

2020-2021

Try-Out Package



Player Birth Year

U12 (2009)

U13 (2008)

U14 (2007)

U15 (2006)

U16 (2005)



WELCOME TO THE HURON-PERTH LAKERS AAA TRYOUTS!

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey association is looking forward to another hockey season. This past season proved to be a success as players within our organization continued to develop their skills while we compete in the twelve team ALLIANCE Hockey Pavilion loop. Our teams' consistent competitive performance will continue to garner our program respect throughout our league and beyond. Our players and parents recognize that Lakers 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 in Huron and Perth Counties. 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 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). In Minor Midget there is no separation of East/West but rather they play each team 3 times for a 33 game schedule.

THE TEAM

Each Huron-Perth Lakers team may have up to seven 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 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 Team Officials, 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.

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 fund raising programs players can recoup a significant amount of their registration cost for AAA hockey.

	Debit (money out)	Credit (money in)
Registration Includes:	\$2500	
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) T-shirt	32 Game League Schedule Minimum 2 post-season series Goalie coaches Player Skill Development Nutritional Information Free Game Admission Fund raising Program Referee's	
Organization Fund raising		
Team Banner Sponsorships 4 X \$250 minimum		\$1000
Website Player Sponsors (13 x \$60 each)		\$780
Team Fund raising Initiatives		
Practice Sweater Sponsors, product sales, auctions, bowling night, hockey pools, AP sweater sponsors, raffles etc. (all based on team's initiative and require HPL Executive pre-approval).		\$600
Team Costs		
Tournaments (Average of 4)	\$300	
Miscellaneous Team Expenses	\$100	
Approximate Totals	\$2900	\$2380

WEBSITE

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 2020-2021 season is \$2,500. 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 fund raising to cover most of the entire cost to play AAA hockey. Paying for registration has now been made more convenient for families. New fore the 2020-2021 season the registration fees will be paid via a one-time online credit card payment of \$2500.00 using the link that will be provided upon successfully being selected for a Huron-Perth Laker team. One time and/or multiple preauthorized debit payments will no longer be offered.

LAKER WELCOME DAY

Lakers Welcome Day is on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 from 6-9 pm at the Stratford Rotary Complex. Teams will be scheduled a time for their jersey, t-shirt, and equipment fitting as well a time for a Parent Meeting. This evening provides an opportunity for Coaches, Team Staff and Parents to meet and plan and set expectations for the upcoming season.

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. We will provide information and consultation regarding Strength, conditioning and nutrition for our athletes. Some teams may opt to participate in team workouts. 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 Lakers 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. Mary's.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Lakers brand products have been proudly worn and used by players and their families since 1996. Lakers branded items are made available for purchase at special Lakers events such as Lakers Welcome Day, team photo Day and Lakers Day.

FUND RAISING

The Huron Perth Lakers provide players and teams with the opportunity to recover organizational registration costs through fund raising 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 fund raising initiatives:

Team Banner Sponsors

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

Website Player Profile

Each player may add to their website player profile up to 13 full colour business card ads that can generate \$780 towards your hockey season. Ad spaces can be supported by local businesses, family or service clubs. Web page 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.

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 fund raising initiatives MUST have pre-approval from the Executive by contacting the Director of Special Events and Fund raising 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!

TRY-OUT-RELATED POLICIES

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association has scheduled try-outs in April (U12 to U16) 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 a completed and authorized “Permission to Skate” Form and/or F1 Waiver Form signed by the appropriate authority.

Registration Try-Out Cost

- ❖ Visit www.huronperthlakers.ca and use the Try-Out Registration tab to register your child
- ❖ Early Bird fee of \$80 (via ONLINE credit card payment only) if registered on or before Midnight April 8, 2020
- ❖ After Midnight on April 8th, 2020 the try out fee is increased to \$100 (via ONLINE credit card payment only)
- ❖ New for the 2020-2021 Try-Out Registration, cash and cheques will no longer be accepted at the desk

Scheduled Try-Outs (April 13th – April 19th) – U12 (2009) through to U16 (2005)

- ❖ Any player who is registered and attends the first scheduled try-out date will be entitled to a minimum of 2 try-outs.
- ❖ Any player who registers and attends any try-out date thereafter may be released after one try-out skate.

Lakers Welcome Day

- ❖ To be held on Wednesday May 6th, 2020 at the Rotary Complex in Stratford. Players will be fitted for sweaters, equipment and apparel, as well as attend their respective teams parent meeting

“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 electronic OHF AAA Hockey Waiver from their home AAA centre.
- b) A signed OHF AAA Hockey Waiver from any AAA centre or centres that they are travelling through, to tryout in Huron-Perth (unless U14-U16 where Freedom of Movement allows Alliance players to tryout for any Alliance team with a waiver from their home AAA Centre)

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

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 F1 Waivers provided the player registers for a try-out:

- ❖ A player must register, pay and attend at least one (1) scheduled try-out.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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:

- ❖ 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: F1waivers2020@huronperthlakers.ca

An OHF AAA Hockey F1 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.

Freedom of Movement – All participating U14 (2007) to U16 (2005) players must be offered a roster spot by April 17th, 2020. Those that are not offered a roster spot can request an electronic F1 Waiver Form that is good to try-out in anyone of the other 11 Alliance Hockey AAA Associations. Players who are released from their home centre/zone who choose to go to a team outside of ALLIANCE Hockey will be required to obtain waivers as per previous practice.

HURON-PERTH LAKERS 9TH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES CUP AAA TOURNAMENT

In celebration of AAA hockey in the Huron-Perth zone the Lakers will host their 9th annual Great Lakes Cup AAA Tournament to be held on January 15-17, 2021. This tournament will high-lite and showcase elite U12 (2009), U14 (2007) 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 U11 up to U18 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.