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LETHBRIDGE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Happy New Year

As we move into the second half of the hockey season, we hope everyone had a great time ringing in another year. We're carrying strong momentum from a great 2025, with tournaments, playoffs, and plenty of exciting hockey still ahead. Here's to 2026 bringing prosperity, growth, and new adventures as we finish the season strong.

Important Upcoming Dates:

CAHL Playoffs:

U11: February 20, 2026 to March 22

U13-1: February 13, 2026 to March 22

U13-2-3: February 13, 2026 to March 8

U15: February 13, 2026 to March 8

U18: February 20, 2026 to March 15

AEHL Playoffs

U13 AA: March 5-8

U13 AAA: March 12-15

U15 AA: Feb 26 – March 1

U15 AAA: March 4-15

U16 AA: March 12-15

U17 AAA: March 11-22

U18 AA: March 5-8

AFHL Playoffs:

U13 AA: March 12-15

U15 AA: March 5-15

U18 AA: March 5-15

RMFHL Playoffs:

U15: February 20 - March 15

U18: February 13 - March 8

In the Community

Thank you to the incredible volunteers who gave their time over the holiday season to support our organization. Several LMHA members, including our General Manager volunteered at the casino on New Year's Eve Eve and New Year's Eve, dedicating their holidays to help raise essential funds for our association.

We are grateful not only for the time and effort given, but for the continued commitment to strengthening hockey in our community. Thank you for embodying the spirit of volunteerism and hockey family that LMHA is built on.



Shoutout Corner

Big shoutout to Jett Burki for an outstanding start to the season! Currently sitting #2 in the AEHL U13AAA League, Jett has put up an impressive 76 points (52 goals, 24 assists) in 19 games. A true offensive force who brings skill, drive, and consistency every time he hits the ice. Keep flying, Jett!



Little Caesars

Sponsor Spotlight

A huge thank you to Little Caesars Pizza for supporting our teams through the Win-A-Pizza Campaign all Season Long! Your generosity helps fuel our players and makes team celebrations even sweeter.

We truly appreciate your continued support of minor hockey and our community.

Thanks for helping make great memories on and off the ice!



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TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS



HURRICANES HOLIDAY HUSTLE SETS THE TONE AS A FLAGSHIP LMHA TOURNAMENT

This past weekend, LMHA proudly delivered the 2nd Annual Hurricanes Holiday Hustle, a three-day tournament that redefined what a minor hockey event can be. Held January 2-4 in Lethbridge, the Hustle welcomed U11 and U13 teams for a high-energy experience that was busy, buzzing, and overwhelmingly positive from start to finish.

From the moment the puck dropped, the atmosphere was electric. Players competed in a fast-paced environment while families, sponsors, and volunteers filled the rinks with excitement. Feedback from both visiting and home teams consistently highlighted the Hustle as an experience unlike any traditional tournament they had attended.

A major highlight was the Mini Stick Arena, which remained packed all weekend and became a central hub of activity between games.

The debut of the Young Hustle Market added another layer of innovation, showcasing nine (9) youth-led vendors aged 8-17 and reinforcing LMHA's commitment to community development.

With the support of new and valued sponsorship partners, innovative event activations, and the dedication of everyone involved, the Hurricanes Holiday Hustle raised the standard for what's possible in our city. We are grateful to all who helped bring this vision to life, and this milestone event marks just the beginning.

U15AA NEW YEAR CLASSIC

Our U15AA Hurricanes captured silver at their home tournament this past weekend. Congratulations to the players and coaching staff on a great performance.

Congratulations to the Okotoks Oilers on a hard-fought championship game. Both teams left everything on the ice in a high-level final. Thank you to all 8 teams who travelled from Saskatchewan, Alberta, & BC. Five games in two days is a grind, & the compete level, focus, & commitment shown all weekend was impressive.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

U13 Chinook Challenge:

January 16 - 19, 2026

U11 Chill Challenge:

January 23 - 25, 2026

Cyclone Classic:

January 30 - Feb 1, 2026

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

FIRST SHIFT PROGRAM OFF TO A STRONG START

Our First Shift Program in Lethbridge, Alberta has had a fantastic start to the season, with a full program and an incredible level of enthusiasm from participants and families alike. The first half of the season went extremely well, as new players learned the fundamentals of skating, built confidence on the ice in a fun and safe environment.

Over the holiday break, the group got a taste of a real game environment with an exciting scrimmage. It was great to see how much progress the players have made, putting their new skills into action and enjoying the game in a supportive, game-like setting. The smiles, effort, and excitement on the ice truly highlighted the success of the program so far.

The second half of the First Shift Program kicks off on **January 19th**, and we're looking forward to building on the strong foundation already in place. Thank you to the families, coaches, and volunteers who have helped make this program such a success!

We can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings!



U13AAA GOING TO MONTREAL



The U13AAA Lethbridge Hurricanes have been selected to participate in the Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, one of the most prestigious minor hockey tournaments in the world. The event brings together approximately 120 teams from around the globe, with more than 2,000 teams applying each year.

We are incredibly proud of our Hurricanes for earning a spot in this historic tournament, and we look forward to cheering them on in Quebec this February!



U13AA SE GOING TO THE WINTER GAMES



The U13AA Southern Express are proud to be representing our region at the 2026 Alberta Winter Games, taking place February 13-16 in the Lakeland Region. This is a tremendous accomplishment for the players and coaches, as the Games bring together top athletes from across Alberta through a competitive selection process.



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