

All NEW players are asked to fill out a paper Registration form – go to Registration page and click on HCMHA Registration (paper form)

Respect In Sport Online Program

If you have not ever enrolled your child in hockey, you will be require to complete this course to have your player be assigned a HOCKEY CANADA ID.

Hockey Alberta has mandated starting the **2012/2013** hockey season that at least one parent or guardian of every player in Alberta takes the Respect in Sport program. This is an online program that can be found on the Hockey Alberta website www.hockeyalberta.ca or **CLICK** on the ***Respect In Sport*** tab on the registration page. It takes about an hour to complete and cost ~\$12.00. Once you have completed the course you will receive a certificate and your players' Hockey Canada ID if they are new to hockey.

High Country Minor Hockey Association is requiring that we receive a copy of the certificate of completion by August 31 of the current hockey season.

You can either mail it to us at:

Box 1004

Turner Valley, AB

T0L 2A0

Or email a copy to: rockiesminorhockey@gmail.com

If we do not have a certificate of completion for the Respect In Sport Program for your player(s) they will not be able to go on the ice until such time we receive a copy. At the Boards discretion you may be asked to repeat this course.

Association Fee

Division Fees

Initiation	\$610.00
Novice	\$685.00
Atom	\$870.00
Peewee	\$925.00
Bantam	\$960.00
Midget	\$1,015.00

HCMHA is offering a payment plan again for this season. If you choose this option you will be required to pay 50% of the registration fees at the time of registration and the remaining 50% will be paid by August 31st.

If you choose the payment plan and you have been approved by the Board of Director to make payment installments that are greater than 2 payment, the additional installments (after the initial 2) will have a \$5.00 Administration fee added on.

Any credit card or cheques payments that do not go thru on the first attempt for the July 31st payment will be charged an administration fee of \$25.00. Any credit card or cheque payment that does not go thru on the first attempt on August 31st will be charged an administration fee of \$75.00.

REFUND OF FEES

Article III – MEMBERSHIP AND FEES as per HCMHA By-Laws

Registration Fees: Registration fees are to be set prior to the commencement of each hockey season, by the current Executive. Fees can be fully refunded if requested in writing to the Executive by the member (if over 18 years of age) or a parent or guardian of the member prior to the start of the league pay. Partial refund shall be 50% of the fees up to December 15, however there shall be no refunds after December 15.

PLAYER WITHDRAW POLICY

(a) To apply for with drawl of player, all requests shall be applied for in writing to the Executive Board of Directors.

(b) All requests will be reviewed by the Executive Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors deem invalid reason for withdrawing from the program, the player will be subject to board review the following hockey season, which may include up to a one year suspension of play with High Country Minor Hockey Association if the request is after September 1.

(c) The amount of the refund of fees due to with drawl, will be based on the following High Country Minor Hockey Association By-Laws.

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Team Selection and Evaluation Procedures

High Country Minor Hockey teams play in the Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL), which is a tiered league. The purpose of tiering is to provide players the opportunity to play against teams with whom they are competitive. With this in mind, HCMHA strives to place players on teams that best match their development level.

HCMHA is required to follow Hockey Alberta and CAHL guidelines for team sizes and enter teams into tiers according to CAHL guidelines. Teams that start in a tier that is not suitable to their development level could be moved to an appropriate tier following the tiering round.

It is understood that no evaluation process is perfect, but HCMHA strives to evaluate players in a manner that is as objective, fair and accurate as possible. It is our goal to provide each player with the opportunity to play on a team that best matches his or her skill level at the same time recognizing that as a small centre, we only have 1 to 3 teams at each age level. On any given team, there will be players that are playing both above and below their personal skill level. Fortunately, hockey is a TEAM sport where players can learn to make the most of each other's strengths and help each other to develop skills.

Team Selection Process

HCMHA works with outside evaluators. They will have two to three nights to observe the players participating first in skill drills and then scrimmages. Following the first session, groupings may be changed, at the evaluators' request, to better compare the different players. This is not to be interpreted as an indication of where a player may end up! Failing to attend all your evaluation times may impact your team placement.

At the end of the sessions, the evaluators will provide the Executive with a numbered ranking for each player in the division. The board will then split the division into teams based on the rankings. (E.g. 1-14 on one team, 15-28 on the other) If there are not enough goalies in a division for both teams to have two, the first team will have one and the second will have two. This way, the two goalies on the second team can be affiliated to the first team. There may be some players who the evaluators identify as being on the "bubble" and as having relatively equal skill levels. In this situation the board will have to decide where to place the players.

Once the teams are selected, coaches will be notified of their rosters and will contact the players. This is usually done within 24 hours of the final evaluation session.

The 2019-20 season evaluations will take place throughout during September 2019 for age divisions with numbers for more than one team roster. Schedule to be released in August.

Parental Input for Placements

Parents may request that their children be placed on the lower tiered team if they believe it will better serve the child's interests. Requests should be made, preferably in writing, to a member of the Executive prior to evaluation.

Parents may request that siblings (who are in the same division) play on the same team. The players will still be evaluated and if the evaluation places them on different teams, they will be placed on the team that matches the lower ranked sibling.

Over Age Players: Sometimes either the association or a parent may identify a child that is not ready to play in their normal age division. The association must seek special permission from Hockey Alberta and CAHL to have the child play down a division. There are strict criteria that must be met to allow a player to “over-age”. If you feel your child should over-age, contact the Registrar for more information. Over-age players are not eligible to play in provincials.

** Please respect Evaluators need to objectively look at each player. Give them the privacy to concentrate and discuss the players by not sitting in their vicinity. Do not approach them with requests, suggestions or personal opinions; these can be discussed with members of the HCMHA executive.**

Unevaluated Players

Players who choose not to be evaluated will automatically be placed on the lower tiered team. It is up to the players/parents to ensure that the players are registered prior to evaluation and learn the evaluation schedule. The schedule is available on the web site, posted at the arena and through the Executive.

Players who are unable to attend evaluations because of significant medical issues, emergency reasons or other extenuating circumstances, may submit a request for an individual evaluation after the teams are selected. The board will consider such requests on a case by case basis and will be dependent on space on the division teams. If a request is granted, the evaluation will be done by individuals of the Board's choosing.

Complaint Process

It is not uncommon for parents, coaches and players to disagree with the evaluators' rankings. The Board welcomes constructive feedback on the evaluation process, but please be aware that it is unlikely that an individual ranking or placement will be changed. ***You will have 24 hours ONLY to request information regarding your player after the final evaluation is finished.***