

# OKOTOKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



*"Peace and joy to you and yours this Christmas season"*

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Dec 15-17: Novice Tournament

Mar 3-4: Timbit Tournament

May 16: OMHA AGM

**NEW ARENA  
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## CHEERS TO YOU AND YOURS

FROM GEOFF STEWART, PRESIDENT

As we get close to the end of 2017 the entire Board and Executive Board would like to take this time to wish the OMHA Membership, Players, Referees and Volunteers a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Look forward to seeing everyone in 2018!

-Geoff





### New Arena Update

Feb 1 can't come fast enough...so exciting!



#### 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 Friday January 5th when the Oilers take on the Brooks Bandits for the last time this season. We are inviting coaches from both Male and Female streams, and from Timbits to Midget. All participants will receive complimentary tickets to the game.

January 5  
5:30-6:00 PM Light Dinner / 6:00-6:45 PM Oilers Coaching  
Multi-Purpose Room @ Pason Centennial Arena  
RSVP by January 2 to dawn@okotoks Oilers.com

*save the dates*

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OMHA GOLF TOURNAMENT  
JUNE 21 2018

#### Okotoks Referee Association

FROM GREG SCHMIDT, VICE-PRESIDENT OF ORA



From November 9-12 there were 110 hockey games in Okotoks, High River, Black Diamond, Blackie & Stavely. There was the Female tournament in Okotoks which had 77 games, and the remainder were AA, AAA & the Atom tournament in Black Diamond. All games in the Female tournament & Atom tournament had two officials in each game. Over the weekend there were 238 referee assignments, and we used 78 different officials to fill those games.

Thank you to all the parents,, coaches and Players, as well as ALL the officials who helped out during one of our busiest weekends of the year.

### Peewee A Oilers vs Harbin, China

The Okotoks Peewee A Oilers and the Harbin, China squad share a moment after their exhibition game Nov. 23 at the Father David Bauer Arena in Calgary. Bruce Campbell/OWW

It was about the experience, not the final score.

"It was a unique opportunity for the girls to play an international team all the way from China," said Okotoks Peewee A Girls Oilers coach Darcy Williams. "It wasn't just a hockey game, it was an opportunity to play a team that they might never get to experience in their lives."

To read the full story in the Okotoks Western Wheel, click here

### Oilers Help Support the Food Bank

The Atom 1 Green and Midget 1 Oilers participated in a food drive to support the Okotoks Food Bank. Great job!





## 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!



### Novice Friendship Tournament

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

### OKOTOKS FEMALE HOCKEY CLASSIC

The 10th Annual Okotoks Female Hockey Classic was a success. With 40 teams in attendance and 11 of our 15 teams playing in final games.



# 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 first rite of refusal for the following season.

Contact Geoff at [gstewart@okotokshockey.com](mailto:gstewart@okotokshockey.com) for more information and to secure your sponsorship!

\*All fees above do not include the cost for production and installation



## In Other News....

A feel good moment for one of our great coaches. We received this letter from a parent in Lethbridge....congratulations Coach on a job well done!



To Okotoks Minor Hockey,

I am a mother of a hockey player from Lethbridge. Last weekend we played immediately following a game between a Coaldale team and an Okotoks team in Tier 1 Atom. I wanted to take the time to write about the coaches from Okotoks. I wanted to commend them as I heard them talking to an athlete as we got ready for our game. They talked of sportsmanship, of representing your city well, and of always playing and acting in a respectful manner and with integrity. It was so nice to see them value their role as leaders and mentors for these young players and encouraging above all else fair play and good sportsmanship.

I understand that most of these wonderful volunteers exhibit these qualities. However, we often hear of only the negative things and people only write letters to complain. I hesitated to send this, but I thought it was important to do so (even though it will come from an insignificant stranger!); that people do notice when things are done right and when positive things happen at the rink. So thank you to the coaches from Okotoks for all the time and effort they put forth towards these children.

A parent in Lethbridge



# 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](mailto:sponsorship@okotokshockey.com).



### Okotoks Oilers

Friday December 8th vs Thunder @ 7:00 pm  
Saturday December 9th vs Saints @ 7:00 pm  
Tuesday December 19th vs Kodiaks @ 7:00 pm

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



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