

# Ponoka Minor Hockey News



Exciting news from the recent board meeting held on Wednesday, October 2. There was a presentation from Black Elk Hockey Camp. Black Elk Hockey Camp was actually started in Ponoka by a Ponoka resident many years ago. The camp expanded and moved to other towns about ten years ago and they would like to come back and offer this service to our kids! They offer a week-long full day camp, or half day for younger kids and are hoping to receive the endorsement from the Town of Ponoka. This will require our town having ice in and ready to go for August 16<sup>th</sup>. A camp or activity such as this could mean increased revenue for many of our businesses and attraction to our town from other families. Stay tuned!

Ponoka Minor Hockey has also voted overwhelmingly in the favour of joining the Ponoka Chamber of Commerce! This new membership will have many benefits for our club and we're looking forward to getting started.



## REVISED Tournament Dates :

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> - Atom

December 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> - Lacoka Bantam Girls

January 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> - Pee wee

February 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> - Novice

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Initiation

Please consider volunteering to lead your level on the Tournament committee, or mentoring someone else who is interested in coordinating tournaments.

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# Sponsorship Opportunity



## Team Apparel Nights

Wednesdays will be at the arena on October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 8:30PM to take orders for Ponoka Minor Hockey apparel. Please note that parents will need to purchase their own socks this year so please decide as a team which socks your team will be wearing before apparel night.

The new half-ice training initiative has introduced a few new challenges to associations across Canada. One of them is adapting the existing rink to accommodate half-ice play. Although Ponoka Minor Hockey has foam bumper pads to divide the ice, we believe that by adding tall rink dividers, we can increase the efficiency of play for practices and games by ensuring pucks stay on the right rink the majority of the time. This will also assist players in learning board techniques. The board has asked that we approach business to offer a section of the dividers to them to purchase advertising space. It would be a one time charge of \$1500.00 which would give them advertising on both sides of the divider and the advertisement would stay for the life of the divider. Ponoka Minor Hockey would have their logo or whatever they requested applied to the divider.

We need 7 businesses to sponsor for this new equipment to be approved. Please consider assisting us with this by approaching your employer. If you are able to assist, please send an email to [inform.pmha@gmail.com](mailto:inform.pmha@gmail.com). Thank you for your help!

Do you know a 6 to 10 year old that would like to get into hockey? We have been chosen to host the First Shift Program in Ponoka which is sponsored by Bauer and the Edmonton Oilers! The program includes 6 on ice sessions, a FULL set of Bauer hockey equipment and special experiences offered by the Edmonton Oilers. There will be a Welcome/kick-off evening at the Stagecoach Saloon on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

To register, [click here!](#)





# Featured Players, Referees & Coaches



We would like to add a feature to our newsletter which includes pictures and interviews with our players, referees and coaches. Before we can proceed, we need a FOIP form filled out for each of your players. Please [click here](#) to access the form or you can find it under “FORMS” on our website.

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Some people skate to the puck.  
I skate to where the puck is going to be.  
-Wayne Gretzky

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