



# 2019 REPORT



HOCKEY ALBERTA  
FOUNDATION



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**TERRY ENGEN**  
Chair, Board of Directors

The 2018-19 season was filled with significant accomplishments and milestones for Hockey Alberta and its Board of Directors.

At the 2017 Annual General Meeting, the membership approved a Bylaw change adding two elected positions to the Board of Directors. Those positions were on the ballot at the 2018 AGM, as the Board welcomed three new members: Francois Gagnon (Fort McMurray), Wilson Gemmill (Grande Prairie) and Michael Bates (Cochrane).

The Board is not involved in the day-to-day operations of Hockey Alberta; rather, our role is to help set the direction for our staff and volunteers. With three new

Directors this year, along with two elected the previous year, the Board was actively engaged in discussing the overall future direction for the organization.

A major focus is managing the change that is ongoing and inherent in our sport. The game is changing, both in Alberta and across the country. And that requires Hockey Alberta to lead the process to ensure hockey continues to focus on having a spot for all participants to stay involved.

Some specific focal points for the Board in 2018-19 included:

- Realigning the Officials Committee within Hockey Alberta. This involved much discussion, cooperation and trust as we worked towards a new provincial structure for officials in Alberta. The work continues, and thanks are extended to the Board for its direction, Hockey Alberta staff, and the Officials Committee for recognizing the importance of this shift and working together so it could happen.
- Creating an Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Definition. I'm proud of the decision of the Board to undertake this project, and the individuals selected to the committee. The work done to date by the committee will be discussed at the 2019 AGM and I look forward to seeing a recommendation during the 2019-20 season.

- Becoming involved in the Appeals process. It was important that the Board recognize its ownership of this process and take an active role, and I am pleased that we did.
- Continuing to work at connecting with our Members, through attending Regional Meetings in the spring, the AGM and Hockey Conference in November, and other engagements across the province. It has been important for the Board to be at these events as the dialogue and feedback is important to hear directly from the Members.

In the following pages in the 2019 Hockey Alberta Report, you can review the accomplishments that have occurred around the province – many involving our staff and volunteers, all involving success and achievements by our participants.

Please take the time to read about the accomplishments of our Team Alberta squads as Alberta and the City of Red Deer hosted the Canada Winter Games; Hockey Alberta's very busy first year in its new home at the Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre; the achievements of players and officials trained in, and representing, our province; the unveiling of our Parent Engagement guide; and the partnerships that benefit our participants across the province.

I would like to close this message on a personal note. The 2019 AGM marks the conclusion of my time as Chair of the Board of Directors. Vice Chair Fran Zinger is also not returning as her term has expired. And, as I shift to the position of Past President, long-time Board member Rob Virgil also will not be returning.

The new Chair and Vice Chair are poised to lead Hockey Alberta at a crucial time in its history, and I look forward to assisting in that process in my new role as we move towards 2020.

I would like to thank Fran and Rob for their years of dedication to Hockey Alberta and our sport. And I extend my thanks to everyone with whom I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with over these past two terms as Chair. My time as Chair has been very rewarding, and I am proud of what has been accomplished for our sport and our participants.

There is still lots of work to do, but I believe we are on the right path.

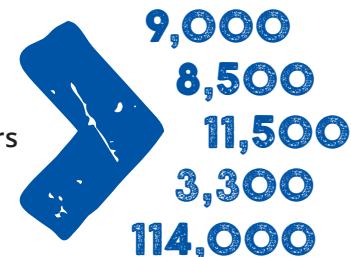
## 2018-19: CONTINUED GROWTH

According to its Mission statement, Hockey Alberta's central focus is providing positive opportunities and experiences for our players, regardless of location, age, gender, experience or ability.

The registration numbers for 2018-19 reflect another busy and successful season for Hockey Alberta, and the entire hockey community in the province.

The number of registered participants in Alberta increased for the fifth consecutive year with notable increases in key areas such as Female Hockey, Pond Hockey and Adult Rec Hockey. Overall, compared to 2017-18, registered player numbers for 2018-19 show increases in the following areas:

- » Total Female Players
- » Minor Female Players
- » Adult Recreational Players
- » Pond Hockey Players
- » Total Registrations





# 4 REGISTRATION SUMMARY

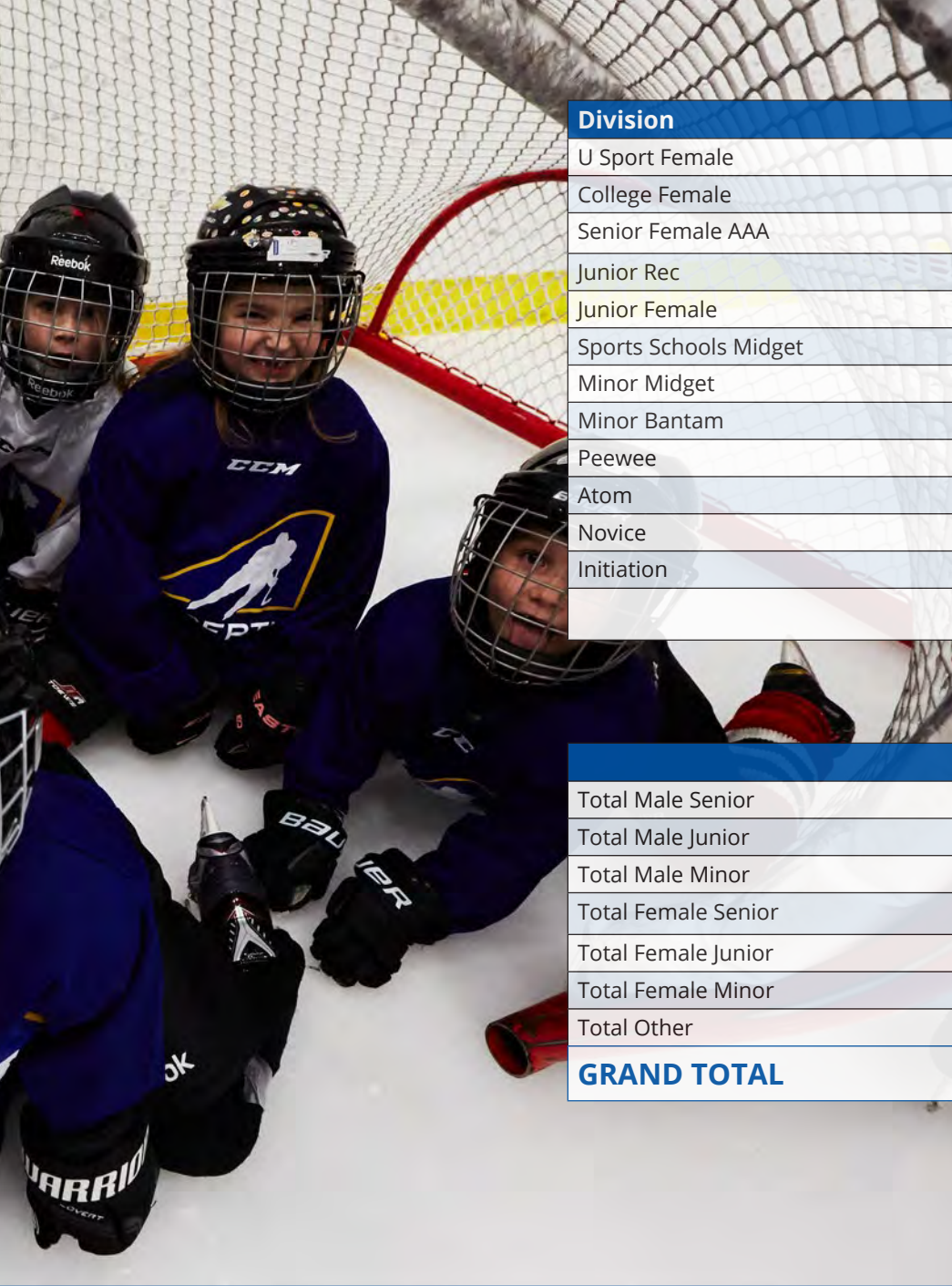
## MALE PLAYERS

Division	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
U Sport Male	108	107	106
College Male	188	192	190
Senior Male AAA	148	174	164
Senior Male (Other)	1,195	1,085	1,137
Junior A	630	642	622
Junior B	1,442	1,572	1,511
Junior C	550	658	512
Junior Rec	206	242	244
Sports Schools Midget	206	214	203
Sports Schools Bantam	99	91	73
Minor Midget	7,358	7,182	7,309
Minor Bantam	7,246	7,371	7,447
Peewee	9,184	8,967	8,767
Atom	10,380	10,271	9,377
Novice	9,436	10,092	9,735
Initiation	8,762	8,718	9,286
	<b>57,138</b>	<b>57,578</b>	<b>56,683</b>

## OTHER REGISTRATIONS

Division	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Pond Hockey	3,362	3,085	3,252
Sledge Hockey	267	252	199
Officials	5,294	5,629	5,595
Team Officials	19,676	19,284	20,374
Alternate Season	7,722	6,203	5,618
Hockey Canada Skills Academies	939	1,085	932
Canlan - Adult Rec	11,557	9,769	10,026
	<b>48,817</b>	<b>45,307</b>	<b>45,996</b>





## FEMALE PLAYERS

Division	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
U Sport Female	96	107	106
College Female	125	123	117
Senior Female AAA	24	22	33
Junior Rec	6	3	-
Junior Female	238	232	229
Sports Schools Midget	59	59	54
Minor Midget	1,200	1,192	1,195
Minor Bantam	1,069	1,092	1,109
Peewee	1,424	1,278	1,255
Atom	1,669	1,451	1,272
Novice	1,543	1,570	1,445
Initiation	1,640	1,631	1,747
	<b>9,093</b>	<b>8,749</b>	<b>8,557</b>

## TOTAL REGISTRATIONS

	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Total Male Senior	1,639	1,558	1,597
Total Male Junior	2,622	2,872	2,645
Total Male Minor	52,671	52,906	52,197
Total Female Senior	245	241	251
Total Female Junior	244	235	229
Total Female Minor	8,604	8,273	8,077
Total Other	48,817	45,307	45,996
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>114,842</b>	<b>111,392</b>	<b>110,992</b>



# HOCKEY ALBERTA'S NEW HOME

## GARY W. HARRIS CENTRE



*Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre.*

During the 2018-19 season, Hockey Alberta completed the transition to its new home in the Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre at Red Deer College, after six years housed on RDC's main campus.

Part of Hockey Alberta's vision for this facility was the ability to host signature regional, provincial, national hockey events. Hockey Alberta was proud to host the first official events on the new ice surface – Super Skills and Female Development camps – in August 2018. From that early starting point, the organization never looked back.

Over the course of the first year, Hockey Alberta hosted more than 30 events at the Gary W. Harris Centre, ranging from morning skill development camps to week-long camps for players vying for spots in Hockey Alberta's high-performance programming.



*Hockey Alberta's Volunteer team met in August to prepare for the 2019-20 season.*

Along with the arena, facilities used included Hockey Alberta and RDC boardrooms, the RDC performance gymnasium, classrooms and labs, residence rooms, and food services.

More than 1,000 participants, from every corner of the province, had the opportunity to experience the state-of-the-art facilities. Two of the biggest events hosted at the new facility were the inaugural Female Hockey Day in December, and the Alberta Cup in April.

Other events and programs hosted by Hockey Alberta included:

**VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP**  
**ATOM/PEEWEE FEMALES**  
**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**  
**DEVELOPMENT 1 CLINIC**  
**CHECKING SKILLS CLINIC**  
**COACH 1 CLINICS**  
**COACH 2 CLINIC**  
**POWER EDGE PRO CAMPS**  
**SUPER SKILLS CAMP**  
**SMALL AREA GAMES CAMP**  
**WINTER PLANNING MEETING**  
**FEMALE ADM MEETING**  
**MINOR FEMALE**  
**ASSOCIATIONS MEETING**  
**OFFICIATING CLINICS**  
**GOALTENDER COACH**  
**SEMINAR**  
**ALBERTA BUILT**  
**SUMMER SHOWCASE**  
**- TEAM AB U16 MALE**  
**- TEAM AB U18 FEMALE**  
**- U16 FEMALE**  
**- OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT**  
**- OFFICIALS ELITE CAMP**  
**- AJHL DEVELOPMENT CAMP**  
**FUTURE LEADERS**  
**ALBERTA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME**  
**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**



*Multiple coach development clinics were hosted in 2018-19.*



*An Elite Goaltender camp was one of many development clinics hosted.*



*Officials clinics and two officials summer development camps were hosted.*



# HOCKEY ALBERTA'S NEW HOME

## GARY W. HARRIS CENTRE



Female Hockey Day in Red Deer.

### FEMALE HOCKEY DAY

Hockey Alberta's inaugural Female Hockey Day was held in December at the Gary W. Harris Centre. The event was an overwhelming success, with hundreds showing up to take part in the day-long celebration to show the hockey world #WhyWePlay!

Over 160 athletes took part in activities throughout the day, which included on-ice sessions for players and officials, and off-ice sessions, such as dryland training, parent education sessions, and sport ambassador sessions. Participants also had the chance to hear from a handful of players from the Calgary Inferno, who hosted the Toronto Furries in the first-ever Canadian Women's Hockey League game to be played in Red Deer.

One lucky athlete, Rozene Sabeti-Seidel, took to the ice with the Inferno during the pre-game skate, and stood with the team during the National Anthem - an honour she earned as the winner of the 'Experience the Dream' contest.



Female Hockey Day in Red Deer.

### ALBERTA CUP

A major highlight in Hockey Alberta's first year at the Gary W. Harris Centre was the hosting of the 2019 Alberta Cup in April.

The Alberta Cup is the final opportunity for Western Hockey League scouts to evaluate players eligible for the WHL bantam draft, and this year's event was part of a busy week as the WHL Awards and Bantam Draft were also held in Red Deer.

The 2019 edition of the Alberta Cup featured six teams playing in a modified round-robin format tournament. Alberta Red defeated Alberta Black 3-1 to win the championship. It was also the first time that Hockey Alberta has ventured into live-streaming, as all tournament games were broadcast in partnership with HNLive.ca.

In addition, several special activities were held off the ice, including the Alberta Cup Kids Fun Zone. This fun, free and interactive activity corner utilized basic skills to being successful in hockey and attracted more than 100 school children on the Friday of the event.



Kid Zone was a unique off-ice event hosted during the Alberta Cup.



Alberta Cup champions - Team Alberta Red.



# CANADA WINTER GAMES GOLD, BRONZE & LOTS OF MEMORIES



*Team Alberta U18 Female – Gold Medalists.*

The 2019 Canada Winter Games were hosted in Red Deer in February/March 2019, with the Team Alberta U18 Female squad defending home ice by defeating Quebec 2-1 in a thrilling gold medal final.

Team Alberta finished third in Pool B, with a 0-1-2 record, but hit their stride in the playoff round where they defeated Manitoba 3-0 in the quarterfinals and BC 2-1 in the semi-finals.

Sarah Wozniewicz had a terrific tournament for Team Alberta by scoring five points in six games, while Jaden Bogden scored the winning goal in the gold medal game. Both Bella McKee and



*Team Alberta U18 Female – celebrating as the buzzer sounds.*

Caroline Gosling were instrumental between the pipes during Alberta's run, with McKee sporting a .920 save %, one shutout, and the gold medal win, while Gosling finished with a 1.78 goals against average and a clutch semi-final overtime win.

The gold medal was Alberta's 100th medal of the 2019 Canada Winter Games, and second in hockey, with the Men's team winning bronze in week one.



*The gold medalists received their rings at a celebration in Canmore in July.*



# CANADA WINTER GAMES

## GOLD, BRONZE & LOTS OF MEMORIES



*Team Alberta U16 Male – celebrating the win.*

The Team Alberta U16 Male squad rebounded from an 8-4 semi-final loss with a 12-0 win over Saskatchewan to claim the bronze medal at the Canada Winter Games. In the second matchup of the tournament between the two teams, Alberta avenged a 4-3 overtime loss from preliminary round action. Drew Sim recorded the shutout in the Team Alberta net, and Matt Savoie (3), Craig Armstrong (2), and Dylan Guenther (2) led the scoring.

Alberta's Minor Hockey Associations were well-represented amongst both Team Alberta squads, with 19 different associations represented on the roster: Airdrie, Alix, Beaumont, Beaverlodge, Beiseker, Bonnyville, Calgary, Cochrane, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Fort McMurray, Irma, Lethbridge, Lloydminster, Medicine Hat, Okotoks, St. Albert, Wainwright and Whitecourt.



*Team Alberta U16 Male – Bronze Medalists.*

### ALBERTA'S OFFICIALS WELL-REPRESENTED

Seven officials represented the province on the Road to Red Deer at the 2019 Canada Winter Games. Referees Mason Stewart (Calgary) and Austin Weisgerber (Medicine Hat), and linesman Derek Bandstra (Calgary) were part of the officiating crew for the male hockey competition in the first week of the Canada Games. Referees Cassandra Gregory (Edmonton) and Jessica Trombley (Sherwood Park), and linesmen Megan French (Coaldale) and Kelsey Hagan (Calgary) worked female action in week two.

### HOCKEY HELPS OPEN THE GAMES

Alberta's hockey history helped open the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer.

Del Billings, a Red Deer native, was a member of the University of Alberta team that represented Alberta at the inaugural Canada Winter Games in 1967 and won the first-ever gold medal in the sport. In 2019, Del and his wife returned to his hometown during the winter months for the first time in nearly 10 years, as volunteers at the 2019 Games.

But before they were put to work at a venue, Billings had the honour of representing the historic 1967 Men's Hockey team at the Opening Ceremonies as one of the final torchbearers, accepting the torch from Joan and Jack Donald.

Hockey Alberta had the privilege of hosting Canada's Governor-General, Her Excellency The Right Honourable Julie Payette. The Governor General was in attendance for the opening ceremonies, but also met with local dignitaries, including the Mayor of Red Deer, Tara Veer.



*Del Billings during the opening ceremonies.*



*Canada's Governor General, Julie Payette, visited the Hockey Alberta offices with Red Deer's Mayor Tara Veer.*



# CANADA WINTER GAMES

## GOLD, BRONZE & LOTS OF MEMORIES

### TEAM ALBERTA U18 FEMALE

#### PLAYERS

No	Name	Position	Hometown
1	Bella McKee	Goalie	Irma
31	Caroline Gosling	Goalie	Calgary
2	Teghan Inglis	Defence	Okotoks
4	Brooklyn Tews	Defence	Beaverlodge
6	Stephanie Markowski	Defence	Edmonton
7	Alexandria Spence	Defence	Lloydminster
8	Jordan Mortlock	Defence	Medicine Hat
15	Sierra LaPlante	Defence	Calgary
3	Hayleigh Craig	Forward	Lethbridge
5	Isabelle Lajoie	Forward	St. Albert
9	Danielle Serdachny	Forward	Edmonton
10	Bree Kennedy	Forward	Chestermere
11	Payton Laumbach	Forward	Wainwright
12	Lyndsey Janes	Forward	Fort McMurray
14	Kassy Betinol	Forward	Okotoks
16	Jaden Bogden	Forward	Edmonton
17	Brooklyn Schroeder	Forward	Whitecourt
18	Aliya Jomha	Forward	Edmonton
19	Rachel Weiss	Forward	Foothills
20	Sarah Wozniewicz	Forward	Cochrane

### TEAM STAFF

Name	Title	Hometown
Kendall Newell	Director of Hockey Ops	Red Deer
Barry Medori	Coach Mentor	Spruce Grove
Doug MacLeod	Head Scout	Lethbridge
Carla MacLeod	Head Coach	Calgary
Cassee Schols	Assistant Coach	Edmonton
Craig Perrett	Assistant Coach	Calgary
Amanda Tapp	Goalie Coach	Calgary
Ally Bendfeld	Video Coach	Innisfail
Farah Mukadam	Athletic Therapist	Calgary
Amanda Bergen	Equipment Manager	Lethbridge
Henengouwen		
Heather Osgood	Strength & Conditioning	Edmonton

### TEAM ALBERTA U16 MALE

#### PLAYERS

No	Name	Position	Hometown
29	Lochlan Gordon	Goalie	Edmonton
31	Drew Sim	Goalie	Tees
2	Olen Zellweger	Defence	Fort Saskatchewan
3	Corson Ceulemans	Defence	Beaumont
4	Marc Lajoie	Defence	St. Albert
5	Keagan Slaney	Defence	Airdrie
6	Kyle Masters	Defence	Edmonton
20	Matt Smith	Defence	Edmonton
7	Colton Dach	Forward	Fort Saskatchewan
8	Brett Hyland	Forward	Edmonton
10	Zack Ostapchuk	Forward	St. Albert
11	Dylan Guenther	Forward	Edmonton
12	Kai Uchacz	Forward	De Winton
13	Zack Stringer	Forward	Lethbridge
14	Matt Savoie	Forward	St. Albert
16	Jayden Grubbe	Forward	Calgary
17	Tyson Laventure	Forward	Lloydminster
18	Craig Armstrong	Forward	Airdrie
19	Sean Tschigerl	Forward	Edmonton
22	Owen MacNeil	Forward	Calgary

### TEAM STAFF

Name	Title	Hometown
Michael Kraichy	Director of Hockey Ops	Red Deer
Dustin Moore	Asst. Director of Hockey Ops	Red Deer
Barry Medori	Coach Mentor	Spruce Grove
Jamie Porter	Head Scout	Edmonton
Bobby Fox	Head Coach	Calgary
Brandin Cote	Associate Coach	Red Deer
Jeff Shantz	Assistant Coach	Calgary
Alex Mandolidis	Video Coach	Calgary
Derek Purfield	Goalie Coach	Calgary
Karyn Fanstone	Athletic Therapist	Brooks
Dave Campbell	Equipment Manager	Grande Prairie





The annual Hockey Alberta Awards, sponsored by BFL Canada, recognize outstanding individuals and teams for their hard work and accomplishments in making a positive difference for participants across the province. The 2018-19 season saw the recognition of two sets of Hockey Alberta Award recipients during the same year, and the unveiling of new awards and restructured nomination criteria.

Traditionally, the Awards ceremony is held as part of the Annual General Meeting weekend. But with the shift of the AGM to November, it was important to recognize award recipients closer to the end of the season. The 2018 awards were presented at the AGM in November, and the 2019 awards presented in conjunction with the Alberta Cup in April in Red Deer.

The new-look awards structure now includes: Volunteer of the Year, Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Minor Hockey Association of the Year, Official of the year, Team of the Year, and the Order of Merit, along with the long-time officials' awards in recognition of Ernie Boruk and Dave Ganley.



*The 2018 Hockey Alberta Award recipients.*

Hockey Alberta Award recipients recognized last season were:

- VOLUNTEER:** 2019, Jody Forbes (Calgary).
- COACH:** 2019, Kent Beagle (Rimbey); 2018, Kyle McLaughlin (Canmore).
- PLAYER:** 2019, Kason Buffalo-Rain (Maskwacis).
- TEAM:** 2019, Springbank Rockies Peeewe AA; 2018, St. Albert Slash Midget Female AAA.
- MHA:** 2019, Lacombe Minor Hockey Association.
- OFFICIAL:** 2019, Lacey Senuk (St. Albert); 2018, Chad Huseby (Red Deer).
- ERNIE BORUK AWARD:**



*Kason Buffalo-Rain of Maskwacis, the 2019 Player of the Year.*

2019, David Mousseau (Red Deer); 2018, Kumail Moledina (Edmonton). Presented for outstanding dedication and contribution to Hockey Alberta Officials Committee.

**DAVE GANLEY AWARD:** 2019, Michael Roberts (Calgary); 2018, Gary Gorenjuk (Bonnyville). Presented for outstanding contribution to hockey officiating in Alberta.

**ORDER OF MERIT:** 2019, Administration, Chris Hurley (Edmonton); Coaching/Development, Bobby Fox (Medicine Hat), Ally Bendfeld (Innisfail); 2018, Administration, Debbie Northcott (Caroline) and Brenda Dyck (Edmonton). Recognition of exceptional leadership and distinguished service to amateur hockey in Alberta for 10 years or more.

**EXCEPTIONAL PROVINCIALS HOST SITE:** 2019, Vermilion Minor Hockey Association (Bantam B) and Olds Minor Hockey Association (Peeewe Female A); 2018, Whitecourt Minor Hockey Association (Atom A) and Rimbey Minor Hockey Association (Midget C).



*The 2019 Hockey Alberta Award recipients.*





## ST. ALBERT SLASH MAKE IT A THREE-PEAT

A year after becoming the first team to repeat as Esso Cup champions, the St. Albert Slash became the first team to win Canada's National Female Midget Championship three straight years defeating the host Sudbury Lady Wolves, 4-1.

The Slash finished the preliminary round with a 2-0-1-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, and then defeated the Saskatoon Stars 2-1 in overtime in the semi-final to advance to the gold medal game.

Then, in the championship final, St. Albert trailed 1-0 after the first period, but scored four straight goals to claim their third straight championship. In doing so, the Slash became the first team since 1996 to win three straight Hockey Canada club team championships at any level. Taylor Anker, Isabelle Lajoie, goaltender Brianna Sank, Makenna Schuttler, and Madison Willan shared the unique honour of having been on all three editions of the Slash to win the Esso Cup.

The Slash qualified for the Esso Cup by winning the Alberta Female Hockey League's Midget AAA division. The Slash defeated Calgary Fire in the provincial championship, and then defeated the Greater Vancouver Comets to earn the Pacific berth.

The Slash were also recognized during the year as the Alberta Sport Connection's Junior Team of the Year for 2018, and Hockey Alberta's inaugural Team of the Year for 2018.

**OF NOTE:** The Esso Cup will be hosted in Alberta in 2021 when the Lloydminster Steelers host the 13th edition of the event. The host Steelers will face off against five regional champions – Atlantic, Ontario, Pacific, Quebec and West – in their quest to capture a national championship at the 1,700-seat Centennial Civic Centre.



## AN ALL-ALBERTA ALLAN CUP FINAL

The 2019 Allan Cup featured the first-ever all-Alberta final in the 111-year history of the event, with the host Lacombe Generals claiming the national championship in front of their home fans, 5-2, over the Innisfail Eagles. For the Generals, it was the fourth National Senior Championship for the franchise in 11 years. It also the first time two teams from the same province met in the final since 1975. Chase Norrish, Jesse Todd (2), Dylan Nowakowski, and Cody Cartier scored for Lacombe. Justin Cox had both Innisfail goals.

## BROOKS WINS JR. A TITLE ON HOME ICE

The Brooks Bandits avenged a loss in the Doyle Cup to the Prince George Spruce Kings by defeating Prince George, 4-3, in the final of the 49th edition of the National Junior A Championship on home ice in Brooks.

The Bandits scored three first-period goals and then held on for the victory. It was the second national title for the Bandits, also winning in 2013, and Brooks became the fourth host in the last five years to win. Simon Boyko (2), William Lemay, and Nathan Plessis scored for Brooks, while Pierce Charleson was the winning goaltender.







The 2018 AGM was held at Red Deer College.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hockey Alberta welcomed three new members to the Board of Directors at the organization's 111th Annual General Meeting. Michael Bates of Cochrane, Francois Gagnon of Fort McMurray, and Wilson Gemmill of Grande Prairie were elected as Directors at Large, joining current members Terry Engen (Chair), Fran Zinger (Vice Chair), Rob Virgil (Past Chair), Len Samletzki (Finance Director), and Brock Harrington and Allan Mowbray (Directors at Large).

## MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Hockey Alberta's Board of Directors created an Ad Hoc Committee to review Hockey Alberta's definition of Membership. Hockey Alberta had not reviewed its definition of Membership, as outlined in the Hockey Alberta Bylaws, in more than 20 years. The last thorough review of the Bylaws was approved by the Membership at the 2012 Annual General Meeting, and the definition of Membership within Hockey Alberta was not changed.

## STANDARDIZED TIERING

The 2018-19 season marked year one of the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model. Hockey Alberta and its minor leagues worked together to build a model to enable leagues to adopt the same tiering, seasonal structure and other operational processes. Hockey Calgary, Hockey Edmonton, Central Alberta Hockey League, Northern Alberta Interlock, All Peace Hockey League and North Eastern Alberta Hockey League participated in the initiative.

## GOALIE COACH SEMINAR

Hockey Alberta hosted a Goalie Coach Seminar in Red Deer in May, with over 50 delegates attending. The seminar was part of the 2018-19 Goalie Development Plan which identified a need to support the development and education around goaltending. Presenting goalie coaches included Dustin Schwartz (Edmonton Oilers), Ian Gordon (Seattle Thunderbirds), David Marcoux (formerly with Calgary Flames and Carolina Hurricanes), and Kraymer Barnstable (Red Deer Rebels).



A Goalie Coach seminar was held in Red Deer in May.

## DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Hockey Alberta hosted a Development Leadership Weekend at the Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre in Red Deer in June as part of the ongoing education strategy for minor hockey administrators and coaches.

The weekend featured three seminar streams for volunteers: Coaching Skills, Intro to Hockey, and Development Directors, along with a keynote address and hot stove featuring Power Edge Pro Founder Joe Quinn, Olympic gold medal coach Melody Davidson, and Anaheim Ducks forward Sam Steel.

## COACH CONFERENCE

Theoren Fleury, a member of the 2019 Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame induction class, was the keynote speaker for Hockey Alberta's 2019 Coach Conference in Calgary. Fleury headlined an esteemed group of speakers, including Geoff Ward (Calgary Flames), Bert Gilling (Mount Royal University), Peter Anholt (Lethbridge Hurricanes), and Wayne Harris (University of Calgary Football coach). Also featured was a Hot Stove Panel featuring Fleury, Quantum Speed High Performance Skating Systems Founder Steffany Hanlen and Hockey Canada CEO Tom Renney, hosted by Sportsnet 960's Pat Steinberg.



Theo Fleury was the keynote speaker at the 2019 Coach Conference in Calgary.





## COACH CLINICS

During the 2018-19 season, Hockey Alberta delivered over 150 NCCP courses and an additional 110 professional development courses focusing on topics such as Seasonal Planning, Game and Bench Management, Practice Planning, and Creating Offense. To Hockey Alberta's capacity to support the province's coaches, applications were sought from experienced and passionate leaders to become Coach Developers, and assist in the delivery of NCCP coach courses and additional coach development initiatives.

*Coaching skills were stressed in several development sessions throughout the season.*

## OUR CHANGING SPORT

Change, and its impact on the sport of hockey, was the major theme of Allyson Tufts in her keynote address to open the 111th Annual General Meeting weekend for Hockey Alberta in November. Tufts is a nationally recognized author of "Lessons From Behind the Glass". In her presentation to more than 100 minor hockey association representatives and Hockey Alberta volunteers, Tufts reminded them of the key role they play in the development of our youth. And she stressed that in this digital age of cell phones and social media, the hockey rink has emerged as the new "safe house" for our youth – where the phone is put away, and there is an opportunity for adults to talk and be heard.



*Allyson Tufts, renowned author, was the keynote speaker at the AGM.*

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Parents are integral part of the minor hockey system and are a key to ensuring that their children can play hockey. Depending on the day, a parent can be a supporter, advocate, chauffeur, equipment manager, or dietician, making sure that their children can experience and have fun participating in the sport of hockey. Hockey Alberta unveiled a new set of resources in September designed to support and assist parents in providing the most positive experience for their young players. Information available on the Parents tab at [hockeyalberta.ca](http://hockeyalberta.ca) includes articles from various publications, tips from experts on nutrition and social media, and updates from Hockey Alberta.

## ALBERTA BUILT SKILLS

During the 2018-19 season, Hockey Alberta, through its Regional Centres, operated more than 40 skill development clinics and camps across the province. Every Hockey Alberta camp featured:

- **ALBERTA BUILT Instruction:** All instructors Hockey Canada trained, and include Hockey Alberta staff, and WHL/ Team Alberta graduates.
- **ALBERTA BUILT Skills:** Skills and tactics taught correspond to the Long Term Player Development model. The right skills at the right time for your child.
- **ALBERTA BUILT Locations:** Camps are scheduled across the province, at arenas near you.

Programming included: Dynamic Shooting, Goaltender Skills, Female and Male Elite Goaltender, Developing Defencemen, Power Edge Pro (including a "Breakfast Club"), Small Area Games, Super Skills, Atom and Peewee Female Skills Development, Morning Skills Camp, Lethbridge Hurricanes Summer Hockey School, Alberta Cup Prep Camps, Positional Development Camp, Regional Prep camps, Sledge Hockey Player Development, and a New Season Conditioning Camp.





Throughout each season, members of the hockey community in Alberta receive appointments, recognition and opportunities at the provincial, national, international or professional levels. For the 2018-19 season, the list of accomplishments in hockey in Alberta included:

## ALBERTA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Five outstanding individuals and back-to-back Memorial Cup champions comprised the 2019 Induction Class for the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame. Theoren Fleury, Kevin Lowe, Shirley Cameron, Bob Ridley, Duncan MacDougall, and the 1986-87 and 1987-88 Medicine Hat Tigers were enshrined in Alberta's hockey history at the Awards Gala, hosted by Hockey Alberta and the Hockey Alberta Foundation at the Coast Hotel in Canmore.

**SHIRLEY CAMERON:** one of the most important individuals in the growth and development of women's hockey in Alberta, most notably with the Edmonton Chimos.

**BOB RIDLEY:** sports director for CHAT TV & Radio in Medicine Hat, and an integral part of the Medicine Hat Tigers since the team's inception in 1970.

**DUNCAN MACDOUGALL:** played a tremendous role in the development of on-ice officials over more than four decades of involvement in hockey in Alberta.

**THEOREN FLEURY:** played with the Calgary Flames for 11 seasons (1988-98) and an important part of their Stanley Cup championship in 1989.

**KEVIN LOWE:** one of the key leaders who helped the Edmonton Oilers become a Stanley Cup dynasty team.

**MEDICINE HAT TIGERS:** the only Alberta team to win back-to-back Memorial Cups and one of only eight teams in the Cup's 100-year history to win back-to-back titles.

As well, Mike Rogers, a member of the 2016 induction class, was inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame. Also recognized was long-time Hockey Alberta Foundation board member Rob Kerr, receiving the Bell Memorial Award.



AHHF inductee Kevin Lowe.



AHHF inductees Bob Ridley and Theoren Fleury.



AHHF inductee Shirley Cameron.

## OFFICIALS WORKING AROUND THE WORLD

Hockey Alberta's officials had a very successful season, with no less than 20 officials selected to work events at the national and international levels. The list of assignments includes:

Taylor Burzinski (Referee, St. Albert): 2018 World Under-17 Challenge, New Brunswick

Cody Huseby (Linesman, Red Deer): IIHF World Championship, Under-20 Division II, Estonia; Allan Cup, Lacombe

Fraser Lawrence (Referee, Edmonton): IIHF World Championships, Division III, Iceland

Lacy Senuk (Referee, St. Albert): 2018 4 Nations Cup, Saskatoon; IIHF Women's World Championship, Finland; U Sports Female Nationals, PEI

Chris Crich (Referee, Airdrie): U Sports Men's Nationals, Lethbridge

Colin Watt (Referee Edmonton): U Sports Men's Nationals; Allan Cup

Michael Roberts (Linesman, Calgary): U Sports Men's Nationals

Chad Huseby (Linesman, Red Deer): U Sports Men's Nationals

Deion Foster (Linesman, Edmonton): U Sports Men's Nationals; National Junior A Championship, Brooks

Kevin Webinger (Referee, Calgary): National Junior A Championship; Allan Cup

Travis Toomey (Linesman, Leduc): National Junior A Championship

Devin Kohlhauser (Linesman, Calgary): National Junior A Championship

Ethan Cronkhite (Linesman, Beaumont): National Junior A Championship; Allan Cup

Jason Nedinis (Linesman, Calgary): National Junior A Championship; World Junior Challenge, Bonnyville

Colin Stefanyak (Referee, Red Deer): World Junior Challenge; Allan Cup

Kyle Kowalski (Referee, Edmonton): World Junior Challenge

Will Moss (Linesman, Calgary): World Junior Challenge

Przemek Iwaniec (Linesman, Calgary): World Junior Challenge; Allan Cup

Cody Rude (Referee, Leduc): Allan Cup

Aidan Henderson (Linesman, Calgary): Allan Cup

Ryan Petryshyn (Linesman, Edmonton): Allan Cup



Lacey Senuk, Hockey Alberta official.



## NHL DRAFT

Twelve players with Alberta roots were selected at the 2019 NHL Draft in Vancouver, including seven in the first two rounds. Four Team Alberta alumni were taken in the first round: Kirby Dach (Fort Saskatchewan) third overall to Chicago, making him the highest-drafted Albertan since Jay Bouwmeester went third overall to Florida in 2002. Bowen Byram was selected fourth by Colorado, while Peyton Krebs and Brayden Tracey went 17th and 29th to the Vegas Golden Knights and Anaheim Ducks, respectively. Carter Gylander was the lone Alberta netminder drafted by Detroit in the seventh round.



Kirby Dach



Bowen Byram



Peyton Krebs



Brayden Tracey

## WHL DRAFT

For the fifth straight year, an Albertan was the top selection at the Western Hockey League Bantam Draft as the Winnipeg Ice took Matthew Savoie of St. Albert. Seven Albertans were taken in the first round, including four of the top five picks. Sixty-eight Albertans were selected overall. Sherwood Park's Keaton Dowhaniuk and Mayerthorpe's Koehn Ziemmer went third and fourth overall, respectively, while Red Deer forward Nate Danielson went fifth.



Matt Savoie

## CANADA WEST RECOGNITION

Seven Albertans were recognized by Canada West for their outstanding U Sports hockey seasons.

Luke Philp (Canmore, University of Alberta) repeated as the Canada West Player of the Year, while Grayson Pawlenchuk (Edmonton, U of A) was Rookie of the Year. Riley Kieser (Sherwood Park, U of A) was the Student-Athlete Community Service Award. Both Philp and Pawlenchuk are Team Alberta alumni.

In Women's Hockey, all four awards going to Team Alberta alumni. Alex Poznikoff (Edmonton, U of A) was the Canada West Player of the Year, Breanne Trotter (Okotoks, Mount Royal University) Rookie of the Year, and the Student Athlete Community Service Award went to Anna Purschke (Sherwood Park, MRU). Former Team Alberta coach Howie Draper (Edmonton, U of A) was Coach of the Year.

## ALBERTA CHALLENGE

North Yellow defeated North Blue 5-2 to win the 2019 Alberta Challenge hosted in Leduc. Emerson Jarvis led the way for North Yellow with two goals. Paige Ring added a goal and an assist, and Ainsley McCoy-Birk one goal. Mackenzie Dojahn and Erika Lind stopped a total of 23 shots in the victory. North Grey defeated South Green 1-0 in the B Final. South White won the C Final over South Black 5-1.



Alberta Challenge champs – North Yellow.



## ALBERTA FEMALE HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thirty-two members of the Alberta Female Hockey League had commitments to play post-secondary hockey for the 2019-20 season. AFHL graduates were scheduled to play at locations in Canada and the United States, including: SAIT, University of Windsor, Mount Royal University, Elmira College, Red Deer College, University of Calgary, Adrian College, Olds College, Minot State, Union College, Grant MacEwan University, University of Lethbridge, University of Alberta, Plymouth State, Nipissing University, NAIT, University of Providence, and University of British Columbia.

### 2018-19 AWARD WINNERS

**Bantam Elite:** Most Valuable, Jorja Nystrom (North Central); Top Goaltender, Asia Kachuk (Sherwood Park); Top Rookie, Lana Duriez (Lloydminster); Coach of the Year, David Fleming (North Central)

**Midget Elite:** Most Valuable, Madison Porter (Sherwood Park); Top Goaltender, Cassidy Brown (Calgary Fire Red); Top Rookie, Arilyn Toews, (Peace Country); Coach of the Year, David Addison (Calgary Fire Red)

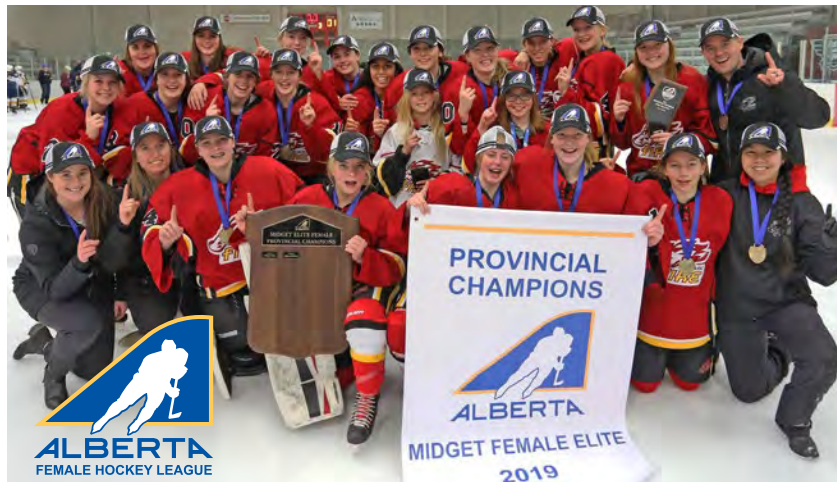
**Midget AAA:** Most Valuable, Madison Willan (St. Albert); Top Goaltender, Bella McKee (Lloydminster); Top Rookie, Jenna Goodwin (St. Albert); Coach of the Year, Terry Johnson (Calgary Fire)

### 2018-19 CHAMPIONS:

**Bantam Elite:** Calgary Fire Red defeated the North Central Impact 6-2 to win the championship.

**Midget Elite:** Calgary Fire Red defeated the St. Albert Sharks 5-1 to win the title.

**Midget AAA:** St. Albert Slash defeated the Calgary Fire 5-1 to win the title for the third year in a row.



Calgary Fire Red were the AFHL's Midget Elite provincial champions.



IIHF U18 champions.

## ABOVE & BEYOND IN FEMALE HOCKEY

Three Albertans were named to the National Women's Under-18 Team for the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship in Obihiro, Japan: Danielle Serdachny, Rachel Weiss, and Stephanie Markowski. Howie Draper was the team's head coach. The team won gold, defeating the United States, 3-2, in overtime led by Serdachny's goal and assist in the gold medal game.

Four Albertans were named to Team Canada's Development Team and Under-18 Team rosters for events in Lake Placid, New York: Team Alberta alumnus Malia Schneider (Millarville) was named to the Development Team. Jaden Bogden (Edmonton), Sarah Wozniewicz (Cochrane), and Taze Thompson (Sherwood Park) played for the Under-18 squad.

Sixteen Albertans participated in the IIHF's Global Girls Hockey Game. The game is played in 28 countries before finishing in Canada. A cumulative score is kept across all participating countries between Team White and Team Blue with a winner being declared after the Canadian portion of the game.

Hayley Wickenheiser, an inductee into the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame as a member of the 1991 Team Alberta Canada Winter Games team, was named as a member of the 2019 induction class to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Wickenheiser, who was only 12 when she scored the game-winning goal at the Canada Games. She went on to a 23-year career as a member of Canada's national women's team.

Team Alberta alumnus goaltender Kristen Chamberlin of Cochrane was part of a group of 20 goaltenders invited to Hockey Canada's National Women's Team development camp.



## PEEWEE PROSPECTS

North Grey skated to a 6-2 win over North Blue to claim the 2019 title at the Pee wee Prospects Cup in Lethbridge. North Grey went wire-to-wire as the top team of the tournament, finishing with a perfect 5-0 record. It was the first win for Head Coach John Sexsmith, a long-time coach with the Team Alberta program. Calgary Red took the B Final 3-1 over Capital Green. Calgary White won the C Final, 5-2, over Capital Royal.



*Pee wee Prospects Cup champs – North Grey.*

## AJHL GOES TO SOCHI

A squad comprised of 22 players from the Alberta Junior Hockey League represented Canada at the 2019 Junior Club World Cup in Sochi, Russia. The team captured the silver medal in the eight-team international tournament, losing 3-0 to Yaroslavl, the defending Russian Junior League champions. Alex Young (Canmore Eagles) was named top forward at the event, and Michael Benning (Sherwood Park Crusaders) was named top defenceman.



*Junior Club World Cup – silver medalists.*

## ABOVE & BEYOND IN MALE HOCKEY

Five Albertans were named to Team Canada West for the World Junior A Challenge, which was held in Bonnyville for the second time in three years: Dylan Holloway (Bragg Creek), Austin Wong (Cochrane), Luke Bast (Red Deer), T.J. Lloyd (Lloydminster) and Matthew Davis (Calgary).

Six Team Alberta alumni were invited to Hockey Canada's National Junior Team Selection Camp for the 2019 IIHF World Juniors: goaltender Ian Scott; defencemen Jacob Bernard-Docker, Ian Mitchell and Ty Smith; and forwards Jaret-Anderson Dolan and Brett Leason.

Five members of Team Alberta's 2017 U16 Male squad suited up for Team Canada's National U18 Team at the Hlinka Gretzky Cup: Kaiden Guhle (Defence, Sherwood Park), Ridly Greig (Forward, Lethbridge), Connor McClennon (Forward, Wainwright), Jake Neighbours (Forward, Airdrie) and Ozzy Wiesblatt (Forward, Calgary). Canada got the silver medal, losing 3-2 to Russia in the final.

Team Alberta alumni goaltenders Taylor Gauthier (U20) and Drew Sim (U17) were invited to Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence goaltender camp.

Three Team Alberta alumni were big winners at Canadian Hockey League awards. Ty Smith, CHL Defenceman of the Year; Ian Scott CHL Goaltender of the Year; and Bowen Byram CHL Top Prospect Award.



*Guhle, Greig, McClennon, Neighbours and Wiesblatt – Team Canada U18, Hlinka Gretzky Cup*



# PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDERGOING CHANGE

The 2019 Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships, presented by ATB Financial, had a little different look than previous years.

Hockey Alberta was pleased to have ATB Financial back for the fourth consecutive year as the sponsor of the Provincial Championships, which included having local ATB representatives helping on-site at many provincial events. There were 40 provincial champs crowned, ranging from Atom to Senior AAA, with events hosted at locations ranging from Grande Prairie to Fort Macleod to Cold Lake.



Atom A champs - La Crete Lumberjacks

But there was a significant change in the Pee wee Division, where Hockey Alberta undertook a trial that saw the Pee wee A-D championships transition to Pee wee Tiers 1-4 based on the new standardized tiering model implemented for the 2018-19 season.

The Pee wee events featured eight teams - the host, a wild card, and the champions from Hockey Calgary, Hockey Edmonton, Central Alberta Hockey League, Northern Alberta Interlock, All Peace Hockey League, and North Eastern Alberta Hockey League. Overall, a total of 321 teams had the opportunity to compete for a berth in Pee wee Tiers 1-4 Provincials through league play which was an increase of over 100 teams from previous seasons.

Based on the outcome of the trial, the format is being extended to the Bantam and Midget divisions for 2020, eliminating Zone playdowns at those divisions, as well.



Tyler Smith, a member of the Humboldt Broncos, was a special guest at the Midget C provincials in Whitecourt.



Loon River Jets celebrate the Tier 4 Pee wee title.



Bantam Female A champs - Girls Hockey Calgary Red.



# PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDERGOING CHANGE

## 2019 HOCKEY ALBERTA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

**Senior AAA:** Lacombe Generals

**Senior AA:** Morinville Kings

**Junior A:** Brooks Bandits

**Junior B:** Airdrie Thunder

**Junior C:** Edmonton Avalanche

**Junior Female:** Edmonton Wolves

**Midget AAA:** St. Albert Raiders

**Minor Midget AAA:** St. Albert Flyers

**Midget AA:** Medicine Hat Hounds

**Midget A:** Trails West Wolves

**Midget B:** Glenlake Hawks

**Midget C:** Foremost Flyers

**Midget D:** Fort Macleod Mavericks

**Midget Female AAA:** St. Albert Slash

**Midget Female Elite:** Calgary Fire Red

**Midget Female A:** Strathmore Storm

**Midget Female B:** Prairie Thunder

**Bantam AAA:** Fort Saskatchewan Rangers

**Bantam AA:** Wheatland Warriors

**Bantam A:** NWZ Outlaws

**Bantam B:** Drumheller Raptors

**Bantam C:** Tofield Titans

**Bantam D:** Hanna Colts

**Bantam Female Elite:** Calgary Fire Red

**Bantam Female A:** GHC Red

**Bantam Female B:** Lac La Biche

**Peewee AA:** Leduc Roughnecks

**Peewee Tier 1:** Slave Lake Thunder

**Peewee Tier 2:** Medicine Hat Hounds

**Peewee Tier 3:** Fox Creek Bulldogs

**Peewee Tier 4:** Loon River Jets

**Peewee Female A:** Medicine Hat Wildcats

**Peewee Female B:** Battle River Knights

**Atom AA Major:** St. Albert Barons

**Atom AA Minor:** Strathcona Warriors

**Atom A:** La Crete Lumberjacks

**Atom B:** Picture Butte Blades

**Atom C:** Taber Oil Kings

**Atom D:** Magrath Chiefs

**Atom Female:** Airdrie Lightning



Wheatland Warriors win Bantam AA, with John Windwick of ATB Financial presenting the banner.



ATB Financial staff volunteering their time to support their host Provincial Championship community.



# WORKING TOGETHER

## PARTNER PROGRAMS & SERVICES



RDC President Joel Ward was presented with a Hockey Alberta jersey.

### RED DEER COLLEGE

RDC and Hockey Alberta celebrated their long-time partnership in April with a ceremony in the Hockey Alberta boardroom to recognize Hockey Alberta's \$1.5 million investment in the Gary W. Harris Centre. The partnership between Hockey Alberta and RDC began with a Charter in 2011, when Hockey Alberta moved its head office onto RDC's Main Campus. The partnership allowed RDC and Hockey Alberta to pursue a new facility to support the development of the sport.

### GOOD DEEDS CUP

The Springbank Rockies Peeewe AA team represented Alberta as the province's semi-finalist in the 2018-19 edition of the Chevrolet Good Deeds Cup. Ten teams from across the country were selected as semi-finalists from 301 entries. Springbank supported The Nathan O'Brien Children's Foundation and the Calgary Food Bank. Nathan was a member of the Springbank Rockies Timbit Senators at the time of his tragic death in 2014. The team made a significant contribution to the Calgary Food Bank, filling a 53-foot trailer with almost 17,000 pounds of food and collecting nearly \$5,000.

The Good Deeds Cup is partnership between Hockey Canada, Chevrolet, and member branches. The Cup is open to all Peeewe teams, and features two aspects:

1. Teams apply for a free Good Deeds Cup Team Kit which includes a coach's hockey bag, 10 practice pucks, and 24 lace bracelets. In Alberta, more than 630 Peeewe teams registered for a Team Kit.
2. Teams undertake a "good deed" in their community and submit a video of their endeavor. The winner of the Good Deeds Cup earned \$100,000 for the charitable organization the team is supporting.

### DODGE CARAVAN KIDS

The Dodge Caravan Kids Program is a joint effort where Hockey Alberta, participating minor hockey associations and Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram retailers work together to provide up to \$500 in funding and access to exclusive hockey benefits to novice level hockey teams. In 2018-19, 250 Novice teams in Alberta enrolled in the program.



Springbank Rockies, Good Deeds Cup semi-finalists.



# WORKING TOGETHER

## PARTNER PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### THE FIRST SHIFT

The First Shift helps children, aged 6-10, fall in love with hockey. The six-week learn to play program focuses on having fun while learning basic skills. Registration is just \$199, which includes full head-to-toe equipment. Each year, minor hockey associations across Alberta apply to host The First Shift, as a way of attracting potential new members to experience the sport, and then hopefully register for regular programming upon completion. Hockey Alberta hosted The First Shift program in Red Deer in the fall of 2018. Other programs in 2018-19 in Alberta were hosted in: Airdrie, Calgary, Edmonton, Lamont, Leduc, Lethbridge, Onoway, Peace River, Strathcona, and Westlock.

### COACH OF THE MONTH AND PLAYERS BENCH

Hockey Alberta partnered with Players Bench Team Apparel as the new sponsor of the Coach of the Month Award. One minor hockey coach was selected each month from October through March and received a coaching package from Players Bench Team Apparel valued at over \$500. Coach of the Month winners were: Dan Cavanagh of Calgary; Danielle Wheeler of Stettler; Cam Church of Irvine; Ron Laferriere of Wainwright; Jason Rietveld of the Edmonton Adaptive Sports Association (EASA); Chris Overwater of Olds; and Dave Shaw of Sherwood Park.

### LACOMBE FORD/ DRAYTON VALLEY FORD

A new partnership between Hockey Alberta and Lacombe Ford/ Drayton Valley Ford made Hockey Alberta's vehicles much more recognizable when travelling around the province. The partnership saw Lacombe Ford/Drayton Valley Ford support Hockey Alberta with a 2018 Ford Flex and Ford Explorer for two years. The vehicles are easily identifiable thanks to eye-catching wraps on each vehicle.

### AFHL AND HEADCHECK

The Alberta Female Hockey League and HeadCheck Health entered a partnership to supply all teams with mobile and web-based technology to follow the league's concussion protocol and record and share vital information on suspected concussions with medical professionals. Team trainers, athletic therapists, and safety personnel can use HeadCheck's mobile app to document suspected concussions, perform concussion assessments and transfer the information to medical professionals to safely return players to the ice.

### GO-GIRL

Hockey Alberta staff took part in the 16th annual Go Girl event in Red Deer to introduce over 100 Grade 5 girls to floor hockey. The girls worked on the basics of passing and stick handling, culminating in fun small area games. This year had nearly 800 Grade 5 girls from Red Deer schools participate to gain new skills and knowledge while building friendships.



*First Shift participants in Red Deer.*



*Hockey Alberta's vehicles, from Lacombe Ford / Drayton Valley Ford.*



*Floor hockey at Go Girl in Red Deer.*



# WORKING TOGETHER

## PARTNER PROGRAMS & SERVICES



*Celebrating a long-time partnership with Respect in Sport.*

### RESPECT IN SPORT

Hockey Alberta was recognized by Respect Group for long-time participation and leadership in the Respect in Sport program. Hockey Alberta was the first sport organization to implement Respect in Sport certification for parents and coaches, as well as the first to require mandatory recertification. Co-founders of Respect Group – Sheldon Kennedy and Wayne McNeil – presented Hockey Alberta with a specially designed paddle that symbolizes the support of organizations such as Hockey Alberta who adopted Respect in Sport before the importance of preventing bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination was widely recognized.

### WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Western Hockey League and Hockey Alberta extended their partnership through the 2020-21 season. The agreement includes the WHL continuing to be a sponsor of Hockey Alberta's High Performance programs and the Alberta Cup, and partner in Hockey Alberta's Male Alberta Development Model.

Hockey Alberta and the WHL partnered on the WHL Game Day Coach Series, which provided coaches of all levels the opportunity to listen to both the home and visiting team coaches speak before and after designated WHL games.

New for the 2018-19 season was the WHL's officiating partnership video series. The partnership saw the production of a series of videos that were shared with officials in Alberta and the other Western Branches.

Hockey Alberta and the WHL also hosted the annual WHL Skills Camp in June. Sessions included an off-ice combine, on-ice sessions led by several WHL and a Leading Change Program session led by Keon Raymond of the Calgary Stampeders.



### ALBERTA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Hockey Alberta and the Alberta Junior Hockey League continued to present the AJHL Game Day Speaker Series, which provides coaches of all levels the opportunity to listen to both the home and visiting team coaches speak before and after designated AJHL games. Fran Gow, Hockey Alberta's Provincial Coach Mentor, also provided a Professional Development session before each game including Transition, Developing Defensive Play, Penalty Kill and Faceoffs.



# EVERY KID EVERY COMMUNITY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Hockey Alberta and Hockey Alberta Foundation work together to help anyone in Alberta experience our sport for the first time.

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. Contributions also come from individuals, organizations and companies that have become a Teammate in the EKEC Donor Club, or have made EKEC their charity of choice, such as the Glencross Roughstock Rodeo and the Piper Creek Optimist Club.

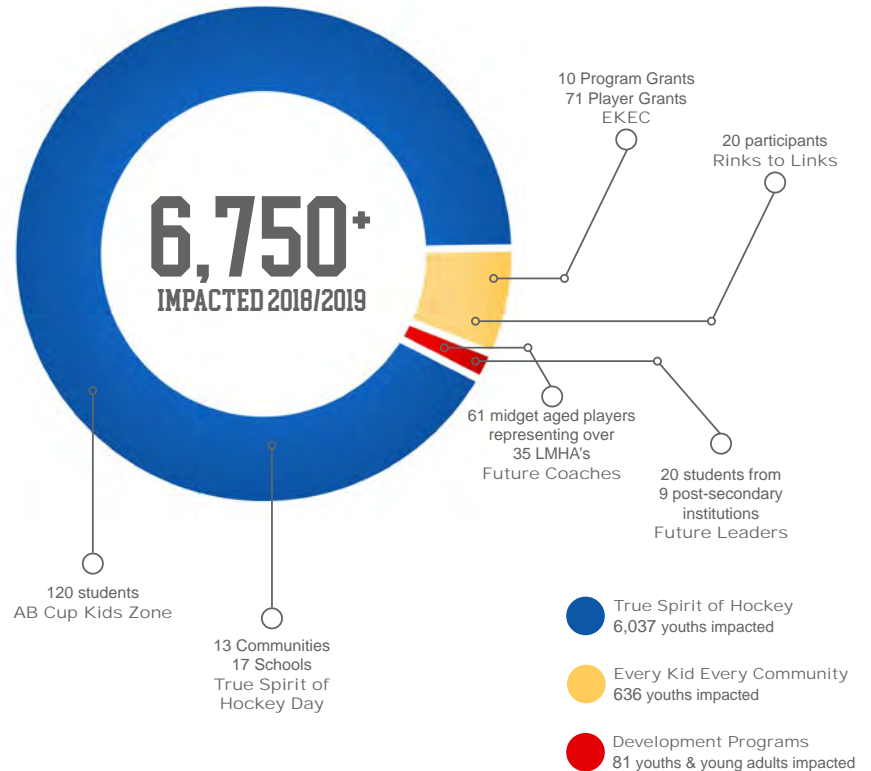
Hockey Alberta assesses applications, and awards funding to assist amateur sports organizations, minor hockey organizations, youth and recreation groups with their event or project to help get local kids active in hockey. In 2018-19, a total of \$45,500 was disbursed through Player Assistance Grants and Program Grants.

Program Grants are awarded for projects that create a new program or support an existing program designed to recruit new players to the game. Program Grants were provided to:

- Edmonton Adaptive Sports Association: Sledge Hockey program ice costs
- Warriors Youth Rec Hockey Team (Girouxville): Family Pond Hockey event
- Lethbridge Minor Hockey Association: Female program for new players
- Millwoods Hockey Association (Edmonton): Development sessions for new Canadians
- Thorsby Minor Hockey Association: Full board rink dividers
- Delia School: Hockey/skating program.
- 3C's Minor Hockey Association: All-girls ice sessions with female instructors
- Bruderheim Minor Sports: Rink dividers
- Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey: Female hockey program
- Paralympic Sports Association: Sledge Hockey camp

As well, funding is provided directly by the Hockey Alberta Foundation to several charitable groups, including: Sport Central, Comrie's Sports Bank, KidSport, HEROS Hockey and the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

## EKEC INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED



Cheques presented to Sport Central, Comrie's Sport Bank and KidSport Alberta.







**HOCKEY ALBERTA  
FOUNDATION**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MESSAGE FROM FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR

The Hockey Alberta Foundation invests in the game, kids, community, leaders and history in Alberta, and continues its work across Alberta's hockey communities through the Every Kid Every Community program.

Every Kid Every Community gives kids the chance to play hockey by eliminating barriers to their participation and by supporting the next generation of community leaders.

And over the years, we have made a difference. Funds generated through the Hockey Alberta Foundation have helped in training more than 300 future leaders and providing program grants for more than 200 new hockey initiatives in more than 100 communities. In total, we have contributed more than ONE MILLION DOLLARS in funding towards player fees and equipment, scholarships, and grassroots and mentorship programs.

Last year alone, we impacted more than 6,700 individuals through support to events such as True Spirit of Hockey Day, Future Leaders, Future Coaches, and the Alberta Cup Kids Zone.

The Kids Zone was a new event, where 120 students from three schools learned basic hockey skills from Hockey Alberta staff and volunteers. Some of the participating students had been in Canada for less than three months and spoke very little English. What a great way to attract new players!

But we can't do it without the support of our TEAMMATES - donors, sponsors, leaders and volunteers who help in communities across Alberta. The Hockey Alberta Foundation remains about YOU, our generous TEAMMATES so others can experience the great feeling of being involved in hockey.

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".

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# HOCKEY ALBERTA FOUNDATION

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### GOLF AND GALA - \$129,000

The Every Kid Every Community program received \$129,000 from the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame Awards Gala and Hockey Alberta Foundation Golf Classic, presented by ATB Wealth.

The three-day set of fundraising events in Canmore in July began with the AHFF Awards Gala at the Coast Hotel, with money raised for EKEC through a wine pull, silent auction, and live auction.

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual HAF Golf Classic, presented by ATB Wealth, was held at Silvertip Golf Course. The Talking Goalie once again withstood a barrage of shots from golfers throughout the day, raising \$8,700, with challengers supporting 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 total raised by the Talking Goalie to \$17,400. The Silvertip Charitable Foundation also donated \$25,000 back to Every Kid Every Community, while the Shaw Charity Classic Birdies for Kids program contributed \$10,000.

A special thank you to the Flames Foundation and Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation for their charity challenge contributions; the event's title sponsor, ATB Wealth; and key contributing sponsors Vada Capital, Pillar Capital Corp, Q2 Artificial Lift Services, ATB Financial, and the Gord Bamford Foundation.



Mark Giordano, Jordan Eberle and Rob Brown, with ATB's John Windwick – thanks for all your support of Every Kid Every Community.



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# HOCKEY ALBERTA FOUNDATION

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Rinks to Links – introducing kids to hockey.



Curtis Glencross – thanks for your support of Every Kid Every Community.



Gord Bamford warmed up Hometown Hockey in Leduc with a generous donation.

### RINKS TO LINKS

Hockey Alberta and the Hockey Alberta Foundation partnered with HEROS Hockey from Calgary for the 2019 Rinks to Links program.

The day started with a bus trip to Canmore, where the kids hit the driving range and putting green at Silvertip Golf Course, with a lesson from the course professionals. After lunch, the group travelled to the Canmore Recreation Centre, where they were treated to a tour of the Canmore Eagles' dressing room before hitting the ice for a one-hour on-ice session, with instruction from Hockey Alberta staff, and members of the Eagles coaching staff.

On behalf of all Rinks to Links participants, thanks to ATB Wealth, Silvertip Golf Course and the Canmore Eagles for their support.

### 2018 GLENCROSS ROUGHSTOCK EVENT

For the second consecutive year, the Glencross Invitational Charity Roughstock Event contributed \$190,000 to Every Kid Every Community and Ronald McDonald House Charities Central Alberta.

The August event, co-sponsored by ATB and Calgary Flames Foundation, included a sponsor-only poker tournament and the charity rodeo. The Hockey Alberta Foundation and Every Kid Every Community has been a beneficiary of the event since its inception.

In total, over the seven years of the Roughstock event, more than \$1.6 million has been raised. Curtis Glencross was joined by several event organizers at Ronald McDonald House to present cheques to the event beneficiaries.

### GORD BAMFORD – HOMETOWN HOCKEY

A generous donation, on national television during Rogers Hometown Hockey, by the Gord Bamford Foundation to the Hockey Alberta Foundation provided the hot news during Rogers Hometown Hockey stop in Leduc.

Bamford was one of the special guests at the event, and he showed his love for the sport, and the kids who play hockey, in two ways. When Bamford took to the stage for a song, he was proudly sporting a Team Alberta jersey. Then, he presented a cheque for \$10,000 in support of the Every Kid Every Community program.

It was also a big weekend for female hockey in the province. The Alberta Female Hockey League (AFHL) Midget Elite Showcase saw all 12 teams in the Midget Elite division on the ice for a total of 18 games.



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### EKEC SPEAKER SERIES

The Hockey Alberta Foundation hosted two stops on the Every Kid Every Community Speaker Series in 2018-19.

The first was held in Lethbridge in December with support from Kirk's Tirecraft, Lethbridge Hurricanes and ATB Wealth. The afternoon featured Lethbridge Bronco alumni Bryan Trottier and Brian Sutter. Trottier, a former New York Islander and Stanley Cup champion, shared stories with Sutter, the former St. Louis Blues captain, in a Hockey Hot Stove. The Lethbridge Hurricanes have also committed all proceeds from the chuck-a-puck contest during the game to the EKEC program.

Then, in February, in conjunction with Vegreville Minor Hockey and KidSport Vegreville, the Speaker Series visited Vegreville. The evening featured former NHL players Rob Brown and Jason Strudwick in a candid Hockey Hot Stove. All proceeds from the event went to Vegreville Minor Hockey, KidSport Vegreville and the Every Kid Every Community program.

### BIRDIES FOR KIDS

The Hockey Alberta Foundation was accepted as a participating charity in the 2019 Birdies for Kids program. The program is designed so that the Hockey Alberta Foundation will receive 100% of every donation accepted on its behalf and allows for additional funding of up to 50% of the original donations made.

### TEAMMATES HELPING TEAMMATES

Two minor hockey teams in Alberta got the opportunity to see the Calgary Flames in action, and support the Every Kid Every Community Grant Program, through the Teammates Helping Teammates raffle. As part of the raffle, teams were encouraged to consider Every Kid Every Community as a charity of choice for their fundraising efforts. And for a \$100 donation, a team had a one in 50 chance to see the Flames.

### PIPER CREEK OPTIMIST CLUB

The Hockey Alberta Foundation partnered with the Piper Creek Optimist Club of Red Deer for the third straight year to present the Battle of Alberta Fundraiser, benefiting the Every Kid Every Community program. In two years, the Battle of Alberta event has raised over \$40,000 for Every Kid Every Community, as well as \$8,000 for additional youth programs in Central Alberta.

The event was held at Bo's Bar and Grill in Red Deer, and included a Hockey Hot Stove with NHL alumni Curtis Glencross, Jamie Macoun, Brian McGrattan and Colin Patterson, along with hourly draw prizes, grand prizes of tickets to see the Edmonton Oilers vs the Calgary Flames, and a Westjet raffle prize.



*Brian Trottier and Brian Sutter reminisce in Lethbridge.*



*Jason Strudwick and Rob Brown – tell tales in Vegreville.*



*Mike Civik, Jamie Macoun, Colin Patterson and Brian McGrattan share stories at the Battle of Alberta in Red Deer.*



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Future Leaders hosted in Red Deer.



Future Leaders coaching development workshop in Red Deer.



HEROS Hockey – hosting Super HEROS

### FUTURE LEADERS

Seven outstanding post-secondary students were chosen from the 2018 Future Leaders Development Program to receive the 2108 Future Leaders scholarship (valued at \$1,000), with two leaders receiving an additional \$3,000 for distinguished recognition.

Name	Current School	Scholarship
Tyler Charlet	MacEwan University	\$1,000
Hayley Douglas	University of Windsor	\$1,000
Scott Ferguson	Red Deer College	\$1,000
Kaely McMurtry	Red Deer College	\$1,000
Brett Ponich	University of Alberta – Augustana Campus	\$4,000*
Ben Sowa	Concordia University	\$1,000
Jake Wozney	Red Deer College	\$4,000*

\*Notes Distinguished Recipients

The Future Leader Development Program develops and trains post-secondary students in the area of coaching. 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. Following the Future Leader Development weekend, eight future leaders are invited to work with a Team Alberta U16 program. The provincial camp provides a second stage of coaching development in practice and game settings, along with an opportunity to work with Alberta's best athletes at the U16 level.

### HEROS HOCKEY - SUPER HEROS

HEROS Hockey received \$5,000 in Program Grant funding and hosted its first Super HEROS program in Calgary, for youth with cognitive challenges, such as Autism and Down Syndrome. The program is the only one of its kind west of Ontario, and featured 21 boys and girls, ages 7-17 years. Participants rotate through four or five stations, each with a different short duration/ low intensity skill development opportunity. The focus is on fundamentals such as skating and puck skills through fun activities. In 2019-20, the program has doubled in size in Calgary, and added a new group in Edmonton.







### DOUG MCKENZIE

William (Doug) McKenzie, a Life Member of Hockey Alberta, died on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the age of 94. Doug was involved with amateur hockey for more than seven decades – working at the local, regional, provincial and national levels. Among his numerous accolades, Doug received Hockey Alberta's President's Award in 1981, was named a Hockey Alberta Life Member in 1992, and was inducted into both the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame (1989) and the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame (2009). As well, in 1993, the McKenzie Cup, awarded to the Alberta/British Columbia Senior AAA champion, was named in his honour.



### JOHN JACOBS

John Jacobs, an Honoured Member of the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame and a Life Member of the Hockey Alberta Referee Council, passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at the age of 65. John's officiating career began in 1967. Over the course of his career, John obtained a Level 4L the highest ranking a linesman can achieve. He was the Chair of the North Central Zone Referees Committee for four seasons, followed by six seasons as Hockey Alberta's Referee Council Chair. He also served as a member of Hockey Alberta's Board of Directors, as the officials' representative. John received the Hockey Alberta's Hockey Development Award (2004), the Ernie Boruk Award (2008), and the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation Award (2008).

## #HUMBOLDTSTRONG

On Friday, April 6, 2018, 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 everyone impacted by this crash in your thoughts.



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