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# NEW HOME FOR HOCKEY ALBERTA

## New home for Hockey Alberta

Hockey Alberta completed the transition to our new home in the Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre at Red Deer College.

The new offices are located on the second floor of the facility, with boardroom windows overlooking the ice surface.

Hockey Alberta was proud to host the first official events on the new ice surface – a Super Skills Camp and Female Development Camp.

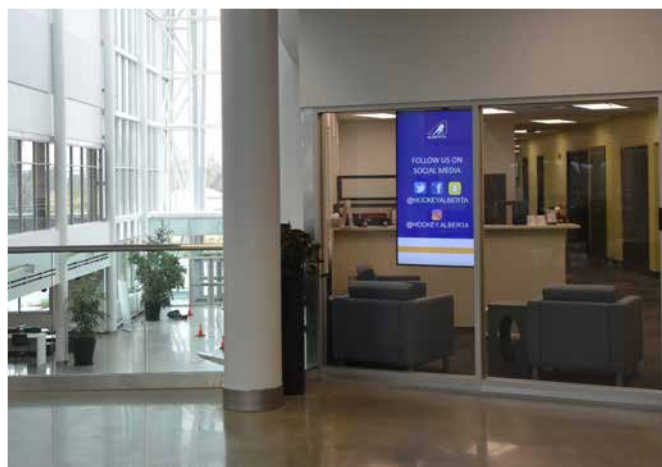
Hockey Alberta has hosted several coaching and officiating clinics, and player development camps. And plans are in place to host the 2019 Alberta Cup at the new facility, as well as preparation events for the U18 Female and U16 Male squads as they complete their final preparations for the Canada Winter Games.

## The Hockey Alberta Shoppe

Looking for some officially branded Hockey Alberta apparel? Check out the Hockey Alberta Shoppe!

In 2017-18, Hockey Alberta established an online shopping portal in partnership with Entripy Shops. Enjoy browsing a wide selection of products from a variety of brands that you can customize with approved logos and graphics. Our site lets players, parents, fans, and volunteers shop 24/7, with no minimum order quantities

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## GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2017-18 season was one of new beginnings and significant accomplishments for Hockey Alberta's Board of Directors and the day-to-day operations of amateur hockey in the province.

While not involved in the day-to-day operations, Hockey Alberta's Board of Directors has a role that is instrumental setting the plan for our staff and volunteers to execute.

On behalf of the Board, we are very pleased to see the progress we continue to make. To continue to be the organization we need to be, there is much work to be done and many challenges to overcome.

The Board established a series of goals for itself in 2017-18.

The first goal was to review the structure of the Board, with two notable changes occurring at the 2017 Annual General Meeting. Two new Directors were elected and welcomed to the Board – Allan Mowbray of Calgary and Brock Harrington of Drumheller. Hockey Alberta's membership also approved a new Bylaw to increase the size of the Board by two members starting at the 2018 AGM.

The second goal was to review the nomination process for our Directors. We spent time with the membership, and amongst ourselves, reviewing what we believe to be the best nomination process for this organization. In the end, our process has yielded six candidates for three positions up for election at the 2018 AGM.

A third goal was to ensure that the Directors listen to and interact with our membership whenever the opportunity is presented. Hockey Alberta undertook an enhanced member engagement strategy starting in the spring of 2018. Six Regional Member sessions were held across the province to share accomplishments for the just-completed season and discuss new initiatives for the upcoming season.

Board members attended all six sessions. We appreciated the opportunity to listen and contribute where needed. Hearing directly from the people who oversee the game on a daily basis assists us in getting an understanding of some of the successes and challenges in the game. The Board also attended the Hockey Alberta Volunteer Orientation this fall, which allowed us to gain a deeper insight into the operations of Hockey Alberta.

A fourth goal was to enhance our Orientation Process. This included finalizing the new Policy Board Framework that had been reviewed and revamped in the past year and having Senior Management present on the business plan and overall operations. Each Board meeting now includes a review of operational topics by Management, which allows the Board to become engaged in providing guidance where necessary. It was an important step in our development, as we strive to knowledgeable about our ongoing operations so that our policies reflect the realities of the game today and in the future.

Another goal achieved last year was to create structures and processes to better carry out our responsibilities as Board members. New Board committees were established, and started working in the areas of Audit, Risk and Finance, Human Resources and Governance. The Board also undertook a Skills Matrix review, which helped us set new goals for the 2018-19 season.

As well, we started the process of building new Strategic Direction Statements (Ends) for the organization. These statements will define how we expect our Operations to work with the membership to achieve the organization's Mission and Vision statements.

Finally, we concluded the season by seeing the achievement of a strategic objective that has been more than decade in the making. More than 10 years ago, the Hockey Alberta Board established an objective of a partnership with Red Deer College.

It is very satisfying to see Hockey Alberta in its new home at Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre. We are proud that this new facility will provide the foundation for a new era of growth and development not just for Hockey Alberta but for the entire Alberta hockey community. We have already welcomed participants from across the province, and we will continue to do as for decades to come.

On behalf of Hockey Alberta and its Board of Directors, thank you for all that you do in the game of hockey. We are here to provide the service, support and leadership to continue to make this the best game in the best province in the country.

Thank you for your shared vision of Hockey for Life.

Terry Engen

Chair, Board of Directors

Hockey Alberta



## Intro to Hockey – For our youngest players

As part of the continuing evolution of development for our youngest players, Hockey Alberta unveiled the new Intro to Hockey model for Initiation and Novice divisions.



The Intro to Hockey model operates as part of the Hockey Canada mandate that all Novice-aged players receive age-appropriate programming on half-ice surfaces effective for the 2019-20 season.



The Intro to Hockey model evolved to its final format through on-ice demonstration events, and a variety of meetings and sessions with minor hockey associations. The model includes specific details on Seasonal Structure, Grouping of Players, Practice Environment, and Game Format requirements for Initiation and Novice hockey, starting in 2019-20. In general, the requirements include:

- 2:1 practice to game ratio.
- Seasonal structure divided into Developmental and Regular.
- Participants divided into single birth years.
- Game format is 4 on 4, plus goalies; no score kept.
- Games played on a surface size no larger than 100' x 85'.

The Intro to Hockey Model was on full display in Edmonton in August during a two-day tournament at the Centre ICE Summit and Hlinka/Gretzky Cup. The event was hosted in partnership with the Oilers Entertainment Group.



## Centre ICE Summit – Focus on Development

In conjunction with the Centre ICE Summit and the Hlinka/Gretzky Cup, Hockey Alberta offered several events to promote player, coach and officials development in August 2018.



For players, in addition to the two-day Summer ICE Jamboree tournament for novice-aged players, Hockey Edmonton hosted a special session for parents to discuss the benefits of half-ice hockey. Former Oiler Jason Strudwick headlined a panel discussion hosted by Sportsnet's Gene Principe. The weekend featured the Alberta Built Coach Seminar, a rare opportunity for more than 100 Alberta coaches to hear presentations from Todd McLellan and Glen Gulutzan (Edmonton Oilers); Dr. Paul Dennis (University of Toronto); John Dunn (University of Alberta); Dr. Stephen Norris (iMobius Ingenuity Inc); and Richard Monette (Active for Life).



For officials, the weekend included an on-ice session led by Dave Smith, the NHL Officials Director of Fitness and a classroom session with presentations from Hockey Alberta and the Western Hockey League.

## Standardized tiering for 2018-19 season

A new Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model was developed and will be in operation for the 2018-19 season.

Hockey Calgary, Hockey Edmonton, Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL), Northern Alberta Interlock, All Peace Hockey League, and North Eastern Alberta Hockey League worked within Hockey Alberta's Minor Leagues Committee to develop a tiering model that accounts for the size of a minor hockey association, the size of a league, and geographic factors. The model features six tiers within the divisions of Atom, Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget.



As well, Hockey Alberta will undertake a trial Provincial Championship Model. The trial will see the Pee wee A-D Provincial Championships transition to Pee wee Tiers 1-4. The Pee wee Tiers 1-4 Provincial Championship Tournaments will take place March 28-31, 2019, with eight teams – six champions from the participating Alberta One leagues/ organizations, one host team and one wild card team.

## Respect in Sport – Required Recertification

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.



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 behaviour 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 leaders receive to assist in creating a safe, healthy and respectful environment for all participants.

## Protecting our participants

Hockey Canada developed a new policy that acts as a framework to concussion prevention in the game and sets expectations around education, awareness, and responsible return-to-play at all levels. Hockey Alberta is committed to supporting our members in the implementation of this policy. Concussion recognition tools, checklists, posters, videos etc are available on the Hockey Alberta website ([hockeyalberta.ca/concussions](http://hockeyalberta.ca/concussions)). Key points include:



- Participants suspected of having a concussion are to be removed from the activity immediately; if in doubt assume a concussion has occurred.
- Participants must be referred to a physician for diagnosis as soon as possible.
- Once a participant, who is experiencing "concussion like symptoms" is diagnosed, the participant is not permitted to return to play or practice/training until all six of the return to play requirements are met.
- Each step must be documented.
- Written clearance from a physician is required prior to returning to activity.
- No participant shall be pressured to return to play prior to the steps being completed.

## AHHF Class of 2018

Four outstanding individuals, and two Canada Winter Games gold medal-winning teams comprised the 2018 Induction Class for the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame (AHHF) in July.



- Grant Fuhr, five-time Stanley Cup champion with the Edmonton Oilers
- Mike Vernon, two-time Stanley Cup champion with the Calgary Flames and Detroit Red Wings
- Wally Kozak, former Head Scout/Manager of Player Development for Canada's National Women's team
- Ron MacLean, host of Hockey Night in Canada and Rogers Hometown Hockey
- 1991 Team Alberta Female, Canada Winter Games gold medalists
- 1999 Team Alberta Male, Canada Winter Games gold medalists

The evening included a hot stove discussion hosted by Maclean. Fellow inductees Fuhr, Vernon, and Kozak, and Scott Hartnell (1999 U16 Team Alberta) and Val Gill (1991 Team Alberta) reflected on some of the key moments of their careers and about hockey in general.



## The Road to Red Deer: the staff who will lead Team Alberta

Team Alberta will have an impressive leadership as they proceed along the Road to Red Deer and undertake preparations for the 2019 Canada Winter Games. Competition at the Canada Winter Games runs February 14-23, 2019 for the Male squad, and February 23-March 2 for the Female squad.



Team Alberta U18 Female is led by head coach Carla MacLeod of Calgary. She is joined by assistant coaches Craig Perrett (Calgary) and Cassea Schols (Edmonton), goalie coach Amanda Tapp (Calgary), video coach Ally Bendfeld (Innisfail), athletic therapist Farah Mukadam (Calgary) and Heather Osgood (Edmonton). Doug MacLeod (Lethbridge) is the head scout, and Kendall Newell (Red Deer) director of operations.

Team Alberta U16 Male underwent some restructuring partway through 2018. Originally, Serge Lajoie was named head coach, but was unable to continue due to professional obligations. That led to some shifting of responsibilities among the other coaches: head coach Bobby Fox (Medicine Hat), associate coach Brandin Cote (Red Deer), assistant coach Jeff Shantz (Calgary), goalie coach Derek Purfield (Calgary), video coach Matt Keillor (Grande Prairie), athletic therapist Karyn Fanstone (Brooks), and equipment manager Dave Campbell (Grande Prairie). Jamie Porter (Edmonton) is the head scout, and Michael Kraichy (Red Deer) director of operations. Barry Medori (Spruce Grove) is coach mentor for both squads.



## The power of sport is its ability to change lives – Le May Doan

Catriona Le May Doan delivered the keynote address at the 2017 Hockey Conference and Annual General Meeting. The two-time Olympic gold medalist, and Olympic bronze medalist, shared stories of her journey, and the path that took her to the highest level of success an athlete can achieve.



Le May Doan stressed the importance of being a multi-sport athlete, and told the 150 people in attendance it's their job to ensure kids don't get burnt out mentally, and to make sure they're still having fun.

Le May Doan closed her keynote address by reinforcing her believe of the power of sport, saying "not everyone likes change, but when you put the athletes first, and you embrace sport for life, change is the right thing. Sport has the ability the change lives, and to change lives for good."

Le May Doan won back-to-back Olympic gold medals in the 500 metre speed skating event in 1998 and 2002 and won the Lou Marsh Award as Canada's Athlete of the Year in 2002. She was inducted in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the Canadian Olympic Committee's Sports Hall of Fame and appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

## New officials committee

Hockey Alberta completed a review and restructuring of the officiating system in the province, aligning the officiating governance model with the rest of the organization.

The goal was to create a standardized and consistent system that eliminated duplication of services and allowed our subject matter experts to do what they do best – instruct, officiate, mentor, and plan the best path for Alberta's officials to succeed at the current level and progress to the next level.

The officials' structure now aligns with the existing volunteer operations committee structures in place across the organization. There were two specific changes of note for the 2018-19 season:



- Clinic registration and fee payment for a clinic is now completed online, with fees consistent across the province.
- The process of selecting operational volunteers for their roles within the Officials Committee (formerly the Provincial Committee) and the Regions (formerly Zones) is now done by appointment, as with other Hockey Alberta governance practices.

As well, a Manager of Officiating to work with the Officials Committee, and officials across the province. Curtis Nichols of Red Deer started in the new position in July.

## AA Hockey Model Review

Hockey Alberta's AA Hockey Model completed its third full season of operation. To ensure the AA Hockey Model's continued improvement and for the skill development of Alberta's AA calibre players at the Pee wee, Bantam and Midget Divisions, a formal review is underway by the AA Hockey Committee. The goal of the review is to ensure a level playing field for all AA teams under the AA Model and provide opportunities for players to continue their development close to home.

The review will stretch across several seasons with the Committee focusing on specific recruitment areas, operating standards and seasonal structure. In 2018-19 season, the review will focus on the following regions: Lethbridge, Taber, Medicine Hat, Chestermere, Strathmore, Cochrane.





## 2017-18: Another busy and successful season for Hockey Alberta

Hockey Alberta's Mission Statement states that the central focus for Hockey Alberta is ensuring we provide positive opportunities and experiences for our players, regardless of location, age, gender, experience or ability.

The registration numbers for 2017-18 tell the story of another exceptionally busy and successful season for Hockey Alberta, and the entire hockey community.

The number of registered players increased for the fourth consecutive year; the number of male players increased for the fourth straight season; and the number of female players increased for the second year in a row. Overall, compared to 2016-17, registered player numbers for 2017-18 show:

- Total male players increased to over 57,000
- Minor male players increased to almost 53,000
- Total female players increased to over 8,700
- Minor female players increased to over 8,200

The success of every player involves the effort and dedication of numerous other stakeholders who play a key role in the sport. Key among those stakeholders are coaches and other volunteers who work directly with the players.

Hockey Alberta's Hockey Development department and network of Regional Centres had another busy season ensuring that Alberta's more than 16,000 registered coaches were properly certified and trained to provide the best possible instruction and training to their players.

Hockey Alberta believes in the importance of leading the leaders who will be coaching our players. This involves not just providing the required certification, but offering professional development opportunities, conferences, and chances to learn from some of the most knowledgeable coaching minds in the nation.

In 2017-18, more than 12,000 coaches enrolled in more than 160 in-person NCCP coaching courses or completed training online. Hockey Alberta also offered 61 NCCP Instructional Stream courses free of charge to Alberta coaches in specialized areas such as Goaltending, Skating, Developing Defencemen, and Small Area Games. The three-hour sessions were attended by almost 900 participants.

On top of the required training, the Alberta Coach Development Plan included 60 learning opportunities for more than 1,400 new and experienced coaches, ranging from the Future Leader Development Program to Coach Development Seminars and WHL and AJHL Game Day Speaker Series. As well, Regional Centre managers had more than 150 service visits with Minor Hockey Associations in support of their coaching initiatives.

MALE REGISTRATION	17-18	16-17	15-16
Usport Male	107	296	325
College Male	192		
Senior Male AAA	174	164	153
Senior Male (Other)	1,085	1,137	1,210
Junior A	642	622	632
Junior B	1,572	1,511	1,489
Junior C	658	512	588
Sports Schools Midget	223	203	147
Minor Midget	7,182	7,309	7,489
Sports Schools Bantam	72	73	38
Minor Bantam	7,371	7,447	7,205
Peewee	8,967	8,767	8,778
Atom	10,264	9,377	9,076
Novice	10,092	9,735	9,567
Initiation	8,718	9,286	9,384
	<b>57,319</b>	<b>56,439</b>	<b>56,081</b>

FEMALE REGISTRATION	17-18	16-17	15-16
Usport Female	96	218	203
College Female	123		
Senior Fem AAA	22	33	24
Senior Fem (Other)	0	0	141
Junior Female	232	229	219
Sports Schools Midget	56	54	78
Minor Midget	1,192	1,195	1,248
Minor Bantam	1,092	1,109	1,030
Peewee	1,278	1,255	1,271
Atom	1,448	1,272	1,096
Novice	1,570	1,445	1,195
Initiation	1,631	1,747	1,462
	<b>8,740</b>	<b>8,557</b>	<b>7,967</b>

OTHER REGISTRATION	17-18	16-17	15-16
Pond Hockey	2,759	2,911	2,672
Sledge Hockey	221	155	152
Officials	5,629	5,603	5,096
Team Officials	19,284	19,735	18,779
Alternate Season	6,203	4,962	0
Hockey Canada Skills Academies	1,049	892	201
Canlan - Adult Rec	9,769	10,026	5,312

TOTALS	17-18	16-17	15-16
Total Male Senior	1,558	1,597	1,688
Total Male Junior	2,872	2,645	2,709
Total Male Minor	52,889	52,197	51,684
Total Female Senior	241	251	368
Total Female Junior	232	229	219
Total Female Minor	8,267	8,077	7,380
Total Other	44,914	44,284	32,212
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>110,973</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>96,260</b>

## Every Kid Every Community – the gateway to hockey opportunities around the province

**Every Kid Every Community (EKEC)** was launched in 2011, with the goal of providing the gateway to play hockey for any child in Alberta who is interested in the sport.

Hockey Alberta and the Hockey Alberta Foundation are proud to work together to ensure that every child in Alberta the opportunity to play hockey, have fun and, in many cases, experience the sport for the first time.

The Hockey Alberta Foundation is responsible for the fundraising. Funds are generated through special events such as the annual Golf Classic, Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame Awards Gala, and the Every Kid Every Community Speaker Series. As well, contributions come from individuals, organizations and companies that have become a Teammate in the EKEC Donor Club. And a number of events have made EKEC their charity of choice, including the Glencross Roughstock Rodeo and Poker Event, and the Piper Creek Optimist Club.



Hockey Alberta is responsible for assessing applications, and then awarding funding to assist amateur sports organizations, minor hockey organizations, youth groups, recreation groups, or any community group with an idea, project or program that helps establish an event or program to get local children active in hockey.

The G.H. Dawe Community School in Red Deer and Hockey Education Reaching Out Society (HEROS) in Calgary were two of the 16 recipients of quarterly Program Grants awarded by the Hockey Alberta Foundation through the Every Kid Every Community program in 2017-18.

The Program Grants are awarded for projects that will create a new program or support an existing program focused on recruiting new players to the game regardless of age, skill or environmental factors.



G.H. Dawe School earmarked its funding for a learn-to-play program for students, where all the necessary equipment will be provided. The school had a sports expert assess the skates. It was determined that at least half need replacing, and that the school also was in short supply of helmets.



The HEROS Hockey funding went towards hosting a pilot project for a new hockey program, Super HEROS, in Calgary that provides a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment to youth with cognitive challenges, including Autism and Down Syndrome.

Program grants were also awarded to:

- Lethbridge Minor Hockey Association: Female Hockey Program
- St. Albert Minor Hockey Association: Intro to Hockey Program equipment purchase
- West Park Elementary School, Red Deer: Skating program for lower income and refugee children, purchase of skates and helmets
- Beaver County Pond Hockey: non-competitive fun hockey program
- Two Hills Mennonite School: arena fees for junior high girls to experience hockey
- Riverside Meadows Community Association, Red Deer: new equipment
- Daysland Thunderhawks Pond Hockey: additional teaching aids, goalie equipment, instructors
- Hinton Minor Hockey Association: player development
- Leduc: 3 on 3 hockey
- Delia Fun Hockey Team: ice fees and equipment for league that brings together four rural communities
- Big Valley Minor Hockey: rink dividers for initiation and novice programs
- Bashaw Minor Hockey Association: Initiation program, purchase of equipment
- Leduc Minor Hockey/ North Central Impact: Girls 'n Goals fun hockey tournament
- CW Perry School, Airdrie: school program addition, equipment, resources for course

As well, Player Assistance Grants were provided to seven minor hockey associations. In total, \$54,100 was dispersed to organizations across the province.

# HOCKEY ALBERTA FOUNDATION

## Message from Foundation Board Chair

The Hockey Alberta Foundation continues its work across Alberta's hockey communities through the Every Kid Every Community and Future Leader programs.

These programs give kids the chance to play hockey by eliminating barriers to their participation and by supporting the next generation of community leaders.

Teammates are the key! Without TEAMMATES such as donors, sponsors, leaders and volunteers we cannot do the work we do by supporting Alberta communities. The Hockey Alberta Foundation remains about YOU, our generous teammate so others can experience the great feeling of being a teammate in their community.

Through our events, sponsors, individual and corporate donors we generated nearly \$400,000 in revenue. Celebrating those before us, investing in those who lead us and contributing to those who need us remains our mission and focus.

To our partners ATB Wealth, the Curtis Glencross Legacy Fund, Q2 Artificial Lift Services, ATB, Vada Capital, Piper Creek Optimist Club, Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and the Flames Foundation thank you for your continued support. To our new partner the Gord Bamford Foundation, we thank you for supporting our vision of Every Kid Every Community.

To all donors, golf celebrities and participants we could not do our work without you.

As our work continues and the need for resources grows please consider the Hockey Alberta Foundation your TEAMMATE and your "Hockey Charity of Choice".

John Windwick  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Hockey Alberta Foundation

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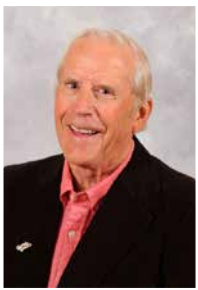
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## Golf and Gala events raise over \$107,000 for Every Kid Every Community

The Every Kid Every Community program has \$107,719 coming its way, thanks to the 2018 Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame Awards Gala and Hockey Alberta Foundation Golf Classic, presented by ATB Investor Services.



The three-day fundraising event in Canmore began on July 22 with the AHHF Awards Gala at the Coast Hotel, with money raised for EKEC through a wine pull, silent auction, and live auction.



The highlight of the week was the 13th annual HAF Golf Classic at the Stewart Creek Golf Club.

The Talking Goalie raided \$10,500, with challengers opting to show their support to either the Calgary Flames or Edmonton Oilers. The Calgary Flames Foundation and the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation each matched the amount raised in their name, bringing the grand total of funds raised by the Talking Goalie to \$21,000.

A special thank-you goes out to the Flames Foundation and Edmonton



Oilers Community Foundation for their charity challenge contributions. The Foundation would also like to thank sponsors ATB Investor Services, key contributing sponsors Vada Capital, Q2 Artificial Lift Services, ATB Financial, Hytech Productions Ltd, and Shaw Birdies for Kids.



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## Rinks to Links – providing the first chance to try hockey

Sixteen youths from the Boys and Girls Club of Calgary, many of whom had never skated or played golf before, were beneficiaries of the 2018 Rinks to Links program.



The group had the unique experience of a trip to the mountains to the Stewart Creek Golf & Country Club in Canmore, and the Fenlands Banff Recreation Centre. The kids hit the driving range and putting green at Stewart Creek, with a lesson from the course professionals.



Then, each participant was outfitted with a full set of hockey equipment, provided by Comrie's Sports Equipment Bank in Calgary. The kids then hit the ice for a one-hour introduction to hockey, with instruction from Hockey Alberta staff, and numerous volunteers, including members of the Canmore Eagles coaching staff.



## 2017 Glencross Charity Invitational Roughstock Event raises \$190,000

For the sixth straight year, the Glencross Invitational Charity Roughstock Event was a success, with \$190,000 going to the Hockey Alberta Foundation and the Ronald McDonald House Charities® Central Alberta.

The Roughstock event ran August 24-25, with all proceeds – a total of \$190,000 – donated to the two organizations. With this year's contribution, the event has now surpassed the \$1.4 million mark in its six-year history. The Hockey Alberta Foundation has been a beneficiary of the event since its inception, with the money coming in earmarked for the Every Kid Every Community Program.

"We're really excited, we found a few ways this year to raise a little more money, and cut a few costs, so it was nice that would could come out and raise \$190,000 this year, we're about \$40,000 up from last year, so it was a huge success for us again this year," said Curtis Glencross.



## 2017 Future Leaders Scholarship recipients announced

Eight outstanding post-secondary students were chosen from the 2017 Future Leaders Development Program to receive a \$1,000 scholarship, with the opportunity to receive an additional scholarship for achieving "distinguished leader" status.

The 2017 Future Leaders are: Channia Alexander (Mount Royal University), Lukas Biensch (University of Alberta Augustana), Joel Hamilton (SAIT), Tyler Leicht (University of Alberta), Anna Purschke (Mount Royal), Lindsey Roth (NAIT) Shanya Shwetz (MacEwan University) and Daniel Todosychuk (MacEwan).

The Future Leader Development Program develops and trains post-secondary students as coaches. Areas of focus include proper instruction, administration, leadership, technical and tactical skills in hockey, so that the future leaders can carry those skills into our communities.

Since the Future Leaders Scholarship program was established in 1998, Hockey Alberta Foundation has invested annually in the development of great leaders for the future of the game and our communities in Alberta. The scholarship program operates in alignment with the Future Leaders Development Program, which

focuses on educating and training our post-secondary student coaches to be strong and effective on-ice leaders.

## EKEC Speaker Series

The Every Kid Every Community Speaker Series is a creative way to spread the message about Every Kid Every Community and engage grassroots hockey supporters in communities across Alberta.

Two special evenings were held, featuring some of the most prominent and knowledgeable hockey personalities in the province.



In Olds, Edmonton Oilers Vice President of Hockey Operations, Craig MacTavish was joined by then-Calgary Flames President of Hockey Operations, Brian Burke.

The event ran in conjunction with the Olds Grizzlys game against the Camrose Kodiaks.

Olds Minor Hockey Association, Olds College Broncos, and Olds Grizzlys have partnered with the Hockey Alberta Foundation to make this entertaining evening possible.

In Calmar, a special Comedy Night and Speaker Series event featured Rob Brown and Jason Strudwick in April. Proceeds from this event will go towards the Every Kid Every Community program and the Calmar Minor Hockey.



# HOCKEY ALBERTA FOUNDATION

## Teammate of the Month – Recognizing our Partners

- The Hockey Alberta Foundation is proud to recognize its key TEAMMATES, partners who play a crucial role in supporting the Foundation and the Every Kid Every Community program.
- Q2 Artificial Lift Services: Q2 Artificial Lift Services (Quinns Energy Group of Companies) has been a TEAMMATE for four years and is a major sponsor of the Hockey Alberta Foundation Golf Classic - the Foundation's largest fundraising event each year.
- Glencross Invitational Charity Roughstock Event: Spearheaded by former NHL player Curtis Glencross, the event runs annually in August, raising money for the Every Kid Every Community program, as well as Ronald McDonald House Central Alberta. The portion of the proceeds donated to the Hockey Alberta Foundation is done so through the Glencross Legacy Fund.
- ATB Wealth: ATB Wealth is a long-time partner of the Hockey Alberta Foundation, and has been the title sponsor for 12 years for the Hockey Alberta Foundation Golf Classic, which runs annually in July in Canmore.
- Sport Central: The Hockey Alberta Foundation and Sport Central first partnered in 2014. Sport Central's goal is to gather, recycle and redistribute sports equipment to children who would otherwise be denied the opportunity to participate in sports, which aligns with the Every Kid Every Community program.
- Lethbridge Minor Hockey Association: Lethbridge Minor Hockey Association has become a regular host of the Every Kid Every Community speaker series. Funds raised from these events support the EKEC grant program and Lethbridge Minor Hockey initiatives.
- ATB Financial: ATB Financial has been a long-standing partner of Hockey Alberta and the Hockey Alberta Foundation, assisting in getting more kids involved in hockey across the province, and currently the presenting sponsor of the Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships.



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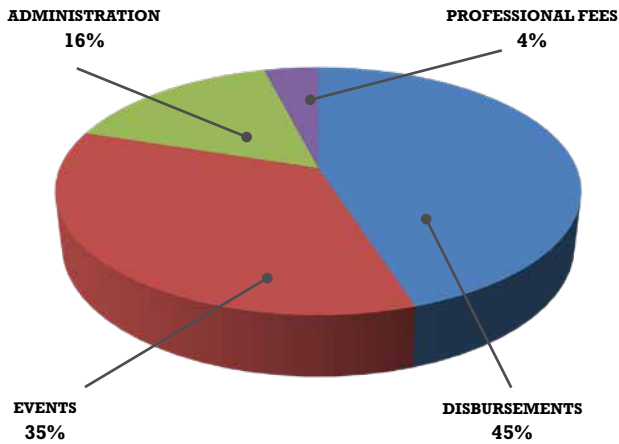
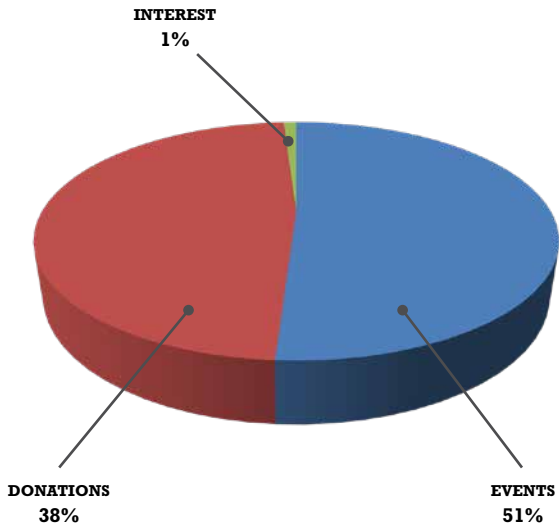
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# HOCKEY ALBERTA - ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Slash repeat as Esso Cup champions

The St. Albert Slash became the first team in Esso Cup history to repeat as back-to-back champions, defeating the Saskatoon Stars 2-1 to win gold at Canada's National Female Midget Championship in Nova Scotia.

After suffering a 4-1 loss to the Stars in the preliminary round, the Slash rebounded in the championship game by opening the scoring with just under three minutes remaining in the first period. Late-period goals were the key to the team's success, as St. Albert took a 2-0 lead with less than one minute remaining in the second period.



The Slash advanced to the Esso Cup by winning the Pacific Regional championship over the Greater Vancouver Comets for the second straight year. The Slash took the three-game series two games to one.

## Nearly 50 AFHL graduates commit to Post-Secondary schools

With the conclusion of the second season of the Alberta Female Hockey League, just under 50 graduating Midget players from the Alberta Female Hockey League will be suiting up for post-secondary teams this fall.

The number of commitments more than doubled from the 2017-18 season, when 20 graduates were committed to post-secondary institutions.

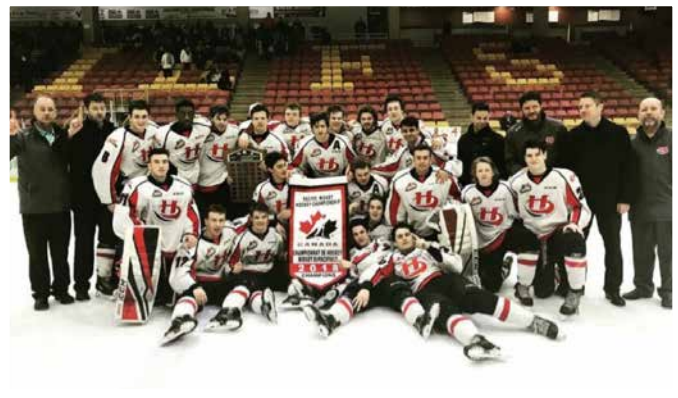
Schools for this year's AFHL graduates include: University of New Brunswick, St. Francis Xavier, University of Saskatchewan, University of Lethbridge, NAIT, SAIT, University of Regina, University of Calgary, Red Deer College, University of Alberta, Minot State, Olds College, Grant MacEwan University, Brock University, University of Minnesota Duluth, and Saint Mary's University.



## AAA Midgets, Bantams come close

Lethbridge Midget AAA Hurricanes captured the bronze medal at the Telus Cup, defeating the Toronto Young Nats, 4-0 in the bronze medal game. Lethbridge had finished second in pool play, but were upset in the semi-final in overtime. Lethbridge had qualified for the Telus Cup by defeating Fraser Valley Thunderbirds to capture the Pacific Regional Championship.

Meanwhile, the Airdrie Xtreme were one shot away from gold at the Western Bantam AAA Championships in Kamloops, losing in double overtime. They advanced to Westerns by winning an incredibly close provincial championship title over St. Albert Sabres in a series that saw a total of nine overtime periods, including four OT periods in game five.





# HOCKEY ALBERTA - ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Crowning a new crew of Provincial Champions

Thousands of players of all ages and from all corners of the province, had the opportunity to participate in the Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships, presented by ATB Financial. In total, 40 provincial champions were crowned. Teams skating away with gold medals were:

- SENIOR: Lacombe (AAA), Bonnyville (AA)
- JUNIOR: Spruce Grove (A), Wainwright (B), Sherwood Park (C), Sherwood Park (Female)
- MIDGET: Lethbridge (AAA), Lethbridge (Minor Midget AAA), Spruce Grove (AA), Lethbridge (A), High Prairie (B), Stettler (C), Kitscoty (D), St. Albert (Female AAA), Calgary Fire White (Female Elite), SPS Fuzion (Female A), Irma (Female B)
- BANTAM: Airdrie (Bantam AAA), Lakeland (AA), Calgary Fire White (Female Elite), Springbank (A), Athabasca (B), Westlock (C), Valleyview (D), Okotoks (Female A), Lloydminster (Female B)
- PEEWEE: Medicine Hat (AA), Cold Lake (A), Provost (B), Winfield (C), Irvine (D), Okotoks (Female A), Olds (Female B)
- ATOM: Whitemud (AA Major), Canmore (AA Minor), Drayton Valley (A), Didsbury (B), Drumheller (C), Bentley (D), Vermilion (Female)



## Alberta Hockey Day and True Spirit of Hockey Day

Six communities across the province celebrated Hockey Alberta's second annual Alberta Hockey Day in January. Brooks, High Level, Paradise Valley, Red Deer, Strathmore and Westlock hosted a variety of activities on Alberta Hockey Day, with a special focus on age-appropriate programming at the Initiation and Novice levels. Fun and interactive on-ice activities, special skills development clinics, and a variety of off-ice sessions and seminars for players, coaches and parents were held. All events were designed for both new and existing participants with a focus on fun, skills and friendships.

As well, in conjunction with Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships in March, 12 host communities held a True Spirit of Hockey Day to celebrate a shared love for hockey and the community that supports the sport: Daysland/Forestburg (Thunderstars), La Crete, Okotoks, Oyen, and Taber. Beaverlodge, Bentley, Chestermere, Elk Point, Rocky Mountain House, Stettler and Whitecourt.



# HOCKEY ALBERTA - ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Central wins the 2018 Alberta Cup

Team Central skated away from Spruce Grove as 2018 Alberta Cup champions.

Drew Sim stopped 25 shots to earn his second-straight shutout, leading Central to a 2-0 win over Edmonton Yellow to avenge an 8-3 loss during round-robin play. Brett Moravec and Myles Hilman scored for Central.



The tournament All-Stars and All-Star Official were: Goaltender, Lochlan Gordon (Edmonton Yellow); Defence, Corson Ceulemans (Northeast) and Keagan Slaney (Central); and Forwards Blake Eastman (Edmonton Yellow), Dylan Guenther (Edmonton Blue), and Kai Uchacz (South).

Guenther would end up being the number one selection in the Western Hockey League's Bantam Draft, with Uchacz being selected 10th overall and Slaney 20th.

## Silver and Bronze medals at Arctic Winter Games

Team Alberta North skated away with a pair of medals from the 2018 Arctic Winter Games in Fort Smith and Hay River, NWT.

The Bantam Male squad looked poised for overtime in the championship final against host Northwest Territories, before allowing



a buzzer-beater with less than 10 seconds to go in the game to earn the silver medal.

Meanwhile, the Junior Females went the distance against the Yukon, and took home the bronze medal after a 3-2 shootout win. Sanne Hansen scored the winner in the shootout.

## Zone 2 sweeps the gold at Alberta Winter Games

Zone 2 swept the gold medals in the hockey competition at the 2018 Alberta Winter Games in Fort McMurray.

In the Female Division, Zone 2 eked out a 3-2 victory over Zone 6 in the gold medal game. Meanwhile, in the Male Division, Zone 2 blanked Zone 3, 2-0, to capture the gold.



In the bronze medal games, it was also a sweep, as Zone 7 captured third place honours in both divisions. On the Female side, Zone 7 defeated Zone 3, 3-1. In the Male Division, Zone 7 defeated Zone 6, 7-2.

## Silver, 5th for Team Alberta

Team Alberta Male U16 narrowly missed out on another gold medal at the WHL Cup in Calgary, falling 4-3 to Team BC in overtime. It was the second straight year the WHL Cup was decided in overtime between Alberta and BC, but this time it was BC who sealed the victory, at 2:37 into the extra frame.

For the second straight year, Team Alberta claimed fifth place at the National Women's U18 Championship, wrapping up the tournament with a 4-1 win over Quebec.





# HOCKEY ALBERTA - ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Helping develop Alberta's players

Players in Alberta had an amazing array of development opportunities hosted by Hockey Alberta through its network of Regional Centres located across the province. Development camp options included Small Area Games, specialized goaltender training, and programming offered in partnership with Power Edge Pro.

**Power Edge Pro (PEP):** The new partnership with Power Edge Pro Hockey (PEP) was a significant accomplishment, as PEP became Hockey Alberta's official skill development partner.

The partnership included an intensive two-day certification session, where Hockey Alberta development personnel obtained certification on PEP's proprietary Reactive Countering Training on-ice training system. As well, Hockey Alberta hosted six skill development camps across the province in Calgary, Grande Prairie, Lloydminster, Red Deer and St. Albert. Each of the camps featured



the Reactive Countering Training system, a uniquely designed on-ice player development system that focuses on engaging multiple motor skills simultaneously to develop a player's small area game performance.

Athletes who train with Power Edge Pro include Connor McDavid, John Tavares, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Brayden Schenn and Sam Steel.

In addition to the development opportunities available through Power Edge Pro, Hockey Alberta also offered several other skill development camps, including three sets of goaltender camps as part of the Provincial Goaltender Development Plan

**Peewee Skills Camp:** The third annual Hockey Alberta



Peewee Skills Camp (for 2005-born males) was hosted by the Team Alberta program in Calgary in June. The camp included sessions on Checking Development, Position Specific training, Goal Scoring and Hockey Sense, a Team Alberta presentation, and a Long-Term Player Development Session.

**Small Area Games:** Seven Small Area Games multi-week camps were offered in March, April and May in Calgary, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Lloydminster, Medicine Hat and Red Deer. The camp utilizes 3-on-3, cross-ice games to teach individual and team tactics, in a fun and competitive environment. Small area games focus on specific skills by increasing puck touches and repetitions, and on developing spatial awareness, thinking skills, and creativity.

**WHL Skills Camp:** The fourth annual WHL Skills Camp (for 2004-born males) was held in June. The WHL Skills Camp focuses on skill development and proper training techniques, and provides athletes with information about the Team Alberta process, information on the WHL, while challenging players to excel on and off the ice.

**Goaltender Development Camps:** As part of its Provincial Goaltender Development Plan unveiled last year, Hockey Alberta hosted three sets of goaltender development camps this spring. The schedule features two goalie Skill Development camps, two camps for Elite level goalies, and two U14 camps offered in partnership with Hockey Canada.



# HOCKEY ALBERTA - ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Experts in the game helping Alberta's coaches

Hockey Alberta recognizes that coaches are key role models in our children's lives and that it is important for our coaches to learn from the best in the game.

As part of the Alberta Coach Plan, Hockey Alberta offered a number of unique professional development opportunities to learn from high profile coaches. More than a dozen development opportunities were available through partnerships with the Western Hockey League and the Alberta Junior Hockey League to host Game Day Speaker Series events for coaches of all levels. Each event was a unique professional development opportunity to learn from high profile coaches, featuring a session with the WHL or AJHL coaches, a Hockey Alberta coaching presentation, and a ticket to the game.



Guest presenting coaches included: Steve Hamilton (Edmonton Oil Kings), Jason McKee (Vancouver Giants), Dallas Ferguson (Calgary Hitmen), Don Hay (Kamloops Blazers), Tim Hunter (Moose Jaw Warriors), Shaun Clouston (Medicine Hat Tigers), and Dave Lowry (Victoria Royals).

Hockey Alberta also hosted Coach Development Speaker Night in Edmonton and Calgary, featuring well known head coaches such as Boris Rybalka (Camrose Kodiaks) and Dallas Ferguson (Calgary Hitmen), along with positional and skills development experts.



## Recognizing outstanding contributors to minor hockey

Seven individuals and four minor hockey associations were recognized for their outstanding contributions to hockey in Alberta as the recipients of the 2017 Hockey Alberta Awards, sponsored by BFL Canada.

The 2017 Hockey Alberta Award winners were:

- Minor Hockey Association Executive of the Year: Pamela Brown (Grande Cache Minor Hockey Association)
- Minor Hockey Association of the Year: Marwayne, Dewberry and Kitscoty Minor Hockey Associations
- Meritorious Award: Greg Nesom
- Provincial Championships Exceptional Host Site Award: Wainwright Rustlers (Senior Male AA)
- Hockey Development Awards: Jeremy Congo, Keith Hurd, Ron Oscroft, Roger Wolfe

The 2017 Referee Committee Awards were presented to:

- Ernie Boruk Award: Dave Butler (Edmonton)
- Dave Ganley Award: Doug Brown (Okotoks)



## Three Alberta officials to attend Level Six Seminar

Three Hockey Alberta officials were selected to attend the Hockey Canada Level Six officiating seminar in Moncton, New Brunswick. Kyle Kowalski (Edmonton), Colin Stefanyk (Red Deer), and Jordan Lightbown (Medicine Hat) were selected to attend the event, which is the highest level in the officiating program in Canada. There are only about 80 level 6 officials registered in Canada each season, making this a very select group of top officials from across Canada.





# HOCKEY ALBERTA - ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Alberta players thrive

The 2017-18 season was highlighted by many outstanding accomplishments by hockey players from Alberta who represented the province or the nation on national or international stages. Whether it was competing as part of Team Canada at the Olympics, being selected in the NHL draft, or representing Alberta at the Global Girls Hockey Game, Alberta's hockey representatives gave the province much of which to be proud. The successes of Alberta's hockey players provides a chance for communities and minor hockey associations across the province to reflect on the significant roles they play in providing growth and development opportunities for our players. The accomplishments of our province's players, regardless of the level of achievement, cannot occur without the hours of work from dedicated parents, coaches, trainers, minor hockey executive members, and other volunteers that provided the playing and development opportunities as these players were growing up.

Following is a list of notable accomplishments by Albertans throughout the world of hockey in 2017-18:

- Six members of Team Alberta's 2016 WHL Cup gold medal-winning squad were named to Team Canada at the Hlinka Gretzky Cup U-18 tournament in Edmonton and Red Deer. Players named were: forwards Kirby Dach, Dylan Holloway and Peyton Krebs, defencemen Bowen Byram and Matthew Robertson, and goaltender Taylor Gauthier.
- Eight Team Alberta alumnae were invited Canada's National Women's Development Team and Under-18 Team selection camps. Codie Cross (Airdrie), Emma Keenan (Calgary), Shae Labbe (Calgary), Malia Schneider (Millarville) and Abagael Thiessen (Red Deer) were invited to the National Women's Development Team camp. Stephanie Markowski (Edmonton), Danielle Serdachny (Edmonton) and Rachel Weiss (Calgary) are among the Under-18 invitees. Former Team Alberta Coach Howie Draper (Edmonton) was named the Head Coach of the Under-18 team as well.
- Seven players from Alberta were selected during the 2018 NHL Entry Draft. Lloydminster's Ty Smith was drafted by the New Jersey Devils in the first round, 17th overall. Jacob Bernard-Docker (26th) and Jonathan Tychonick (48th) were both selected by the Ottawa Senators. Riley Sutter became the 12th member of the Sutter family to be drafted into the NHL, going in the third round to the Stanley Cup Champion Washington Capitals.
- For the fourth straight year, an Albertan was the top selection at the Western Hockey League Bantam Draft as the Edmonton Oil Kings took Dylan Guenther with the first overall pick. A total of 11 Albertans were taken in the first round of the WHL Bantam Draft.
- Three members of the 2015 Team Alberta U16 Male squad, along with four from the 2016 team attended Canada's U18 National Team's training camp ahead of the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship in Russia: Ty Smith, Jonathan Tychonick, Chase Wouters, Bowen Byram, Matthew Robertson, Kirby Dach and Peyton Krebs.
- Alberta was very well-represented among the Western Hockey League's 2017-18 Eastern and Western Conference award winners and All-Star teams. Three WHL awards went to a pair of players hailing from Alberta:
  - Cale Klague (Lloydminster), Moose Jaw – Eastern Conference Top Defenceman, First Team All-Star
  - Carter Hart (Sherwood Park), Everett – Western Conference Player of the Year, and Western Conference Top Goaltender, First Team All-Star
- In addition, four other Alberta players were named first team all-stars, and six were named second team all-stars.

- Six Albertans were among the 113 female hockey players selected in the 2017 Canadian Women's Hockey League Draft. Taryn Baumgardt (Innisfail) was drafted fifth overall by the Calgary Inferno. Others drafted were goaltender Robyn Chemago (Slave Lake) by the Boston Blades, Kelly Murray (Calgary) by the Inferno, Cassidy Delaine (Edmonton) by Toronto Furies, and Kennedy Brown (Okotoks) and right-winger Krista Wilson (Olds) by Calgary

- Nine players from Team Alberta's 2016 gold medal-winning U16 squad were selected to play in the 2017 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. Goaltender Taylor Gauthier (Calgary), defencemen Bowen Byram (Lethbridge), Jake Lee (Sherwood Park), Rhett Rhinehart (Lloydminster), and Matthew Robertson (Sherwood Park), and forwards Connor Bouchard (Cochrane), Kirby Dach (Fort Saskatchewan), Peyton Krebs (Okotoks), and Brayden Tracey (Calgary)

- Five Albertans were selected to Team Canada West at the 2017 World Junior A Challenge (WJAC) in Nova Scotia: defencemen Jacob Bernard-Docker, Jarrod Gourley, T.J. Lloyd and Jonathan Tychonick, along with forward Dylan Holloway (Bragg Creek). Albertans Rick Swan and Jamie McCaig were part of Canada West's coaching staff.

- Two former Team Alberta players were among the 21 selected to play for Canada's National Women's Development Team at the 2018 Nations Cup: Codie Cross (Airdrie) and Jess Healey (Edmonton). Carla MacLeod (Calgary) was also part of the coaching staff, along with Video Coach Adam Tresoor (Calgary).

- Seven Albertans were part of the bronze-medal winning Canadian Men's Olympic team for Pyeongchang: goaltender Ben Scrivens (Spruce Grove), defencemen Mat Robinson (Calgary) and Karl Stollery (Camrose); and forwards Rene Bourque (Lac La Biche), Rob Klinkhammer (Lethbridge), Brandon Kozun (Calgary), and Mason Raymond (Cochrane). Canada defeated Czech Republic in the bronze-medal game.

- Two Albertans were brought home the silver medal with the Canadian Women's Olympic team: goaltender Shannon Szabados (Edmonton) and defender Meaghan Mikkelson (St. Albert). Canada lost 3-2 to the USA in the final.

- Two young Albertans took part in the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation's Global Girls Hockey Game in Toronto. Kamyryn Oddan of Clandonald and Emilie Morin of Enoch were selected to represent the province at the international event, which saw 37 IIHF member organizations hold events.

## Promoting our game through national partnerships

Hockey Alberta worked closely tying together programs from Hockey Canada with our membership, and saw some notable accomplishments:

- Twelve-year-old Brody Panich from Edmonton created the winning design in the 13-18 years division of the Boston Pizza Design-A-Mask contest. The mask was worn by a Team Canada goalie at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Buffalo.
- Pee wee teams across Alberta set the standard nationally in the Chevrolet Power of Play, with hundreds of teams applying for a special coach kit that included a coach bag, helmet decals, pucks, and skate laces.
- Canadian Tire First Shift was hosted in eight Alberta communities, providing 6-10 year olds with a six-week learn to play program that sees the players outfitted from head-to-toe with equipment, having fun, and learning basic skills – all for only \$199.

# IN MEMORIAM

## George Hughes: 1924-2018

George Hughes, a Life Member of Hockey Alberta, died on Tuesday, June 5 at the age of 93. Amongst more than 40 recognition awards, George was inducted into the Edmonton Sports Hall of Fame in 1978, awarded a Hockey Alberta Life Membership in 1983, and inducted into the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame in 1989. In 2002, he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for Distinguished Contributions to Canada. In 2008 the City of Edmonton honoured George by naming the George S. Hughes South Side Arena after him.



## Orest Korbitt: 1937-2018

Orest Korbitt, a Life Member of Hockey Alberta, died on Friday, April 20 at the age of 81. Orest had a long history of volunteer service to amateur hockey in Alberta, across Canada, and around the world. He served as the President of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association from 1980-1986. During his time as President, he established the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame, a Scholarship program, and an Endowment Fund. At the national level, Orest served six years on the Board of Directors with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and was instrumental in establishing the national medical and liability insurance program.



## #HUMBOLDTSTRONG

On Friday, April 6, the hockey world suffered a tragic loss.

The Humboldt Broncos of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League were involved in a horrific bus crash.

Twenty-nine individuals were aboard the bus; more than half did not survive.

Twelve of those on the bus had hockey roots in Alberta.

Please keep the everyone impacted by this crash in your thoughts.



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