



JANUARY 2018

OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb 3: Coach Mentor Night @ Oilers
- Feb 6: AGLC Charitable Groups Session
- Mar 3: Grand Opening New Arena
- Mar 3-4: Timbit Tournament
- April 21: Jerseys and Jeans Fundraiser
- May 16: OMHA AGM
- June 21: OMHA Golf Tournament

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SELLING FAST

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

FROM GEOFF STEWART, PRESIDENT

Hope everyone has had a great start to 2018. With the new arena set to open January 31st, I wanted to update the Membership on information regarding this new space.

The two NHL sized arenas will be known as the "GREEN and "GOLD" arenas. The original will be Green and the new space Gold.

The arena will be open January 31st; however the Grand Opening will be held March 3rd during the Initiation Tournament. Stay tuned for additional info as we get closer to the date.

Good luck to all OMHA teams as we hit the final stretch of the season.

GO Oilers Go!

-Geoff





Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission

The Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission has scheduled a Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) combined session near you! The session is **Tuesday February 6th, 2018**, at the Best Western Plus Okotoks Inn & Suites, 100 Southbank Road, Okotoks at 9am-1pm.

This session is for all charitable groups who have a gaming licence or who would like to learn how to get a gaming licence and who would like more information on how gaming funds may be used. Examples of groups would be:

- Museum Society
- Sports groups – curling, soccer, hockey, skating, golf
- School Education Associations
- Historical Society
- Senior Clubs
- Church Organizations

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission facilitator will cover the following topics:

- Eligibility for gaming Licenses and the Licensing application process.
- Requirements for conducting a, Casino, raffle, bingo or pull -ticket events.
- Policies around the use of gaming proceeds and how to get approvals (examples of forms). New Forms & policies for Donations
- Financial reporting requirements.
- Able to ask questions
- GAIN manual provided (Eleventh Edition-July 2017)!!

This session will provide valuable information to charitable groups by helping them gain a better understanding of the responsibilities and requirements of their gaming licence.

To pre-register, please contact your Director.

IMPORTANT LINKS & NOTES:

- OMHA Website
- OMHA Bylaws
- OMHA Game and Conduct

Respect in Sport Course

Hockey Alberta mandates that one parent of every player take the Respect in Sport course. This course must be renewed every 4 years. You must have a valid certification before your player will be allowed to play this season. If you have not already taken this course, please click here.

Coach Mentor Night @ the Okotoks Oilers

The Okotoks Oilers would like to invite the Head and Assistant Coaches of OMHA to this year's Coach Mentor Session on Saturday February 3rd when the Oilers take on the Sherwood Park Crusaders. We are inviting coaches from both Male and Female streams, and from Timbits to Midget. All participants will receive complimentary tickets to the game.

February 3
5:30-6:00 PM Light Dinner / 6:00-6:45 PM Oilers Coaching
Multi-Purpose Room @ Pason Centennial Arena
RSVP by January 28 to dawn@okotoks Oilers.com

New Arena Update

The two NHL sized arenas will now be known as the "GREEN" and "GOLD" arenas. The original arena will be the GREEN arena and the new arena will be the GOLD arena. Isn't that much better than Pason #1 and Pason #2!!

There will be 3 new multi-purpose rooms in the expanded facility and will be available to rent starting March 1st (bookings will not be taken until February 1st)

Opening hours of the Leisure Ice Arena will be 9:00 am – 9:00 p.m. Flood times will vary depending on other activities in the building and the amount of use on the ice surface. All skating will be free of charge and is not rentable. Please note that this surface is for leisure skating only. Full hockey equipment is not permitted, hockey practices/warm-ups and figure skating is not allowed and users will lose their regular ice times if abused in any way.

save the dates

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APRIL 21 2018

OMHA GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 21 2018



In Other News....

OMHA BYLAWS

Our bylaws were last updated in 2010 and are due for an update. Dan Laplante has graciously offered to help us with this, thank you Dan!



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Novice Friendship Tournament

Dec 15-17/ full/ 36 teams
18 Okotoks Teams

Women's National Team vs Okotoks Bowmark Oilers

The game was well attended with the stands over 3/4 full that night. The game resulted in a 3-3 tie and was very exciting for everyone who attended.

The skills sessions before the game was attended by over 100 female hockey players in Okotoks. On behalf of OMHA we would like to Thank all of the coaches that volunteered their time to help make these sessions a success.

New Arena Sponsorship Opportunities

Starting Feb 2018 and Continues for the 2018-2019 Season

Rink Board (4'x8') - 20 available	\$1500*/year
Wall Board (3'x8') - 32 available	\$1000*/year
In Ice Logo (4'x12') - 4 available	\$3000*/year
Score Clocks - 2 available	\$850* ea. or \$1500* for both/year

All 2018-2019 sponsors will receive the right of first refusal for the following season.

Contact Geoff at gstewart@okotokshockey.com for more information and to secure your sponsorship!

In Other News....

Okotoks Oilers Pee Wee AA Black Team announced as a semi-finalist in the Chevrolet Good Deeds Cup!



As part of player development, the team wanted to give back to the community in the form of volunteerism. In December, the team held a bottle drive in the Okotoks community to raise funds necessary to make 300 lunches and donate these to the Calgary Mustard Seed (the number of lunches served daily). Okotoks Sobeys generously provided a discount on the necessary food and supplies. The boys made sandwiches and assembled the lunches (with guidance from team parents) and delivered them to the Mustard Seed along with an additional cheque for \$800, the remaining funds earned during the bottle drive.

Along with the community volunteerism, the team entered the Chevrolet Good Deeds Cup competition. This initiative encourages Pee Wee level teams across Canada to 'win off the ice' by helping make their community a better place. The Okotoks Oilers Pee Wee AA Black was selected as one of ten semi-finalists from across Canada, and is the only team from Alberta to reach the semi-finals. As a semi-finalist, the team receives a \$2000 donation to a charity of their choice (The Mustard Seed) and each team member receives a gift package of Hockey Canada and Chevrolet branded items.

The team is asking for your support to help them become a top three finalist. If successful, the prize package increases to receiving up to \$15,000 for their charity. Voting occurs from 12:00:01 AM on Monday, January 15th to 11:59:59 PM on Sunday, January 28th. Votes are counted by number of views on the Chevrolet Canada's YouTube Channel. Once voting starts we will provide a direct link to view our team's video. In the meantime please take a look and share our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/oilersaablack/>

Please share this link and our story on your website, and social media pages. We sincerely appreciate your support of the Okotoks Oilers Pee Wee AA Black team.



From Our Sponsors

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OMHA offers two exciting opportunities for local businesses that allow their company name to be seen by hundreds, if not thousands, of local families.

Each travel team in OMHA is eligible to have a company name displayed on a name bar on the back of their jerseys.

For further information, please contact us at sponsorship@okotokshockey.com.



Okotoks Oilers

Tuesday January 16th vs Mustangs @ 7:00 pm

Friday January 19th vs Canucks @ 7:00 pm

Saturday January 20th vs Dragons @ 7:00 pm

All OMHA players can receive complimentary entrance to all home games with their VIP Player's cards

Okotoks Oilers Spring Hockey Development

Novice to Midget Aged Players

8 weeks – 19 sessions from April 9 to June 7

Programs running at both Scott Seaman Sports Rink & Pason Centennial Arena

Visit our website at www.okotoksoilers.com or call 403-998-1657 for details



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