



**FROSTBITE  
JAMBOREE  
U9**

**LEDUC MINOR HOCKEY  
ASSOCIATION**

## OFFICIAL RULES & EVENT INFORMATION

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2026  
SANCTION #HA-25391474

### ARENAS:

Leduc Recreation Center (LRC): 4330 Black Gold Dr, Leduc

**Rinks:** Wilhauk & Chemco

Alexandra Arena: 4919 47 Ave, Leduc

**Rink:** Alex

### TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN & INFORMATION HUB

All teams must check in at the LRC KIOSK ACROSS FROM THE RAFFLE TABLE, which will serve as the INFORMATION HUB throughout the jamboree. Tournament schedules, updates, and awards will be coordinated from this location.

### PLAYING RULES

All games will follow HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULES.

- **CROSS-ICE FORMAT:** Two games played simultaneously on one ice surface using dividers and or half-ice board if available.
- **SPLIT SQUAD:** Teams are to divide into 2 equal teams half playing on each half.
- **GOALTENDING:** Goalies are to be dressed in appropriate equipment.
- **GAMEPLAY FORMAT:** 4-on-4 with continuous play.
- **LINE CHANGES:** Every 90 seconds signalled by the buzzer.
- **FACEOFFS:** To start each half only.
- **TEAM SWAP:** At the start of the second half the AWAY team is to swap sides with the other half. Ensuring all players play against each other.
- **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:** No position specialization; all players rotate equally.
- **PUCK REQUIREMENT:** Blue pucks (provided).
- **SCORING & STATS:** No scores or statistics will be recorded.
- **PENALTIES:** Minor penalties will be called in accordance with U9 Hockey Alberta guidelines. Officials will signal penalties and stop play for change of possession or at the buzzer. Offending players will sit out their next shift; teams remain at even strength (no power plays). Severe infractions may result in ejection.
- **GAME LENGTH:** Ice Slot (60min) 5-minute warm-up; two 20-minute run-time halves followed by 6 minutes for team shootouts (51 minutes total)
- **POST-GAME ACTIVITIES:** 6 minutes for handshakes & awards.

### AWARDS

- **HEART & HUSTLE AWARD** – 1 player per team.



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- **MVP AWARD** – 1 player per team.

Selections made by coaches for their own team. Awards distributed to team managers at check-in.

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#### NOTE ON U9 SKILL LEVELS & COMPETITIVE BALANCE

At the U9 level, Hockey Alberta recognizes the wide range of skill development that exists from team to team. Some groups may consist primarily of new players still learning the basics, while others include more experienced players who are further along in their development.

OUR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WORKS CAREFULLY—using team questionnaires and coach input—to group teams as competitively as possible. However, because of this natural variation, there will still be times when games may appear one-sided. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT:

- Scores are not recorded at U9; the focus is on fun, development, and participation.
- Coaches are encouraged to rotate players, mix lines, and use equal ice time to help balance play.
- Parents are asked to support the spirit of the jamboree by celebrating effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship—not the scoreboard.

We appreciate your understanding as we strive to provide a positive experience for all players, regardless of skill level.

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#### DRESSING ROOMS

- 1 parent : 1 player ratio in dressing rooms.
- Volunteer coordinators will assist with equipment management; player bags may be moved.
- Rooms will not be locked; do not bring valuables.
- Hockey Canada DRESSING ROOM POLICY is in effect.
- LMHA and LRC are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

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#### TEAM & COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coaches are responsible for player conduct on and off the ice.  
Dressing rooms must be left clean. No sunflower seeds or chewing tobacco.  
Jerseys: HOME team wears dark, VISITING team wears light.

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#### PARENT & SPECTATOR CONDUCT

- All parents/guardians must uphold RESPECT IN SPORT – PARENT PROGRAM principles.
- SOCIAL MEDIA: Negative or harassing posts will not be tolerated.

#### INCIDENT & DISCIPLINE PROCESS

- All incidents reviewed by the TOURNAMENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE.
- LMHA members → escalated to LMHA BOARD.  
Visiting team members → reported to HOME ASSOCIATION.



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- Spectators who cannot comply may be removed. Repeat violations may result in team sanctions.

#### IMMEDIATE INCIDENTS

Any incidents that require urgent intervention (violence, harassment, safety threats, or criminal activity) must be reported immediately to facility staff, security, or local public authorities (RCMP). Tournament officials will assist and cooperate with authorities as needed.

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#### ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

LEDUC MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION enforces a strict ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY regarding abuse, harassment, or disrespectful behavior directed at players, coaches, officials, volunteers, or arena staff.

- Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated.
  - Violators may be removed immediately.
- Repeat or severe incidents may result in team suspension.
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#### EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROTOCOL (ERP)

The LEDUC RECREATION CENTRE (LRC) maintains a full EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN.

- EVACUATION MAPS posted throughout the facility. Muster Points: NORTHEAST, SOUTHEAST, NORTHWEST parking lots.  
FIRE OR EMERGENCY: Alert staff, activate nearest fire alarm pull, dial 9-1-1 (cell) or 8-9-1-1 (LRC phone). Follow instructions of Evacuation Marshall. Do not use elevators.
  - SEVERE WEATHER: Proceed to designated changeroom shelters.
  - AEDs and FIRST AID STATIONS available throughout the facility.
  - Event complies with INDOOR SPECIAL EVENT FIRE & SAFETY PLAN including inspections and onsite staff direction.
  - All emergencies must also be reported to GUEST SERVICES, who will direct first responders.
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#### REFUND POLICY

- Entry fees are non-refundable once paid.
  - Refunds only if jamboree is cancelled by the Tournament Committee.
  - No refunds for team withdrawals, forfeits, or suspensions.
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#### PHOTOGRAPHY DISCLAIMER

- Photographs and video may be taken during the event by tournament staff, volunteers, or the official photographer.
- Images may be used for tournament promotion, social media, or future marketing.
- By participating in the event, all players, coaches, and spectators grant permission for their likeness to be used without compensation.
- Families who do not wish to have their child photographed must notify the Tournament Information Hub (LRC Kiosk) at check-in.



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#### RAFFLE TABLE & SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

The RAFFLE TABLE, located at the LRC across from the Information Hub, will feature exciting fundraising activities and attractions throughout the tournament weekend.

#### 50/50 RAFFLE

- Hosted through Rafflebox purchase online or from an invenue attendant.
- Tickets available throughout the tournament
- 50/50 Draws announced daily at the Information Hub.
- Payment accepted by cash, debit/credit, and Apple Pay for convenience.

#### PLINKO GAME

Test your luck at the Roughnecks Plinko Game!

Drop a puck and see where it lands — win fun prizes or bragging rights for your team.

#### HOCKEY STICK THRONE

Take a seat in our custom-built Hockey Stick Throne, the perfect photo spot for players and families.

Framed by a balloon arch, it's a must-see attraction and makes for a memorable tournament keepsake.

#### SPECIAL GUEST – HUNTER FROM THE EDMONTON OILERS

We are working to confirm another special appearance by Hunter, the Oilers' mascot, for a meet-and-greet on Saturday.

Bring your cameras and get ready for autographs and photos!

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#### GRIEVANCES & COMPLAINTS

- 24-Hour Rule
  - LMHA observes a 24-hour rule for grievances. Any complaints submitted 24 hours after the completion of the final tournament game will be deleted without being read. Only those received after this period will be considered.
- Referee Complaints
  - Concerns regarding officiating must be directed to the LMHA Referee-in-Chief at: [RIC@lmha.ab.ca](mailto:RIC@lmha.ab.ca)
- Tournament Organization Complaints
  - Issues related to the operation or organization of the tournament can be directed to the Tournament Committee at: [tournament@lmha.ab.ca](mailto:tournament@lmha.ab.ca)
- Team Conduct Complaints
  - Concerns about visiting teams must be submitted directly to the respective association of that team.



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- Concerns regarding Leduc teams may be submitted to the LMHA U7 Director at: [U7@lmha.ab.ca](mailto:U7@lmha.ab.ca)
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#### LIABILITY WAIVER

The LEDUC MINOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE, LEDUC MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, and all volunteers, officials, and facility staff are not responsible for injuries, accidents, lost/stolen property, or damages. Participation is at each individual's own risk.

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#### TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY

The TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE reserves the right to amend the format, schedule, rules, or regulations at any time without prior notice to ensure safe and fair play.

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#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Leduc Minor Hockey Association would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible volunteers, tournament committee members, and families who dedicated countless hours to organizing and running this year's tournament.

Your hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment make events like this possible, and we are truly grateful.

We would also like to thank the attending teams, players, and families for joining us in Leduc. Your sportsmanship and passion for the game made this tournament a success both on and off the ice.

Together, we continue to build memories, friendships, and a love for the game that will last a lifetime. short thank-you section recognizing sponsors, volunteers, and families who make the event possible.