45am |



U18AA Oilers

- Head Coach for 2024-2025 season was Rob Hale, Team Manager was Malcolm Strachan
- Team finished 3-1 in the regional round robin playoffs, earning a spot in the semi-finals where they faced off against the EK Avalanche. Unfortunately, they came up short in that match and their season came to an end
- Sean Milford won the AEHL U18AA Humanitarian Player of the Month for February 2025



U17AAA Oilers

- Returning Head Coach for 2025/2026 – Ken Plaquin
 - Returning Assistant Coach for 2025/2026 – Darryn Severyn
 - Assistant Coach 2025/2026 – Lucas Watkins
 - Non-Parent Manager 2025/2026 – Lee Watkins
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- Finished 3rd of 9 teams in AEHL South / 6th of 20 teams in AEHL
 - Lost in South Sem-Final to Red Deer
 - Hosted AEHL U17AAA Provincials – Won Bronze
 - Attended CIHA Winter Classic
 - Participated in Logan Boulet – Loss Final
 - Multiple affiliate players utilized throughout the season
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- 5 players were committed to U18AAA – 2025/2026



U17AAA 2025-2026 Daytime Practice Schedule

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| | | | |
| Monday | Academic Support | National Room, Centennial Arena | 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm |
| Tuesday | Practice | Centennial Gold | 10:45 am -12:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Dryland training | Training Foundation | 6:45 pm -7:45 pm |
| Wednesday | Practice | Centennial Gold | 8:15 am - 9:30 am |
| Thursday | Practice | Centennial Gold | 10:45 am -12:00 pm |
| Thursday | Academic Support | National Room, Centennial Arena | 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm |
| Thursday | Dryland training | Training Foundation | 6:45 pm -7:45 pm |
| Friday | Practice | Centennial Gold | 8:15 am - 9:30 am |



U16AA Oilers

- Head Coach for 2024-2025 season was John Shaw
 - Team Manager was Jolene Caravaggio
- John Shaw won AEHL Coach of the Year Award for U16AA South
- Kyler Olson won the AEHL U16AA Player of the Month for October
- Lincoln Schultz won the AEHL 16AA Player of the Month for January
- The team took down the Wheatland Raiders in the regional round robin playoffs, finishing in first place and earning a spot in the South Division 3-game series against Red Deer
- Oilers came out on top in game one with a 4-3 win, but fell in the next two games in tightly contested battles
- Coaches were incredibly proud of the boys' grit, tenacity, and determination, not just during the playoffs, but all season long.



U15AAA Oilers

- Coaching Staff, led by HC Daron Dumanski
- Daron signed a 3 yr coaching contracting starting in the 25/26 season
- Played in Red Deer, RMC, and the Crown tournaments
- Finished 5th this season, did not make it past 1st round of playoffs
- Entered into Rebels U15AAA Fall Classic, Rocky Mountain Classic and the Crown



UI5AA Oilers

- **Coaching Staff, led by HC Geoff Stewart**
- **Geoff signed a 2 yr coaching contract starting in the 25/26 season**
- **Played first yr in the AEHL**
- **Went to Bonnyville and Lethbridge**
- **Finished first in AEHL south, won AEHL banner**
- **Placed 4th in Provincials**



U13AA Oilers

- Finished 5th out of 7 teams in the season.
- 12 W
- 21-L
- 1-T
- Coach Tyler is returning to support the NEW U13AAA as an assistant coach for the 25-26 season.



U18AAA Raiders

- Head Coach Dave Addison
- Manager Katherine Melrose
- Overall Season Record - 8-17-1-2-0 7th/8 Overall
- Tournaments Attended-
Firestarter
RHA Winter Classic In Vernon
The Crown at NAX
- 1 Player selected to play on Team Alberta National Aboriginal Hockey Tournament
- 6 players committed to post secondary hockey teams
- 8 Graduating Players
- Held first Spring ID camp with the ability to sign up to 19 players.
Coach Addison returning for the 2025/2026 season



U18AAA Raiders 2025-2026 Daytime Practice Schedule



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| Tuesday | Centennial Gold | 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Centennial Green | 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm |
| Thursday | Centennial Gold | 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm |
| Friday | Centennial Green | 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm |



U18AA Raiders

- Coaches: Dave Hayes and Mike Bara
Manager: Diane Bjornson

Overall Season Record – 17-13-0-1-0 Finishing 6th overall / 5th in South Division

Tournaments Attended:

Firestarter, Okotoks Female classic , Prince Albert

1 Player selected to play on Team Alberta National Aboriginal Hockey Tournament

Graduating Players: 4

Coach Hayes & Bara returning for the 2025/2026 season

Held first Spring ID camp with the ability to commit players



UI5AA Raiders

- Head Coach Mark Hallam, Assistant Coaches Kennedy Moore, Chad Grummett and Tim McCullough, Trainer Mady McArdle, Manager Leanne McCullough

Finished 6th in the South during the regular season with a record of 13 W, 15 L, 1 SOL and 2 OTL

Lost out in the first round of the playoffs

4 Raiders participated in the Hockey Alberta Challenge Cup

Head Coach Mark Hallam is returning for the 2025/26 season



UI3AA Raiders

- Finished 7th in the season.
- Had some very close games against some of the top teams in the league.
- Won the Okotoks Female Hockey tournament for their division.
- Coach Tristan worked hard to rebuild this program and looks like there is a larger pool of girls coming in for the 2025-26 season.



Executive Positions

As per 10.7 in our bylaws -- elections for the executive committee shall be on a rotating basis so that the terms of the office of President and VP terminate in consecutive years and so that the terms for the Treasurer and Secretary terminate in consecutive years.

Position and Term Length

President 3 years

Vice President 3 years

Secretary 2 years

Treasurer 2 year

Division Directors 1 year

Director at Large 1 year



Nominations

Nominations submitted 10 days prior to AGM resulting in the following acclamations

Executive

Treasurer (2 year term) – Kathleen Dengler

Directors (1 year term)

U13AA Raiders and Oilers- Candice Wyma

U15AA/AAA Oilers- Michelle Barratt

U15AA Raiders- Jennifer Zaffino

U16AA/U18AA- Katie Goulard

U18AAA Bowmark /U17AAAA Oilers- Tamara Spencer

U18AA/AAA Raiders- Nicole Brockhoff



OOAA Voting Procedure

Moderator to spin the “wheel of wow” to determine speaking order for the Presidential candidates.

- Each Presidential candidate to have 2 mins max to speak to membership to advocate their positions
- Moderator to conduct a poll for recording purposes via Zoom
- Polling for President be open for 1 minute long before polling closes
- Polling for Director at Large will be open for 1 minute before polling closes due to the number of candidates.
- One vote per household as per bylaws. Non voting participants will be moved to a breakout room
- To be eligible to vote you must have had a son or daughter in OOAA during the 2024-2025 season
- Registered emails are only ones counted
- The vote is anonymous. No one from OOAA will see who you voted for
- REMEMBER TO PRESS SUBMIT FOR VOTE TO BE RECORDED



OOAA President Nominees

Todd Christensen

Jennifer Dustow



OOAA Director at Large

There will be a vote for up to a maximum of 5 Director at Large positions. Of which a maximum of 2 non members maybe selected as per Bylaw 9.1 (B) composition of the board.

The board should not be comprised by more than 25% non member Directors.

Given that we have 2 non members that have been elected or acclaimed, under the above bylaw any of the following combinations of Director at Large are acceptable.

Possible Options

- 1- 5 Members
- 2- 4 Members, 1 Non Member
- 3- 3 Members, 2 Non Members

The next slide will show which nominees are members and non members.



OOAA Director at Large Nominees

Diane Bjornson (non member)

Kari Meyer

Grant Farion

Lee Morey

Ben Graham (non member)

Dan Parsons

Scott Harding (non member)

Kris Schultz



Question and Answer Member forum

Members were asked to ask their questions during the registration for the AGM. The next few slide address these questions.



Question and Answer Member forum

Tryout and Schedule

Q- When are the tryouts we need to know to plan the final summer vacation days

Q- What is happening with try outs? when are the dates for U18AA Raiders?

A- OOAA had to attend an ice user meeting with the Town of Okotoks on June 11, 2025. At this meeting the Town allocates ice and ice contracts to ALL user groups in Okotoks.

The OOAA ice scheduler could not start working on the CC and Tryout schedule until the ice contacts were released. Once the schedule has been completed, the Town must review and approve before OOAA can release the schedule to the public.

Registration will open on June 25th. The schedule will be posted prior to this date.



Question and Answer Member forum

AGM Format

Q- Why are these meetings virtual and not in person?

A- 8 of 11 teams are draw zone or open border teams.

Having a virtual AGM makes it more flexible for a larger number of members to attend.

For example, in 2024-2025 there was 213 players in our association. Represented by 196 families. 121 families have registered for this AGM. That is 62% of the membership.



Question and Answer Member forum

Skills, Video and Academic

Q- Who is contracted to run the skills sessions? What are we paying?

Q- Are there any policies that could be revised to remove cost and be more focused on player development?

Q- What changes are being made this season to improve the Raiders program?

Q- My daughter received ZERO growth and my money was wasted losing every game. How will this be fixed?



Question and Answer Member forum

Skills, Video and Academic

A- The association put out an RFQ and formed a committee to review and award a 2 year contact for Skills, Goalie Development, Video and Academic Support.

Changes from 2024-2025 to the 2025-2026 season to the Skills package offering reflect both the year end Parent feedback and the Coach feedback from the exit interview.

The committee was chaired by Grant Farion, Director at Large and comprised of:

Dan Laplante, OOAA President

Geoff Rollins, OMHA President

Jennifer Dustow, OOAA Secretary

Rob Ellis, OOAA U17AAA/U18AAA Director

Mark Pederson, OOAA Coach Director



Question and Answer Member forum

Skills, Video and Academic

Please refer to slides 17 and 18 in the OOAA AGM Power Point for a full RFQ breakdown by team.

The skills, goalie development and academic support rooms are paid for by the association using revenue from CC and Tryouts. These costs are shared using all players that register for CC and Tryouts, not only the payers that make an OOAA teams.

Increased video. Video to begin at U13AAA Oilers, U13AA Raiders

Increased skills from 105 session to 130 sessions. An increase of 25 sessions.
Brand new academic support teachers hired



Question and Answer Member forum

Feedback

Q- Outline how all players (not just top 5-7) will receive feedback from OOAA coaches in 2025/2026?

A- Currently feedback is only given to the last 5-7 releases per team due to the shear number of players trying out and the time required to meet with everyone.

For example, at U17AAA/U18AAA we had 175 athlete's tryout during the Spring. If each player received a 5 minute exit interview the Coaching Staff would need to allocate 14.5 hours for exit interviews alone.



Question and Answer Member forum

Other

Q- Key highlights of campaign platform/vision for future of OOAA as an organization on a whole and for each level/team?

A- All candidate bios have been posted to the OOAA website for member to review.

Q- Will U11AA be brought into OOAA?

A- This will be a discussion with OMHA

Q-Will the ID skates in 2026 be redesigned in order to help the players showcase their skill. Reducing the number of invites?

A-There are no long ID skates. Hockey Alberta has allowed association associations to run Spring Tryouts and offer commitments. The new board will be able to review this process going forward.



Question and Answer Member forum

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A-There are no longer ID skates. Hockey Alberta has allowed associations to run Spring Tryouts and offer commitments.

The new board will be able to review this process going forward for the 25-26 season.

Continued on next slide.



Question and Answer Member forum

The 2025 Spring tryouts were challenged by the lack of ice available due to OOAA having to submit their ice to the Town in October. Hockey Alberta made the decision in February to add Spring tryouts. The Town did not enough additional available ice at this time that OOAA could purchase.

HA added Spring tryouts to compete with players leaving to alternative leagues, sanctioned and non sanctioned.

Association have to host an “open tryout” as per HA guidelines.



OOAA President Address



OOAA AGM Adjournment