



## **Springbank U13 AA Program**

### **Season**

- Every Hockey Calgary community club will have a team, 11 in total
- 28 games scheduled
- 10 games will be scheduled on home ice
- 10 games will be scheduled on away ice
- 8 games will be scheduled in a neutral ice facility supplied by Hockey Calgary
- The entire season is scheduled at once, unlike the community stream, where there is a seeding round and a regular round
- Winter break, no league games will be scheduled. Typically, this is the time between Christmas and New Year's

### **Timeline & Structure**

- Evaluations begin following the conclusion of NWCAA releases, typically in early September
- U13 AA evaluations are fully integrated into the standard U13 Player Placement Program (PPP), strictly adhering to SMHA's Player Placement Process and Evaluator guidelines.
- Final Selections: Exhibition games will serve as the final stage of the evaluation process. Hockey Calgary will schedule two 90-minute exhibition games.

### **Fees & Financial Commitment**

- Additional Costs: To meet Hockey Calgary's mandated U13 AA standards, this program incurs additional fees beyond the SMHA U13 base registration.
- Payment: Once a player is successfully drafted, families are required to pay the "uptake" fee to cover these program enhancements.
- Fees can be in the range of \$500 to \$700

## Opt-Out Policy

- Player Choice: We recognize the added commitment and cost of the AA program. Players who qualify for the AA roster but prefer not to proceed due to the additional fees may opt out of consideration.
- Deadline: To exercise this option, players must "step out of line" before the start of Round 3 evaluations.

## Minimum standards set by Hockey Calgary

- Game times will be a minimum of 90 minutes in length.
  - One weekday game, one weekend game
- A minimum of two practices a week (Mon-Sun) with at least one being FULL ice
  - SMHA will provide 3 practices/week
    - One weekday morning, 6:30 am
    - One additional weeknight
    - One Saturday or Sunday, when a game is not scheduled.

## Tournament Opportunities

- U13 Elite Calgary Thanksgiving Tournament
  - This is a mandatory attendance and entrance fee for all Hockey Calgary AA/AAA U13 teams, with an expectation of volunteering from Calgary for every team
  - This tournament boasts a 32-team AA Co-Ed Division, a 16-team AA Female Division, and, new this year, a 32-team AAA Co-Ed Division.
- SMHA U13 AA Home Tournament – TBD
  - U15/U18 Home Away series is looking at securing ice for the U13 Aas to host in and around the Alberta area – *Sanction pending Hockey Calgary approval*
  - The team has until November 10<sup>th</sup> to accept the bid to host
- Each team will be permitted a maximum of TWO tournament weekend opportunities where they may request game reschedules to attend tournaments.
- The requesting team is responsible for finding the **replacement ice** for the rescheduled game(s).
- Game reschedule requests must be submitted by November 10
- Teams may attend tournaments on bye weekends as well

## Esso Minor Hockey Week (EMHW)

- No regular-season games will be scheduled during EMHW

- Teams will not be permitted to travel during this time

### City Championships

- All U13 AA teams qualify
- Tournament Format
- Each team will play 4 round robin games
- The top 4 teams move to the semi-finals
- The winning team qualifies for Provincials

### Provincials

- Dates are provided early to mid-season each year and can be found on the Hockey Calgary important dates PDF

### Team Equipment

- SMHA will issue home and away jerseys to be returned at the end of the season
- The team is free to engage in the 3rd jersey option provided through SMHA's program with Adrenalin Source for Sports at an additional cost to the team
- Apparel package will be provided to the team through SMHA's program with Adrenalin Source for Sports at no cost to the team
- SMHA will provide the team with a table for scorekeeping required by the AEHL, to be returned at the end of the season

### Coach selection

- Parent volunteer
- Head Coach must have Development 1 or High Performance 1

### AA Qualifications by Age Level (including Female)

	Who Requires Qualification	Required Online Clinics	Required In-Person Clinics	Safety Clinic	RIS Activity Leader	Other Notes/ Recommendations
U13 Including U13 AAA	Head Coach	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) Development 1 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	If a Coach possesses High Performance 1: eligible and do not need to take Development 1.