



Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association

U18AAA Raiders
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

OAAA 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 Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model.

Education

OAAA 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
- Mark Pederson – Director of Coach Development
- Coach Introductions
- Season Outlooks
- Player Commitments
- Daytime Programming
- Academics
- Billet Program
- Team Budgets
- Athletic Trainer
- Q&A



Coaching Staff

U18AAA Raiders – AFHL U18AAA

- Head Coach – Lars Petterson
- Assistant Coach – Lindy Greig
- Assistant Coach – Rolf Petterson
- Assistant Coach – Dallas Robbins



Season Outlook

U18AAA ('09 - '11)

- Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association is a proud host of the U18AAA Raiders.
- Evaluations for U18AAA Raiders is open borders.
- Conditioning camp and Fall Evaluations for U18AAA will begin mid – August
- U18AAA G/W game(s) late August
- AFHL Schedule of 28 regular season games
- 8 Team League
- Showcase weekend will be hosted in Okotoks for the next 2 years, October 3rd and 4th 2026 and October 2nd and 3rd 2027. The Showcase is an opportunity for South Conference teams to play North Conference teams in one location to reduce in season travel.
- 4 daytime practices per week
- Potential Tournaments
 - Preseason Firestarter tournament September 10th -13th - Confirmed
 - NIT Tournament – Minnesota October 15th -18th – Awaiting Confirmation
 - 2 Nations College Prep Tournament – December 4th -6th
 - Mandi Schwartz December 10th – 13th – Invite Only
 - Rink Kelowna – Late Jan/Early Feb - Awaiting confirmation
- 15 Skills and 14 Goalie Development Sessions provided by OOAA.
- Video Sessions for players and goalies. Individual and team.
- All AFHL games are streamed on FloHockey and InStat (Analytics)



Daytime Programming

- U18AAA Raiders is a daytime program
- 4 daytime practices on Tuesday and Thursday 12:15pm -1:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 2:45pm -4:00pm
- Student Athletes will work with the school to coordinate spare blocks to accommodate for daytime practices
- Evening Strength & Conditioning sessions

By offering a daytime program OOAA helps create a balance of academics/athletics/life for our players.



Academic Support Sessions

- OOAA is looking to offer academic support teacher sessions for the U18AAA Raiders team this season.
- Starting the 3rd week in September through til the end of March
- Day of week and time to be determined (Looking at Monday and Thursday)
- All Academic core subjects are covered
- Jessica Larocque – Specializes in Math and Science
- Rich Dusevic – Specializes in English and Social Studies

Rich and Jess bring with them a wealth of knowledge in the four core subjects. They look forward to building strong relationships with our athlete's and guiding them as they learn to balance their academics and athletics.



Player Commitments and Main Camp Invites

- HA is permitting Player Commitments for the U18AAA Team
- OAAA has agreed that U18AAA Raiders will have the ability to commit up to 19 players at Spring Evaluations

Commitments are coach's 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 invite only.
- Player Commitment Terms:
 - 48 hours to sign agreement once provide by OAAA
 - \$3,262.50 payment upon commitment, this includes a \$3,000 non-refundable deposit for U18AAA Raiders and \$262.50, pro-rated fee for Main camp in the fall.
 - The deposit will go towards the team 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.



Athletic Trainers

- Each U18 Team is assigned one AT with a back-up for the season
- Help players with games for player preparation, injury prevention, injury treatment and assessment
- Reporting and follow-up on injury recovery

Athletic trainers are assigned to teams by ProSport Therapy or Baseline Athletic Therapy



Team Budgets

- Each team's budget will depend on various factors:
 - # of Tournaments
 - Team travel
 - Ice Times/Referees
 - Deposits and Administration fees
 - Video Review
 - Coach Honorariums
 - Sponsorship and Fundraising can be used to offset team expenses

U18AAA have ranged from \$14,000 - \$15,000 per player

- OAAA has a 'Cash Call' Policy min of \$6,000 per AAA player to be paid by October 15th
- \$3,000 for committed players remaining half of first cash call due by October 15th
 - Second cash call depends on team budget. Collected by November 15th
 - Third cash call dependent on team budget. Collected by December 15th



Billet Program

- OOAA has a Billet Program for athletes from outside Okotoks

Process

- Once player is committed to the team OOAA Billet Coordinator will start the application process
- OOAA Billet Coordinator accepts applications from potential host families
- Applicants are interviewed and must meet eligibility requirements prior to being approved
- Players meet with prospective billet families before placement

Throughout this entire process OOAA Billet Coordinator will work to ensure a smooth transition for all student athletes and billet Families.

** If you are interested in billeting, please reach out to Nicole Brockhoff for more information.



Questions ?