



Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association

U13AAA Oilers  
Spring Tryouts 2026



## 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 (OOAA President)
- Mark Pederson – Director of Coach Development
- OOAA Vision and Mission
- Season Outlook
- Introductions
- Player Commitments
- Team Budgets
- Q&A



## Introductions

- Greg Krebs – U13AAA Oilers Head Coach
- Candice Wyma – Division Director

*Candice will be your main point of contact until final team formation.*

- Cyril Reschny – U13AA Foothills Bisons Head Coach
- Dustin Connor – Division Director Foothills Bisons



## Season Outlook

- U13AAA Oilers is a draw zone team with players from High Country, Foothills, Vulcan, Nanton and Okotoks all having equal opportunity to tryout.
- OOAA is excited to collaborate with Foothills in building the U13 programs and have made a commitment to work closely together throughout evaluations and into the season to ensure that all players U13AA and U13AAA have a positive experience.
- Spring Tryouts with potential for player commitments and invites to main camp in the fall.
- Spring G/W game. Players who make the G/W game will have an opportunity for player exit interviews.
- U13AAA Conditioning Camp late August
- U13AAA Fall Main Camp in late August/Early September – Invite only
- Pre-Season Tournament in Okotoks September 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Final Team Formation early September
- 2-3 Full Ice 1.25 Hour Practices per Week
- 30 of Regular Season Games in AEHL has yet to be determined by the league
- Weekly Dryland Training Sessions

### Tournaments

- Thanksgiving Classic - October 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Regina Pats U13 Classic – January 22-25<sup>th</sup>
- 10 Skills and 7 Goalie Development sessions throughout the season provided by OOAA.
- Video Session for Players and Goalies. Individual and Team.



## Team Budget

U13AAA budget was approximately \$4,000-\$5,000 per player.

Each team's budget will depend on various factors:

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



## Player Commitments

- HA is permitting Player Commitments for the U13AAA team
- OAAA has agreed that U13AAA Oilers will have the ability to commit up to 10 players at Spring Evaluations.

Player Commitments are Coach Staff decision

- Coaches have the ability to invite players to main camp in the fall. This is different from a player commitment and means that the coach has you on the radar and would like to see you again in the fall.
- Player Commitment Terms:
  - 48 hours to sign agreement once provided by OAAA
  - \$1,750 will be paid upon commitment, this includes a \$1500 non-refundable deposit which will go towards First Cash Call and \$250 pro-rated main camp fee.
    - 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 1<sup>st</sup>, and through social media.



Questions?