



High Country Minor Hockey Association - Box 1004 Turner Valley, AB T0L 2A0 www.highcountryrockies.ca

Welcome to another exciting season of Minor Hockey. Please find enclosed with your 2021 / 2022 registration package the following:

1. Registration Form
2. Costs List Worksheet
3. Respect In Sport Information (new players only or if you took it prior to 2015/2016 season)

What You Need To Do:

- Complete and sign the **Registration Form**
- If you have never registered for minor hockey anywhere in Canada please provide player's birth certificate number & a copy of the birth certificate
- Calculate your total costs using the **Costs List Worksheet**
- **Complete the Respect In Sport program online (new players or if you took it prior to 2016/2017 season)**
- Attach a cheque for the **Total Costs** amount
- Attach a post-dated cheque to April 1, 2022 in the amount of \$200/family as a volunteer bond (**you will be contacted if the volunteer bond will be cashed or the cheque will be shredded at the end of the season**)

Once completed, PLEASE RETURN:

1. Registration Form
2. **Copy of Respect In Sport Program Certificate**
3. Cheque for registration fees
4. \$200 cheque for volunteer bond/ family
5. Birth Certificate Registration Number & copy of birth certificate (*If this is your first time playing hockey*)
6. Birth Certificate Registration Number, copy of birth certificate, and Parent Declaration Form (*If you played in another association last year*)

(Additional forms can be found on the website at www.highcountryrockies.ca)

Completed application packages can be returned via mail to:

High Country Minor Hockey
Box 1004
Turner Valley, AB T0L 2A0

Registrations must be received by July 31, 2021

**Any registrations received after July 31 will be placed on a waiting list if teams are full
HCMHA, at its discretion, may cap enrollment as teams reach capacity**

Fall Schedule Ice Expectations

Initiation:	2 shared ice practices per week / weekend games
Novice:	2 shared ice practices per week / weekend games
Atom:	1-2 shared ice practices per week / weekend games
Pee Wee:	1-2 shared ice practices per week / weekend games
Bantam:	2 full ice practices per week / weekend games
Midget:	2 full ice practices per week / weekend games

Note: We are a traveling association and will be playing league games within the CAHL.

Note: Depending on numbers of teams registered and schedule conflicts; Bantam and Midget teams may have 1 practice at Oilfields Arena in the morning.

HIGH COUNTRY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Player Registration Form

Circle which team your child will be registering for (Age as of December 31, of current hockey season)

Table with 7 columns: Age, U 7, U 9, U 11, U 13, U 15, U 18. Rows include Age groups and corresponding Fees.

Player's Name: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____

Sex: (Circle one) Male / Female

Played For _____ Minor Hockey Association Last Year

Birth Certificate Registration Number (please attach a copy of birth certificate): _____

Mailing Address: P.O. Box: _____ Town: _____

Street Address (IF IN TOWN): _____ Postal Code: _____

OR

Legal Land Description (IF RURAL): _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phones: _____

Email: _____ Alberta Health Care Number: _____

Medical Conditions: (i.e. Allergies, Asthma etc...) _____

If you were referred by someone, please indicate who: _____

In case of injury or accident, an Adult, other than a Parent, to be contacted:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY:

In consideration of High Country Minor Hockey Association's acceptance of the Application, whose name appears above as a player in the League program, the Applicant and his/her Parents or legal Guardian agree that neither the Hockey Association for whom he/she plays nor the High Country Minor Hockey Association in which it operates, owners of the rinks on which he/she plays, nor coaches, managers or other team/league officials will be held responsible for any accidents or loss of personal property, however caused, and agree to release the aforementioned individuals and associations from all claims and damages which may arise as the result of such accident or loss. It is further agreed that all risks in said Hockey program are assumed by the player and his/her parents or legal guardians and the assumption of all the above is both acknowledged and approved by their signature hereto.

RELEASE OF ADDRESS/MAILING INFO:

I hereby release High Country Minor Hockey Association to forward my mailing address information to other Associations that may require such information for try-outs, conditioning camps and other Hockey related business and opportunities (Example High River Bison AA program etc...) I also consent to the use of this information on the HCMHA website, which on the team pages that team managers will be posting to, may contain photos of players along with player's names and / or jersey numbers.

PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE:

Payment of Registration Fees due at time of registration.

Should the opportunity arise, I give permission for the above named player's name, picture or video to be included which may be taken by representatives of High Country Minor Hockey Association to be used in publications, media coverage, club website, promotional activities, arena bulletin board, trophies/awards, newsletters, etc. YES _____ NO _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (only)

Date

ACTIVITY	Cost per player	Multiplied by # of players	Total Cost
Registration Fees:	Regular fee		
U 7	\$700.00	X	
U 9	\$785.00	X	
U 11	\$1000.00	X	
U 13	\$1060.00	X	
U 15	\$1100.00	X	
U 18	\$1160.00	X	
Conditioning Camp	\$50.00	X	
Total Registration Fees			
Volunteer Bond (team managers to advise expectations at beginning of season)	PLEASE DATE THIS CHEQUE FOR APRIL 1, 2022		\$200.00

Respect In Sport Online Program

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 . It takes about an hour to complete and cost \$12.00. Once you have completed the course you will receive a certificate.

High Country Minor Hockey Association is requiring that we receive a copy of the certificate of completion by August 31, 2019.

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.

In the spring of 2017, Hockey Alberta announced that – effective for the 2018-19 season – Parents and Coaches/Team Officials would be required to recertify their Respect in Sport every four seasons. The requirement to recertify comes into effect on May 1.

For the 2018-19 season, the requirement to recertify affects Parents and Coaches/Team Officials who completed their Respect in Sport certification prior to the 2015-16 season.

The Respect in Sport Parent Program helps define a standard of behavior for all parents and create a more rewarding, safe and respectful environment for everyone involved. Parents want to do a great job supporting their kids. Respect in Sport provides parents with the tools to do just that.

The Respect in Sport Activity Leader/Coach Program educates coaches and activity leaders to recognize, understand and respond to issues of bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination. It may be the single most important training your leaders will receive to assist them in creating a safe, healthy and respectful environment for all participants. NOTE: Speak Out is no longer recognized as a relevant program for Coaches.

As with any change, there will be questions. Enclosed with this Bulletin is an FAQ designed to assist Minor Hockey Association Registrars with the process of identifying those parents, coaches and team officials who are required to recertify, and contacting them to ensure they know about the recertification requirement.

A set of FAQs has also been designed for Parents, Coaches and Team Officials. It is available on the Hockey Alberta website under the Members tab, and any of your members with questions should be directed there. That FAQ will be updated as new questions are presented.

If you have any questions regarding required recertification of Respect in Sport, please contact the Hockey Alberta office, info@hockeyalberta.ca.



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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. **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:

1. 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.
2. 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.