

2015-2016

Welcome Package



Huron Perth Lakers Official Tele Com Partner



Player Birth Years
2006 Minor Atom
2005 Major Atom
2004 Minor PeeWee
2003 Major PeeWee
2002 Minor Bantam
2001 Major Bantam
2000 Minor Midget

CHRIS CHESSELL – MINOR ATOM

Chris joins the Huron Perth Lakers to coach the 2006 Minor Atoms team. Chris has plenty of coaching experience in a variety of athletic fields. Chris's main objective throughout their first year of AAA hockey is to build on the individual skills gained from their local centres of each player and implement a team first concept. Chris hopes to bring a good work ethic with this team and mould them into hard working group.

MARK DURAND – MAJOR ATOM

Mark coached the Minor Atom Huron Perth Laker last season and spent the previous four seasons coaching within the BCH minor hockey association. Playing experience includes two seasons with the Brussels Bulls Jr. C hockey club and with the Clinton Radar Senior AA hockey club. This year's Major Atom team can expect to improve on their individual skill development taught last season and implement those skills into team play. Mark is looking forward to bringing this Lakers team together to enjoy a valuable learning experience.

ANDREW VAN VLIET – MINOR PEEWEE

Andrew played eight seasons with the Huron Perth Lakers which led into four seasons with the Mitchell Hawks Jr. C hockey club and four seasons of Sr. AA Hockey with the Monkton Wildcats and Clinton Radars. Andrew believes the keys to team success is an entire team structure, team discipline in all three zones and one hundred percent effort and commitment. Andrew also believes in team first hockey, with hard work and focus.

BRENT POWERS – MAJOR PEEWEE

Brent has over 15 years of coaching experience, including seven years in AAA hockey. Three years assistant coach experience with the Huron Perth Lakers, four years with the Huron Perth Lakers Major Midget Program and also as an assistant coach in the Stratford Minor Hockey Association. Brent played his minor hockey in St. Thomas and played one season of Jr. D with the Belmont Pests. Brent is also a goaltending coach with the Huron Perth Lakers Association (2013-2015) Brent and his staff members encourage team concept, commitment, discipline and hard work.

DARCY BALLANTYNE – MINOR BANTAM

Darcy returns for his third season as a Huron Perth Lakers Head Coach. Darcy played 4 years and has also served as a player scout for the St. Mary's Lincolns of the GOJHL. Darcy's previous coaching experience includes Head Coach of the BB PeeWee hockey and he also assisted with the St. Mary's All Ontario Midget Team. Darcy and his staff believe in development of individual skills and with new coaching systems and player potential through hard work, discipline and sportsmanship anything can be possible for this team.

DAWSON SMITH – MAJOR BANTAM

Dawson played 4 years with the Huron Perth Lakers and went to enjoy five years of Jr. Hockey with the Wingham Ironmen and Listowel Cyclones where he helped his team win a League Championship. Dawson last season coached the 2000 Huron Perth Lakers and will be entering his fourth season as a head coach. Dawson also has experience as an assistant Coach with the Listowel Cyclones of the GOJHL. Dawson and his staff believe the keys to team success are commitment, discipline, a good work ethic and focus both on and off the ice. Dawson promotes "Team First" concept to ensure team and player success.

DAVE SCHLITT – MINOR MIDGET

Dave is returning for his seventh season with the Huron Perth Lakers and fourth season behind the bench of the Huron-Perth Lakers Minor Midget program. Team accomplishments over the last three seasons for the Minor Midget program include a combined record of 102 wins, 58 losses and 35 ties for a .613 winning percentage, an Alliance Hockey Play-off championship (2013-2014) and an appearance in the OHL Cup Showcase Tournament (2012-2013). Prior to joining the Lakers, Dave was a Head Coach for thirteen seasons at the AAA and AA levels of Waterloo Minor Hockey. This past season, Dave was an Assistant Coach with Team Ontario Under-16 hockey team which captured the gold medal at the 2015 Canada Winter Games held in Prince George, British Columbia. Dave has also been involved with the Alliance Hockey Under-17 program as an Evaluator and Coach (2003 - 2012) and as the Head Coach (2013) and an Assistant Coach (2010) of the Alliance Hockey Under-16 program.

WELCOME TO THE HURON-PERTH LAKERS AAA TRYOUTS!

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey association is very excited about our upcoming 19th hockey season. This past season proved to be a success as players within our organization continued to develop their skills as we compete in the twelve team ALLIANCE Hockey Pavilion loop. During this season, our teams' consistent competitive performance will continue to garner our program great respect throughout our league and beyond. Our players and parents recognize that Laker Hockey is not only a great opportunity for elite player development but also an enjoyable and affordable experience.

GAMES

The Lakers play their home games primarily in Stratford, St. Mary's, Milverton, and Goderich. The Lakers are a member of the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario (ALLIANCE Hockey). The AAA (Pavilion) league within ALLIANCE Hockey is divided into two Divisions: East and West. The Lakers are normally a member of the East Division and play four games with each of the five other teams in the East Division (Kitchener, Cambridge, Waterloo, Brantford and Hamilton) and a single home and away schedule with the six teams in the West Division (London, Elgin-Middlesex, Lambton, Chatham-Kent, Windsor and Sun County).

THE TEAM

Each Huron-Perth Lakers team may have up to five carded team officials: Head Coach, Manager, Assistant Coaches, and Trainer. In addition to the carded team officials, a Treasurer, Team Website Manager and Parent Representative are selected by the Head Coach and/or Manager. All team officials are to be approved by the Lakers Organization.



The Team Treasurer is responsible for maintaining accurate, updated financial records of each individual player and ensures that payment of all team activities take place in a timely fashion. All team activities that generate or disperse funds must be administered and accounted for by the Team Treasurer. The Team Treasurer works directly with the Lakers Organization Treasurer.

The Team Website Manager is responsible for ensuring the team's portion of the Lakers website is up-to-date including posting news articles and entering game scores as well as adding team and player sponsor's names and artwork and other team-related information.

The Team Parent Representative is a mediator to address any issues within the team between players, parents and the team officials. All team issues (other than Abuse and Harassment) must be dealt with at the team level first through the Parent Representative. If a resolution cannot be achieved through this initial step then the President of the Lakers is contacted by the Parent Representative.

All participants at practices, other than carded officials **must be registered with ALLIANCE Hockey** as On-ice Helpers. All on ice participants are to wear helmets and Laker branded attire.

All Team Officials, Team Treasurer, Parent Representative and registered On-ice Helpers are required to complete a Vulnerable Sector/Criminal Record Check every other year, or sign an Offence Declaration stating there is no change in their criminal history since their last Vulnerable Sector/Criminal Record check.

WHAT REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE

ORGANIZATIONAL EVENTS

Player Registration Day and Apparel Fitting
 Laker Day
 Great Lakes Cup Tournament-Minor Bantam
 Minor Peewee
 Organization Banquet

VALUE ADDED

FREE Parent Game Admission
 Optional Team Fundraising Programs
 Baseline concussion management testing

ON ICE

Practice Ice Time = 2 x 80 min/week
 Game Time = 80-110 min
 Goaltending Instruction

EQUIPMENT

NEW Home and Away Sweaters
 Home & Away Game Socks
 Practice Jersey
 Trainers Starter Kit
 Coaches Kit
 Practice Pucks

CAN WE AFFORD THE REGISTRATION TO PLAY AAA HOCKEY?

The Huron-Perth Lakers operate one of the most cost effective AAA programs in the region. When combined with our fundraising programs players can recoup a significant amount of their registration cost for AAA hockey. In addition we offer our members two ways to pay their fees: one full payment of \$2400 or five pre-authorized debit payments of \$480.00.

	Debit (money out)	Credit (money in)
Registration Includes:	\$2400	
12 hours practice/month 1½ hour minimum game time (home ice) Certified Coaching Instruction Off Ice Training & Conditioning Information Home & Away Game Socks & Sweaters Water Bottles, Trainers Starting Kit Year End Banquet (2 tickets/player)	32 Game League Schedule 2 post-season series Free Game Admission Fundraising Program "E" Yearbook Baseline Concussion Testing	
Organization Fundraising		
Team Banner Sponsorships 4 X \$250 minimum		\$1000
Website Player Sponsors (14 x \$50 each)		\$700
Other Fundraising Pizza Cards (30 x \$10 each)		\$300
Team Fundraising Initiatives		
Practice Sweater Sponsors, 50/50 Draws, product sales, auctions, bowling night, Boston Pizza loyalty program, hockey pools, team banner, AP sweater sponsors, raffles etc. (all based on team's initiative and require HPL Executive pre-approval).		\$900
Team Costs		
Tournaments (Average of 4)	\$250	
Referees	\$150	
Miscellaneous Team Expenses	\$100	
Totals	\$2900	\$2900

WEBSITE

The Huron-Perth Lakers have a constantly improving website that puts the Lakers at the forefront of internet based communication for minor hockey organizations. Our website, www.huronperthlakers.ca, provides information on all our teams: rosters, scheduling, results, etc. In addition, through our integrated email system team members automatically receive an email message informing them of any scheduling changes – games and/or practices. Huron-Perth Lakers policies and other information on the organization are also available on the website.



REGISTRATION FEE

The Huron Perth Lakers have always maintained the value approach to accessible, affordable AAA hockey in Ontario and we take great pride in that fact. The registration fee for the 2015-16 season is \$2,400. Not only do we provide one of the lowest fees in the region, the Lakers provide an opportunity for every player to generate enough funds through organizational and team fundraising to cover most, or as much as 100% of the entire cost to play AAA hockey. Paying for registration is made convenient and reasonable for families. Parents are able to make a one-time payment of \$2,400.00 at Laker Registration Day on Thursday, April 30th, 2015 at the Rotary Complex or opt to provide a void cheque and fill out the pre-authorized payment form in order to have five (5) payments of \$480 each automatically withdrawn on the following dates: May 1st, June 1st, July 1st, August 1st and September 1st. Post-dated cheques are no longer accepted. Please note that an administration fee of \$50.00 will be charged for any payments not completed.

Your registration fee provides you with the following Lakers Hockey Program:

Top Quality Coaching... Eight 80 minute practices each month... Power Skating Instruction... 6-20 Post Season games ... Fitness & Nutrition Program... Home, Away and Practice Jerseys... Goaltender Clinics... Skill Development ... minimum 30 League Games ... Free Admission/Gate at all Home and Away Games... Games Socks... Property of HPL T-Shirt... Individual & Team Photos... Insurance... Year-end Banquet tickets for player and 1 parent... Hardworking & Committed Executive... ALLIANCE/Hockey Canada Fees...MSPAR Baseline Concussion Testing....

STRENGTH, CONDITIONING & NUTRITION PROGRAM (SCNP)

The Huron-Perth Lakers are dedicated to helping our players develop their off-ice development strategy to complement their performance on the ice. The 2015/16 season will again incorporate a complete systemized Strength & Conditioning Guidance program as well as mentorship and training designed specifically for the Lakers Program. The Huron-Perth Lakers Organization encourages all our players to adopt the necessary fitness routines and lifestyle choices required to compete at the highest level.

EQUIPMENT

Practice sweaters, water bottles, pucks and trainers kits are provided by the organization. Black helmets and black Laker Pants /Shells and gloves are mandatory. The only exception will be goaltenders' equipment. Lakers pants/shells and gloves are available through Dunny's Source for Sports in Stratford and St. Marys. Our website also has a Lakers Classifieds section where used equipment can be advertised for free!

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Lakers Brand products have been proudly worn and used by players and their families since 1996. Laker branded items is made available for purchase at special Laker events such as Laker Registration Day, (April 30th, 2015) and Laker Day

FUNDRAISING

The Huron Perth Lakers provide players and teams with the opportunity to recover organizational registration costs through fundraising initiatives. It is a fundamental part of our program that we take great pride in as we believe AAA hockey should be available and affordable to all players who possess the skill and desire to compete at this level. The Lakers provide two main fundraising initiatives:

Team Banner Sponsors

Each player may obtain up to 4 team sponsors at the minimum sponsorship amount of \$250 each. The Sponsors Logo is placed on Team Banner which may be displayed at all Laker games and Laker Functions as well as the Team Website.

Website Player Profile

Each player may add to their website player profile up to 14 full colour business card size ads that can generate \$700 towards your hockey season. Ad spaces can be supported by local businesses, family or service clubs. Webpage Links to your Team Website and Player Profile page may be sent to all your sponsors and supporters.

All Team and Player sponsors are collected and submitted to the Team Treasurer no later than September 1st. It is advised that upon registration, player and parents actively pursue and collect their sponsorships.

New Orleans Pizza community support cards

Each player receives 30 New Orleans Pizza Cards that can be sold to raise \$300.

Other Fundraising Initiatives

The Lakers allow for team approved fundraising initiatives that help offset the cost of registration. In the past this has included bowling parties, restaurant fundraising programs, product sales & bottle drives. This is an opportunity to be creative. **All team fundraising initiatives MUST have pre-approval from the Executive prior to engaging in said activities.**

WHEN IS THE TIME FOR MY CHILD TO PLAY AAA HOCKEY?

If you can honestly say that your child is clearly one of the top skilled players currently on their Local Centre team, then truthfully answer the following:

ASK YOURSELF IF YOU WOULD SAY “NO” TO THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

- ❖ Is my child challenged to give 100% effort in their practices by their coaches and teammates?
- ❖ Is my child challenged to give 100% in their games by their coaches, team mates and opposition?
- ❖ Is my child learning necessary team skills? (Or are they and a few others carrying the team?)

THEN ASK YOURSELF IF YOU WOULD SAY “YES” TO THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

- ❖ Does my child have passion and commitment for the game of hockey?
- ❖ Do I want my child to be involved with a hockey program that is focused on excellence?
- ❖ Do I want to surround my child with teammates who share the same skill, passion and commitment?

THEN ASK YOURSELF ONE MORE QUESTION...

If you lived in Kitchener and they had a House League program, an ‘A’ or ‘AA’ Team and an ‘AAA’ Team and your child was clearly good enough to play on the ‘AAA’ Team... Which team would your child play on?

WHY DO I WANT MY CHILD TO PLAY AAA HOCKEY?

Every child has dreams and every child is passionate about something. It's our belief that whether it's music, drama, art or athletics, it is a parent's responsibility to figure out what their child has a passion for, and support it. For young people all over Ontario and the northern Midwest states of the U.S. these dreams come to life every year! Our organization provides opportunity... the players do the rest!

TRYOUT-RELATED POLICIES

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association has scheduled try-outs in April (for Minor Atom to Minor Midget) to select the following year's teams. These try-outs are open to all players within the Huron-Perth zone as well as out of zone players with proper documentation (see the Out of Zone player policy). No player will be allowed to attend tryouts without full Payment and a complete and authorized "Permission to Skate" Form and/or F1 Waiver Form signed by the appropriate authority.

Registration Try-Out Cost

- ❖ via ON LINE (\$75) visit Laker Website for Try Out Registration
- ❖ via Registration Table (\$100)

Scheduled Try-Outs (April 14th – April 26th) - Minor Atom through to Minor Midget

- ❖ Registration for Try Outs should be done via Laker Website.
- ❖ Any player who is registered on or before the second scheduled try-out date will be entitled to a minimum of 2 tryouts within the first 3 tryouts before he or she can be released.
- ❖ Any player who registers on the third scheduled tryout date or any tryout date thereafter may be released after one tryout skate.

Registration Day

- ❖ To be held on **Thursday, April 30th. Rotary Arena**. All registration fees and payments will be collected and players will be fitted for Sweaters, equipment and apparel.

"Out of Zone" Policy

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association has an "Out of Zone" player policy for players who are property of other ALLIANCE or non-ALLIANCE AAA organizations coming to our AAA tryouts through an OHF AAA Waiver as follows:

- a) The Coach needs to apply to the Hockey Operations Committee for permission to sign an Out of Zone Player.
- b) The Coach needs to state a case on why an "Out of Zone Player" should take the place of an "In Zone Player".

Players from "out of zone" registering for tryouts MUST present the Huron-Perth Lakers with the following documents and will NOT be allowed to register without them:

- a) A signed OHF AAA Hockey Waiver from their home AAA centre.
- b) A signed 'Permission to Skate' form from their home centre.
- c) A signed OHF AAA Hockey Waiver from any AAA centre or centres that they are traveling through, to tryout in Huron-Perth.

Participation in the tryouts without these documents is in violation of OHF rules, and can result in suspensions to the player/players and the association involved.

"Playing Up" Policy

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association has a "Playing Up" policy for players wishing to "play up" out of their age group as follows:

- a) A player and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must provide written notice prior to commencement of tryouts that the player wishes to be permitted to try out for an older age team. This written notice must be given to the Hockey Operations Committee Chairperson (HOC Chairperson) and the President. Upon receipt, the HOC Chairperson will inform the Hockey Operations Committee, Head Coach of the older age team the player wants to try out for and the Head Coach of the player's birth year team.
- b) A player requesting a tryout for an older age team must begin the tryout process at his/her own level for the initial 2 tryouts prior to moving up to the older age. While attending the older team's tryouts, it is recommended that the player still attend tryout sessions for the birth year team as well.
- c) A player may only be selected to an older age team if that player is assessed (by a panel selected by the Hockey Operations Committee) to be a "HIGH IMPACT" player on the older age team the player is trying out for.
- d) The Head Coach of the older age team must apply for a "HIGH IMPACT" status evaluation for the younger player with the President and HOC Chairperson before the player's second tryout with the older age team.
- e) This policy does not apply where there is no lower age category Lakers team.
- f) In addition, players playing up a year because there is no birth year Lakers team will be required to be assessed as a "HIGH IMPACT" player if the player wishes to be eligible to play for the older age team the following year.
- g) "HIGH IMPACT": A player who makes an immediate difference to the older age team. Considered a TOP LINE (starter) player and performer. Example: A top three forward, a top two defenseman or a number one goaltender.
- h) "Older Age Team": A team for players a year older than a player's birth year. For example, a team for players born in 1998 that a player born in 1999 wishes to try out for.
- i) "HIGH IMPACT" criteria clause would be waived if the birth year team does not have a roster spot for the player.
- j) Head coaches and/or their staff are not allowed to recruit, pursue or in any way try to influence players from a younger age group to play up a year.

Waiver Policy

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association has a NO RELEASE policy for players within the Huron-Perth Lakers Zone. However, there are certain conditions that do apply for granting OHF AAA Hockey Waivers provided the player registers for a try-out:

- ❖ A player must register, pay and attend at least one (1) scheduled tryout.
- ❖ Player must be formerly released from the team by the Head Coach.
- ❖ Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association Executive must approve F1 waiver if requested.
- ❖ If the Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association is unable to assemble a team in the player's specific age group.
- ❖ If a team subsequently folds due to a lack of signed players NO waivers will be issued to any player that did not register, pay and attend at least 1 scheduled tryout.
- ❖ The Executive of the Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association deems the request for release as a VALID or EXCEPTIONAL circumstance.

A player requesting to receive an OHF AAA Hockey F1 Waiver must at a minimum:

- ❖ Register, pay and attend at least 1 scheduled tryout.
- ❖ Submit a valid permission to skate form; and
- ❖ Receive confirmation from the Head Coach of the team covered by the try-out registration and permission to skate form that a roster spot for that Lakers team will not be offered.

Upon doing so,

Obtain Waiver by email: F1request@huronperthlakers.ca
Please allow min. 24hrs for F1 approval process.

An OHF AAA Hockey Waiver is available for those players who are unsuccessful at Lakers tryouts who would like the opportunity to tryout with a AAA team from an adjacent association in accordance with both Huron-Perth Lakers and ALLIANCE Hockey policies. The associations that are adjacent to Huron-Perth include:

Brant (Brantford 99'ers)
Cambridge (Cambridge Hawks)
Elgin-Middlesex (Elgin-Middlesex Chiefs)
Grey-Bruce (Grey-Bruce Highlanders)
Guelph (Guelph Jr. Storm)
Lambton (Lambton Jr. Sting)
Kitchener (Kitchener Jr. Rangers)
Waterloo (Waterloo Wolves)

HURON-PERTH LAKERS 4TH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES CUP AAA TOURNAMENT

In celebration of AAA hockey in the Huron-Perth zone the Lakers will host their 4th annual Great Lakes Cup AAA Tournament to be held on the 3rd weekend in January. This tournament will high-lite and showcase elite Minor Bantam and minor Peewee Teams from all over Ontario and the US.

HURON-PERTH LAKERS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association exists to serve the following purposes:

- ❖ To promote, organize and develop organized amateur hockey programs for youth within the Huron-Perth Lakers up to the Midget age limit including the development of representative teams with high levels of competency;
- ❖ To help develop good character among players, and other members, by promoting and teaching the importance of the values of physical competition, physical activity, good sportsmanship, inter-community understanding and good fellowship, and the fair treatment of others (with respect to the latter, there shall be no place in the Huron-Perth Lakers for discriminatory behaviour with respect to race, place of origin, family circumstance, gender or creed);
- ❖ To protect and serve the mutual interests of all its members;
- ❖ To recognize the integrity of local, community programs and to encourage a strong sense of community pride and participation;
- ❖ To represent the interests of its members at the Provincial and National levels;
- ❖ To work with Provincial and National hockey associations to promote cooperative development of hockey programs and their effective administration;
- ❖ To enhance the positive value of the programs by providing leadership and initiatives to develop players, coaches, officials and local volunteers;
- ❖ To provide opportunities for all players to play the sport at a level appropriate to their degree of skill or interest; and
- ❖ To ensure the enforcement of the rules of the sport as adopted by the Huron-Perth Lakers and other affiliated bodies.