



Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association

U15AAA 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 (President OOAA)
- Coach Director – Mark Pederson
- Season Outlook
- Introductions
- Team Budgets
- Q&A



Introductions

- Daron Dumanski – U15AAA Oilers Head Coach
- Michelle Barratt– Division Director

Michelle will be the main point of contact until final team formation in the fall.



Season Outlook

U15AAA

Draw zone team. Consisting of players from Chestermere, East Wheatland, Foothills, High Country, Indus, Nanton, Okotoks, Rockyford, Siksika, Strathmore and Vulcan. All players from these area's are eligible to tryout. There is no quota, the best players will be picked regardless of where they reside.

- Pre-Season Tournament in Okotoks September 4th – 6th
- Final Team Formation mid September
- 2-3 Full Ice 1.25 Hour Practices per Week.
 - Tuesday 6:30am-7:45am VRC, Thursday 8:00pm-9:15pm VRC, and every other Wednesday 8:00pm-9:15pm VRC
- 34 Regular Season Games in AEHL
- Weekly Dryland Training Sessions
- 10 Skills and 7 Goalie Development sessions throughout the season provided by OOAA
- Video Sessions for Players and Goalies. Individual and Team

Potential Tournaments

- Red Deer
- Rocky Mountain Classic
- John Reid St.Albert



Team Budget

Each team's budget will depend on various factors:

- League fee's, Hudl Assist, Tournaments, Apparel, Training, Ice and Ref costs, Coach Honorariums, Video Review, Team Travel, Deposits and Administration costs.
- Sponsorship and Fundraising can offset team expenses

U15AAA budget can range from \$9,000 - \$11,000 per player

- OOAA has a Cash Call Policy min of \$6,000 per AAA player to be paid by October 15th
- Committed players first cash call remaining amount is \$3000 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 and Main Camp Invites

- HA is permitting Player Commitments for the U15AAA team
- OAAA has agreed that U15AAA Oilers will have the ability to commit up to 18 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.
- Fall Main camp will be an invite only.
- There will be a last chance skate for players who didn't try out in the Spring, are new to the area, or would like to get an invite to main camp in the fall.
- Player Commitment Terms:
 - 48 hours to sign agreement once provided by OAAA
 - \$3,250 will be paid upon commitment, this includes a \$3,000 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 1st, and through social media.



Questions?