

# Carstairs Minor Hockey Association



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## Happy Halloween! ... and other updates

On behalf of the CMHA Board of Directors, we hope that your family has a safe and enjoyable Halloween, of note there are no practices scheduled for Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> so bundle up and enjoy your night!

Here is some other information that might be of interest to you while you sit down and pillage your kid's KitKat bars and Reese's!

### **Bottle Drive**

What a night that was! Thank you to everyone that participated in helping us have another successful fundraiser (even though I think the players would enjoy it even if we didn't make money). We were able to raise over \$5800.00 from this fundraiser making it one of our most successful yet!

### **Non – Sanctioned Hockey**

We have recently received information from Hockey Alberta about individuals (players, coaches and referees) participating in non-sanctioned hockey. The entire document can be found here:

<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/uploads/source/BylawsPolicies/Policies/NonSanctionedHockey.pdf>

As a quick summary, Hockey Alberta is hammering down on folks participating in both Hockey Alberta sanctioned hockey and non-sanctioned hockey (HSL and PHL most notably) and will not allow for individuals to be registered in both. As such, if your player is participating in both or you are coaching in both, please pay special attention that you are subject to lose all privileges through Hockey Alberta if caught.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We have a number of volunteer opportunities upcoming including three tournaments with a variety of options. Please stay tuned for those sign up links that will be released closer to the date:

December 15-17 U11A Tournament

January 24-26 U9A Tournament

February 14-16 U9 B/C Tournament

### **Rafflebox**

Our popular rafflebox fundraiser is well underway. We have come close every single year to selling this raffle out, so lets push as a group to get it done this year! Reminder that the team that sells the most rickets will win a pizza party for their team! The U11B team has jumped out to an early lead.

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/carstairsmlha2025>

### **CMHA Equipment Sale**

Thanks to the hard work of Equipment Coordinators Jason Keogh and Thomas Everett, and the valuable donations from local businesses and the Carstairs Elks towards our new jerseys and socks, we have a number of old jerseys, socks and other equipment that are available to purchase. Please join us on Tuesday November 5 and Thursday November 7 between 4:15pm and 8:00pm to review the options available. First come, first served!

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## Complaints / Discipline Policy

Although I have grand ambitions that the season will run without issue, it is bound to happen at some point so I may as well outline the procedure now. In the event that something happens during your season that you feel needs to be addressed here are a few key principles:

- 1) The entire policy can be found here: <https://www.carstairsminorhockey.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/1672/2022/05/B-Disciplinary-Policy-20220304.pdf>
- 2) There is a **mandatory 24 hour cool down period**. Please do not email, phone, text or confront anyone until after that cool down period is completed. If you need guidance on the process you can certainly reach out to me, but please respect the intent of this cool down period and that we will not pursue resolution during this period. You would be surprised how many issues can be resolved over that time.
- 3) We encourage everything to be handled at the team level where possible. To initiate that, you are welcome to reach out to the team manager after the 24-hour cool down period.
- 4) In the event that it can't be handled at the team level or you want to jump right to the formal process, please send an email to myself and the Discipline Coordinator ([discipline@carstairsminorhockey.ca](mailto:discipline@carstairsminorhockey.ca)) and we will walk you through the process.

Team Managers, although you are the initial point of contact, please do not feel that you need to navigate the process alone. Please reach out to myself or Manager Coordinator Vanessa Bortnick to help walk you through the process and resolution.

## Colts Night Out!

Last but certainly not least is the opportunity for Carstairs Minor Hockey to showcase our great partnership with the Mountain View Colts! We continue to work hard on this relationship, including using their expertise during the 2024/25 Evaluation Process.

Back by popular demand is Carstairs Minor Hockey Association's night at the Colts! For those that weren't around last year, the Mountain View Colts Junior B team will be attending practices the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> to participate in practices, hang out with the Bruins and hand out tickets to each player to attend the **November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024** Mountain View Colts vs Coaldale Cobras Junior B Hockey Game in Didsbury! Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend, it was lots of fun for the kids to watch the game and cheer on "their" player that was out at practice. **Even more exciting is the opportunity for one player from each age division to be selected as representatives of CMHA to dress with the colts, hang out in the dressing room, watch pregame skate from the players benches, pickup pucks after warmups and of course skate out with the colts for the national anthem. If your player is interest, please send an email to [president@carstairsminorhockey.ca](mailto:president@carstairsminorhockey.ca) to be entered into the draw!**

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That's it for now. As always, if you have questions on this update, please do not hesitate to reach out. Happy trick or treating, see you back at the arena on the weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Atchison", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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