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2026/27 Female Hockey Programming

INTRODUCTION

As previously noted, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Association, comprising the Carstairs, Crossfield, Didsbury and Renegades Minor Hockey Associations, is excited to pursue female hockey programming at the U9 and U11 age divisions for 2026/27.

Here is a summarized version of previously provided information and important information relative to upcoming registration opportunities.

REGISTRATION OPENING

Registration for the Female Hockey Programming will open on June 1st 2026 at 10:00 am and will be conducted through the Renegades Minor Hockey Association website, found here:

<https://www.renegadesminorhockey.com/>

If you are interested in your player joining the female programming, please do not register them through your home association, unless there are no remaining spots in the female hockey program, at which point they will be required to play mainstream with their home association.

REGISTRATION COSTS

Registration costs will be the same as the U9 or U11 program offered within your home association for the 2026/27 season. If you have any questions on those costs, please direct them to your home association.

CASH CALL / VOLUNTEER HOUR COMMITMENTS

All members registering for the female hockey program will be required to provide a \$200.00 cash call as part of the registration process. This is consistent with the Renegades Minor Hockey Association processes and allow for families to break out their initial cash call over a payment schedule. For new families, this amount is automatically transferred to your team once the season begins to help alleviate the initial financial burden on families. Female Hockey participants will be required to meet the volunteer hour commitments of the Renegades Minor Hockey Association.

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REGISTRATION MAXIMUMS

As noted, the RMAA is committed to providing one U9 and one U11 female team if the numbers permit. Unfortunately, that means that a minimum and maximum roster size has been established for both teams and as such ***spots will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Further the minimum amount of registrations will need to be met in order for the team to proceed.***

The roster sizes are as follows:

U9 Female Team:

Minimum Registrants	10 skaters
Maximum Registrants	13 skaters

U11 Female Team:

Minimum Registrants	11 skaters + 1 Goaltender
Maximum Registrants	13 skaters + 2 Goaltenders

Any players that wish to join the female hockey program, but are unsuccessful in obtaining one of these spots, is encouraged to register with your host association and to send an email to the RMHA Female Hockey Director to be added to a waitlist.

OTHER FAQ's

Q: What Association will the players play under?

The Renegades Minor Hockey Association. The Associations believe that this makes the most sense given the amalgamation between Associations at the U13-U18 age divisions. Further, The Renegades Minor Hockey Association have done a great job working through many of the logistics faced by having players from the three communities under one banner.

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Q: If there are players from Crossfield, Carstairs and Didsbury, where will the players practice and play games?

The intention will be for players to play in all three communities with the desire to have as much equity as possible (which is dependent on ice time availability). In an ideal world, players would have a practice in community 1, practice in community 2 and game slot in community 3, however we also recognize that will be largely dependent on the availability of ice and number of registrants from each center. The intention will be to ensure that practice times remain the same throughout the year (similar to current Renegades teams) to ensure that parents have predictability to plan their lives accordingly.

Q: What leagues will the teams play in?

U9 will play in the Central Alberta Hockey League with the other mainstream teams and will be tiered based on the identified team's skill level. There are many other full U9 female teams playing in CAHL and they are typically grouped together where skill levels are appropriate, however will likely play mainstream teams (boys and girls) in their league games.

U11 will play in the Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League which is a full female program. Last year, this league consisted of teams from the following centers which were then split up into 2 pools for scheduling purposes:

Cochrane	Red Deer	Stettler
Airdrie	Strathmore	Okotoks
Camrose	Sylvan Lake	Medicine Hat
Olds	Lethbridge	

For comparison sake, this year the Olds team was in a grouping with Airdrie, Stettler, Red Deer, Sylvan Lake and Camrose.

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Q: My question hasn't been answered here

Please send any additional questions to femalehockey@renegadesminorhockey.com and we will do our best to get a response. I ask that you remain patient as we work through a lot of logistics regarding this program.

We are all very excited to offer this new program within the Rocky Mountain Athletic Association which we hope provides our female players a permanent home throughout their minor hockey journeys!

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