# 2025-26 - AAA Tryout Package

U10 (2016) – U18 (2009/08) Divisions







## **Welcome to the Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Tryouts**

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association is looking forward to another great hockey season. This past season was a huge success seeing players enhance their skills while competing in the 11 team Alliance Hockey Pavilion loop. Our consistent competitive performances across all teams continue to garner our program respect throughout the league and beyond. Our players and parents recognize that Huron-Perth Lakers hockey is an excellent opportunity for player development and an experience where they can learn valuable life skills in the process.

#### Games

The Huron-Perth Lakers play our home games in Huron and Perth Counties. The AAA (Pavilion) league within Alliance Hockey is made up of teams from Kitchener, Cambridge, Waterloo, Brantford, London, Elgin-Middlesex, Lambton, Chatham-Kent, Windsor, and Sun County. The Huron-Perth Lakers play each team three times for a total of 30 games in the regular season.

#### 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**, **Parent Representative**, **Website Manager and Videographer(s)** are selected by the Head Coach at the start of the season to help with team operations.

The **Treasurer** is responsible for maintaining accurate financial records of each player and ensures that the payment of all team activities takes place in a timely fashion. All team activities that generate or disperse funds must be administered and accounted for by the Treasurer.

The **Parent Representative** is a mediator to address any issues within the team between players, parents, and 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 is not achieved through this initial step, then the President of the Lakers shall be contacted by the Parent Representative.

The **Videographer(s)** is responsible for filming games during the season. This task can be done individually or shared amongst multiple volunteers. Recordings will be used for player development and instruction throughout the season by the team staff.

The **Website Manager** is responsible for ensuring the team's portion of the Lakers website is up to date. These tasks include news articles, game results, uploading sponsorships and other team-related information.

All **Team Officials** must be approved by the Lakers Organization before participating in team activities. All Team Officials must complete a **Vulnerable Sector Check** every four years and provide this documentation when registering with OHF.

## **Registration Fees**

The Huron-Perth Lakers operates one of the most cost-effective AAA programs in Ontario. When combined with our fundraising programs, players can recuperate a significant amount of their registration fees. Registration fees shall be paid with a one-time online credit card payment using the link provided upon successfully being selected for a Huron-Perth Lakers team. We will no longer be accepting payments made through pre-authorized debit or cheques.

#### Registration Fees for the 2025-26 season are \$2975.00 (U10-U15), \$3295 (U16&U18)

Registration Includes:	
30 Game League Schedule	Free Game Admission
Post-Season Playoff Rounds	Certified Referees
2 Practices Per Week (On Average)	Fundraising Programs
Certified Coaching Instruction	Nutritional Information
Goalie & Player Skills Development	Lakers Game Socks & Jerseys
Off-Ice Conditioning	Lakers Water Bottle
Year-End Banquet - 2 tickets per family	Lakers T-Shirt

## **Team Budget**

The Head Coach will present a Team Budget before or at the first parent meeting on sizing night. These funds will cover any operating costs, tournament fees, supplies, or team activities. The budget must be approved by a silent majority vote amongst the families. An HPL Executive Member will count all the ballots at the meeting to ensure integrity and fairness.

# **Laker Day**

Laker Day will be held on **Saturday in late October** at the Pyramid Centre in St. Marys. We encourage all families to come out and support our teams as they play against other Alliance teams. Please be sure to visit the Huron-Perth Lakers website for updated schedules and matchups. We encourage all players and spectators to contribute to our Laker Day Food Drive to help support local families in need.

#### Website

Our website, <a href="www.huronperthlakers.ca">www.huronperthlakers.ca</a>, provides up-to-date information on all our teams, rosters, scheduling, game results, and organization events. All teams will receive an email message informing them of any schedule changes or updates through an automated system. Huron-Perth Laker's policies, forms and general information about our programs can also be viewed on the website.

## **Fundraising**

The Huron-Perth Lakers allow players and teams to recover organizational and team expenses through fundraising initiatives. All funds raised will go directly to each player's account to cover team or registration fees, provided they participate in the fundraising activity. The maximum amount a player can fundraise is the total cost of the registration fee. We offer two main fundraising initiatives, which include:

#### **Team Banner Sponsors**

Each player may obtain up to <u>four</u> Team Banner Sponsors at a minimum of **\$250** each. The sponsor's information is placed on the Team Banner, displayed at all games and the Team Website.

#### **Website Player Sponsors**

Each player may add to their player profile up to <u>thirteen</u> full-colour advertisements at a minimum of **\$60** each. These advertisement spaces on the website can be supported by local businesses, families, or service clubs.

All Team Banner Sponsors and Website Player Sponsors funds are to be collected by the Team Treasurer. It is advised that upon registration, families actively pursue and collect their sponsorships. The deadline for collecting sponsorships should be no later than **August 31**st, **2025**.

#### **Team Fundraising Initiatives**

The Huron-Perth Lakers allow for team-approved fundraising initiatives. In the past, this has included activities such as bottle drives, raffles, product sales, and hockey pools.

All Team Fundraising initiatives must have pre-approval from the Director of Fundraising & Special Events.

## Strength, Conditioning & Nutrition Program (SCNP)

The Huron-Perth Lakers are dedicated to helping our athletes develop off-ice strategies to complement their on-ice performance. Our coaches and training staff will provide information and consultation with our athletes regarding Strength, Conditioning, and Nutrition and may organize off-ice 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.

# **Lakers Equipment & Clothing**

All players <u>must</u> wear **Black Helmets, Black or Lakers Gloves, and Black Lakers Pants or Shells.** The only exception will be the goaltender's equipment.

These items are available for purchase at **Dunny's Source for Sports** in Stratford or St. Marys. Lakers branded items and apparel are also available at Special Events such as Laker Day, Welcome Day, or Team Photo Day.

https://www.sourceforsports.ca/en-CA/Stores/63-Dunnys-Source-For-Sports.aspx

## **Tryout Related Policies**

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association has scheduled tryouts in April (U10-U18) to select our teams.

#### **Tryout Fees**

- → Visit the <u>www.huronperthlakers.ca</u> website and use the Registration Menu to register for tryouts.
- → Tryout Fees are \$50.00 (U10-U11) & \$125.00 (U11-U18)
- → Registration MUST be done online and paid online through the HCR. Cash & Cheques will not be accepted.

#### Tryout Policies – U10 – U18 Divisions

- → There is no longer a minimum number of stakes entitled to players during evaluations.
- → Coaches will update their webpage with any announcements regarding releases and updates.

# **Huron-Perth Lakers 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Tournament**

The Huron-Perth Lakers will be hosting their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Cup AAA tournament **on January 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** The tournament will showcase **U12 (2014)** and **U14 (2012)** teams from Ontario and the United States. Registration can be found on the www.huronperthlakers.ca website under the Tournament section.



#### **Huron-Perth Lakers Mission Statement**

#### The Huron-Perth Lakers exist to serve the following purpose:

- 1. To promote and develop organized amateur hockey programs for young athletes within the Huron-Perth Lakers organization, including the development of representative teams with high levels of competency;
- 2. To develop good character among all members by promoting and teaching the importance of physical competition, physical activity, sportsmanship, inter-community understanding, and the fair treatment of others. There shall be no place in the Huron-Perth Lakers organization for discriminatory behaviour concerning race, place of origin, family circumstances, gender, or creed;
- 3. To protect and serve the mutual interests of all its members.
- 4. To recognize the importance of local, community-based programs and encourage a strong sense of community pride and participation.
- 5. To represent the interests of its members at the Provincial and National levels.
- 6. To work with Provincial and National hockey associations to promote cooperative development of hockey programs and their effective administration.
- 7. To enhance the program's value by providing leadership initiatives to develop players, coaches, officials, and local volunteers.
- 8. To provide opportunities for all players to participate at a level appropriate to their degree of skill or interest.
- 9. To ensure the enforcement of the sport's rules adopted by the Huron-Perth Lakers and other affiliated bodies.