



Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association

U17/U18 AAA
Spring Tryouts



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 – Jennifer Dustow (President OOAA)
- Division Director – Tamara Spencer

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

- Introduction:
 - Coaching Staff
- Season Outlook
- Team Budgets
- Athletic Trainer
- Q&A



Introduction of Coaching Staff

U18AAA Oilers – AEHL

- Head Coach – Mark Pederson
- Assistant Coach – Tyler Wagner

U17AAA Oilers – AEHL

- Head Coach – Ken Plaquin
- Assistant Coach – Liam Lzyk



Season Outlook

U18AAA ('09 – '11)

- AEHL Schedule 38 games
- Okotoks Pre-Season tournament Sept 7th -10th

U17AAA ('10-'11)

- AEHL Schedule 34 games
- NWCAA Pre-Season Tournament Sept 18th – 20th



Player Commitments and Invites to Fall Main Camp

Hockey Alberta is permitting teams to make player commitments for the 206/2027 Season

Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association is permitting up to the following;

- U18AAA Oilers up to 18
- U17AAA Oilers up to 15

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 at camp in the fall.
- Fall Main camp is invite only.
- There is an open camp in the fall as well where players can earn an invite to main camp.

Player Commitment Terms;

- 48 hours to sign agreement once provided by OAAA
- \$3,262.50 payment upon commitment, this includes a \$3,000 non-refundable deposit and \$262.50 fee for Main camp in the fall.
- The deposit will go towards the first team cash call

Deposits will be refunded if;

- If a U17AAA Committed player earns a spot with a higher level AEHL team the deposit will be applied towards an Okotoks based team cash call, or in the event the player makes another AEHL team with another association the deposit will be refunded.
- If a U18AAA Committed player earns a WHL or AJHL team commitment.
- Player suffers a season-ending injury prior to team formation.
- Family relocates outside of the draw zone for work purposes.

Committed players will be announced on OAAA website and socials no later than August 1st.



Daytime Programming

U18AAA

- Daytime practices
- Tuesday and Thursday – 11:00am - 12:15pm
- Wednesday and Friday – 8:30am – 9:45am
- Coordination with school to have a spare block
- Evening Strength and Conditioning
- Tuesday and Thursdays – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

U17AAA

- Daytime practices
- Tuesday and Thursday – 10:45am – 12:00pm
- Wednesday and Friday – 8:15am – 9:30am
- Coordination with school for a spare block
- Evening Strength and Conditioning
- Tuesday and Thursday – 6:45pm -7:45pm

This helps to create a balance of academics, athletics and life



Academics

- Options available at both local High schools
- OOAA offers academic support teacher sessions for the U17AAA and U18AAA Oiler teams
- Starting the 3rd week in September through til the end of March
- Monday and Thursday 4:15pm – 5:15pm
- 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.



Billet Program

- OOAA has a Billet Program for athletes who reside outside of Okotoks
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 the student athletes and billet families.

*If you are interested in billeting please reach out to Tamara for more information.



Team Budgets

Each team's budget will depend on various factors:

- # of Tournaments and tournament travel
- League travel (northern AB)
- Ice times/Referees
- Coach Honorariums
- Hudl – Assist and Video Review Sessions for U16AA
- Sponsorship and Fundraising can be used to offset team expenses

U18AAA cash calls have ranged from \$13,000 - \$15,000 per player

U17AAA cash calls have ranged from \$9,000-\$11,000 per player

- OAAA has a First Cash Call Policy min of \$6,000 per AAA player to be paid by October 15th
- Committed players will pay \$3,000 for the remainder of their first cash call 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



Athletic Therapist

- Each Team is assigned one AT with a back-up for the season
- Help players with game preparation, injury prevention, injury assessment, injury treatment and return to play management.
- Reporting and follow-up on injury recovery



Questions