



2017 THERAPIST APPLICATION





2017 Alberta Challenge Therapist Opportunities



General Program Information

The Alberta Challenge is a core Hockey Alberta Development Program. It provides all players, coaches, therapists and referees an equal opportunity to discover the great qualities of competitive hockey in a well-organized and fair Zone Camp and Select Team competition.

As part of the program, an emphasis is placed on the development and identification of Alberta's best hockey people; that might have an opportunity to represent Alberta at future national or international events. The Alberta Challenge leads able participants through the development process to Team Alberta and further opportunities.

The preparation and training of the coaches, therapists and referees for the Alberta Challenge is crucial to the success of the program and ensures quality leadership for the future of Hockey in Alberta. Hockey Alberta routinely selects only the best available coaches, therapists and referees to develop, but ensures their commitment to excellence and fairness in the program.

"We are dedicated to providing progressive opportunities for coaches to develop technical skills and leadership qualities, while promoting safety and fairplay."

2017 Alberta Challenge: ⇒ May 4-7, 2017 (Olds)

- We are looking for one support staff to head up the Safety Program for each of the Alberta Challenge teams through the zone camps and competition.
- Applicants should be training at a fairly competitive level with a minimum of Hockey Canada Safety Program and valid First Aid / CPR certifications.

The Process

- Successful Applicants will be **selected & notified** by the Hockey Alberta Coaches Selection Committee.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email.



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Selection Criteria

The following categories detail the criteria employed in the selection process for staffing Team Alberta Programs. These are only guidelines and welcome everyone interested in applying:

a) Professional Development

- Qualifications and certification attained - (*CPR/First Aid, Hockey Canada Safety Program, Sport First Responder, CATA Certification, Certificate or Diploma in Sport Physiotherapy, Certification Candidate in CATA or Sport Physiotherapy, SMCA Athletic First Aid, SMCA Sports Taping*)
- Attendance and participation at related seminars
- Education
- Memberships and affiliations

b) Experience

- Years of experience in your selected field
- Scope of experience (teams, responsibilities, events, tournament play)
- Years of experience with this level of athlete
- Previous zone or provincial experience (preference given to experience in Team Alberta programs)

c) Hockey Support Staff Experience

- Experience in prevention, recognition, assessment and care of athletic injuries of a hockey nature, including return to play decisions
- Must be able to handle/repair equipment, sharpen skates and respond to needs of athletes in a competitive hockey environment.
- Must have experience in athletic taping and strapping.
- Experience in physical fitness training and testing
- Implementing a practical team nutrition program.
- Must be experienced with the needs of elite athletes and be willing to spend long hours ensuring equipment and team needs are being met as assigned by Head Coach and Director of Operations.

d) Human Resources

- Proven ability to take initiative and efficiently use time
- Proven ability to work with other staff
- Proven ability to successfully relate to and work with players at this age level
- Proven ability to successfully cope with deterrents and hardships in a pressure situation
- Proven ability to be thoroughly organized

e) Knowledge of Program

- Proven ability to work towards objectives of a program
- Proven appreciation for and awareness of the unique problems that can conceivably occur in the operation of a zone team

**** Preference will be given to CATA Certified Therapists; Certificate or Diploma holders in Sport Physiotherapy or Certification Candidates in CATA or Sport Physiotherapy****



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Program Timelines and Expected Commitment

All therapists are expected to commit to the following activities:

Activity	Date/Location
Team Planning Conference Calls	⇒ January - March (set by each individual team)
Zone Camp (North)	⇒ April 7-9, 2017 (Fort Saskatchewan)
Zone Camp (South)	⇒ April 14-16, 2017 (Olds)
Alberta Challenge Competition	⇒ May 4-7, 2017 (Olds)

Special Information

Please also note that these positions are not paid, and all therapists are required to complete a Criminal Record Check. Your expenses, including mileage, meals and accommodation costs will be accommodated through the program as budgeted funds allow. Bearing all of the above in mind, we would ask all those interested in submitting an application to be a trainer, forward the attached application completed, to the Hockey Alberta office as indicated below.

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Name: _____ Hometown _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email _____

If you selected Alberta Challenge – Please choose which zone you are interested in:

NORTH

SOUTH

Please submit the following 3 items with your application

1. A Letter of Reference from your Minor Hockey Association, Club Team or Institution endorsing your application to this Program.
2. A Detailed Resume including the Selection Criteria stated below:
 - Education/Certifications
 - Current Employment
 - Hockey Alberta/Team Alberta Program Involvement
 - Volunteer/Relevant experience in hockey or sport
 - Current Team (Team/MHA/Level)
3. Answers to the 2 below questions:
 - i. Indicate what you feel you will bring to the Team Alberta Program, and what you would like to get out of your experience at the Alberta Challenge.
 - ii. What are your personal ambitions/goals for the Short Term (1-3years) and Long Term (5+years)?

**** PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET WITH YOUR RESUME ****