



Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association

U13AA Raiders
Spring Evaluations
2025



OOAA Vision and Mission

Through a dedicated volunteer base, the Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association will deliver an elite hockey program that will set the standard of excellence in developing hockey players to the next level.

This will be achieved through our
four pillars of success.



Four Pillars

Community

- Pride in our community is essential Our teams will endeavor to give back through volunteering and being positive role models.

Character

- OOAA will play a role in teaching our athletes integrity, responsibility, and accountability inside and outside the rink .

Hockey

- Through our committed hockey operations coaching staff and specialty programs we will deliver relevant hockey skills, focus on diversity, inclusion and athletic ability by adhering to the LTAD(long term athlete development)model.

Education

- OOAA will focus on the importance of education and helping our athletes understand how it plays in the role of the opportunities available to them during and after their competitive hockey careers.



Agenda

- Introduction Welcome – Jennifer Dustow (Secretary OOAA)
- Dan Laplante (President OOAA)
- Mark Pederson – Director of Coach Development
- OOAA Vision and Mission
- Season Outlook
- Introductions
- Player Commitments
- Team Budget
- Q&A



Introductions

- Tony Fairfield – U13AA Raiders Head Coach
- Josh Harding – U13AA Raiders Assistant Coach
- Candice Wyma – Division Director



Season Outlook

U13AA

- U13AA Raiders is a draw zone team open to players from Blackie, Chestermere, High Country, Hussar, Foothills, Indus, Nanton, Okotoks, Rockyford, Siksika, Strathmore, Standard
- U13AA Conditioning Camp and Fall team Evaluations will take place early September
- G/W game early September
- Pre-Season Tournament September 12th – 14th in Okotoks
- Final Team Formation at conclusion of tournament
 - 15 skaters, 2 goalies
- 2-3 Full Ice 1.25 Hour Practices per Week
- U13AA Raiders play in the Alberta Female Hockey League in the South Division. This includes 3 – Calgary Fire teams, Central Alberta Twins (Red Deer), Airdrie Lightning, Southern Express, and joining for the 2025 season Cochrane.
- 24 Regular Season Games in AFHL
- Showcase weekend for cross over games with the Northern AFHL teams hosted in one location. Limiting team travel. Last year this event was hosted in Red Deer December 6th – 8th.
- Weekly Dryland Training Sessions
- Tournaments
 - Thanksgiving Classic Calgary October 10th - 13th
 - Okotoks Female Classic November 14th -16th
 - Edmonton Tournament – December 2025
 - 10 Skills and Goalie Development sessions throughout the season provided by OOAA
- Video review sessions for players and goalies. Individual and Team sessions.



Team Budget

U13AA budgets have averaged from \$3,000-\$5,000 per player

Each team's budget will depend on various factors:

- Tournaments, Apparel, Training, Ice costs, Referees, Team Travel, Video Review Deposits and Administration fees.
- Sponsorship and Fundraising to offset expenses.
- OOAA has a Cash Call Policy min of \$3,000 per AA player to be paid by October 15th
 - Second cash call depend on team budget. Collected by November 15th
 - Third cash call dependent on team budget. Collected by December 15th



Player Commitments

- HA is permitting Player Commitments for the U13AA Raiders team
- OOAA has agreed that U13AA Raiders will have the ability to commit up to 10 players at Spring Evaluations.
- Commitments are Coach's staff decision
- Player Commitment Terms:
 - 48 hours to sign agreement once provided by OOAA
 - \$1,500 non-refundable deposit which will go towards First Cash Call
- Deposit is refunded if:
 - Player suffers season-ending injury prior to team formation
 - Family relocates out of draw zone for work purposes.
- Committed Players will be announced online by August 1st, and through social media.



Questions?