



U13AA – Back to Community Hockey

2025-26

AGENDA



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Why



- Over the past four seasons, an average of 35% of players that have played U13AA return to their community programs.
- Expand access to elite-level hockey for more players, leverage the strong coaching support that naturally exists within our communities
- Provide a high-performance program without the additional financial burden of elite hockey
- Provides opportunity for 'Qualified Parent Coaches' at U13 AA





U13AA – AEHL

- 11 Calgary U13AA teams will play in the Calgary Division of Hockey Alberta's AEHL
- Expectation - 28-game league schedule 10 Home/10 Away/8 Neutral Site (likely Village Square)
- Games will be 90 minutes, 15-20-20, with NO floods
- Included entry into the Thanksgiving Tournament
- Teams will be Permitted to Attend 2 Additional Tournaments

THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR A FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE IN U13-AA



WOLVERINES PROGRAM

- PAID COACH
- INCLUDED THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT
- TEAM GOALIE DEVELOPMENT CREDIT
- DRYLAND SESSIONS
- ADDITIONAL SKILLS COACHING
- HIGHER FUNDRAISING BUDGET



COMPARISONS



Quadrant		Community	U13-AA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Games and Refs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	League Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Practices (Most Full Ice)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paid Coach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dryland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Skills Coaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Goalie Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jerseys and Name Bars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equipment/Apparel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paid Athletic Trainer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Practice Jersey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Year End Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Team Keepsake PhotoBook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Video Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



IMPORTANT DATES



AAA Release - Sept 9

Tryouts – Sept 10-16 (Tentative)

Exhibition - Sept 19 - 28

Regular Season - Oct 4 - Mar 1

Thanksgiving Tournament - Oct 10-13

EMHW - Jan 9 - 17

City's - TBD

Provincials - TBD



NEXT STEPS

- Registration Opens June 15th
 - Must select U13AA to be included
 - There is a \$199 Fee for Tryouts
- Stay Informed – Since the info is not 100% finalized, SIGN-UP for details as they are approved





Q&A Tryouts

What is the tryout fee? \$200

If a player makes AAA, is the tryout fee refunded? Yes

What is the evaluation format? TBD

Who will be evaluating players? Final details to be determined. 3rd party evaluators will be involved

Who will evaluate goalies specifically? TBD

Will prior coach feedback be included in evaluations? TBD

How will evaluation transparency be ensured? Transparency will be with the team selection process (TBD).
With more people involved it will ensure policy is being followed and there is no alteration of data

Will AA and community evaluations overlap? No. Quadrant tryouts will conclude Sept 9. U13AA will commence immediately after this. At the conclusion of AA tryouts, community evaluations will commence. Dates TBD

Q&A Team Formation & Eligibility



Is forming this team mandatory? Yes

What happens if there isn't enough interest? Monitoring this situation, but don't envision this happening.

Is there a required number of first and second year players to be selected? No, the best players will be chosen regardless of age group

What is the expected team size? 9 Forwards, 6 Defence, 2 Goalies



Q&A Coaching & Support Staff

Who is on the coaching staff? Paid Coach, hired by WHC. Parent assistants are allowed

Is the head coach paid? Yes

How are assistant coaches selected? All coaches and assistant coaches will be required to submit a "coaching application" at the time of registration. WHC will provide an approved coaching list to U13AA Head Coach. In consultation with WHC Board, HC will choose their assistants.

Will a dedicated goalie coach be available? Yes



Q&A Ice Time & Practice Structure

Are full-ice practices required by Hockey Calgary?
the U13AA level

There is NO requirement by Hockey Calgary for full ice at

If not full ice, how will conditioning be handled? Conditioning will be a part of on-ice practices (both full and ½ ice), as well as mandatory dryland sessions

If AA teams get more full-ice time, will that impact community teams?
this team with minimal impact to the rest of the association teams

WHC is in a position to offer full ice to

Q&A Injury & Affiliations

If a goalie is injured, who is eligible to affiliate? U13AA will be assigned affiliate goalies from the Wolverines community stream. Managing these affiliates will be the responsibility of the coaching staff

Will there be affiliates from Quadrant Hockey?

All affiliates will come from the Wolverines



Q&A Fees & Budget

What is the expected cost increase compared to U13 community hockey?

fees be \$500-\$700 above club community fees to ensure consistency between associations, not including the \$200 tryout fee

Hockey Calgary mandates that

Q&A Fair Play & Values

How will fair play be maintained?

Fairplay guidelines will remain in effect as per WHC policies

COMMUNICATION

