

2023-24 - AAA TRYOUT PACKAGE

U10 (2014) - U16 (2008) DIVISIONS



Welcome to the Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Tryouts

The Huron-Perth Lakers AAA Minor Hockey Association is looking forward to another hockey season. As an organization, we have overcome many challenges in the past couple of years while dealing with COVID-19. During this time, we always kept the focus on what matters most, the kids. Our teams continued to develop fundamental skills while learning to deal with adversity and handle change. 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 divided into two Divisions: East and West. The Lakers are members of the East Division and play four games with each of the five other teams in the East Division (Kitchener, Cambridge, Waterloo, and Brantford). We also play a single home and away game with the six teams in the West Division (London, Elgin-Middlesex, Lambton, Chatham-Kent, Windsor, and Sun County). In the U16 category, there is no separation of divisions and teams will play each team three times for a total of 33 games. Any changes to this format will be communicated.

The Team

Each Huron-Perth Lakers team may have up to seven carded team officials: These include the **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 two years and provide this documentation to the Director of Risk Management.

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 2023-24 season are \$2650.00

Registration Includes:	
32 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)	Lakers T-Shirt

Team Budget

The Head Coach will present a Team Budget at the first parent meeting. 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, October 28th, 2023** at the Pyramid Centre in St. Mary's. 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.

Website

Our website, www.huronperthlakers.ca, 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. We offer two main fundraising initiatives, which include:

Team Banner Sponsors

Each player may obtain up to **four** 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 **thirteen** 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 1st, 2023**.

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 **must** 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. Mary's. 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-U16) to select our teams. These tryouts are open to all players within the Huron-Perth zone and out-of-zone players with proper documentation (see Out of Zone Policy). No player will be allowed to attend tryouts without a completed Permission to Tryout or OHF AAA F1 Waiver form signed by the appropriate parties.

Tryout Fees

- Visit the www.huronperthlakers.ca website and use the Registration Menu to register for tryouts.
- **Tryout Fees are \$50.00 (U10-U11) & \$100.00 (U12-U16)**
- Tryout Fees must be paid online using PowerUp Sports. Cash & Cheques will no longer be accepted.

Tryout Policies – U10 – U16 Divisions

- Any player registered for the first scheduled tryout date will be entitled to a **minimum of 2 skates**.
- Any player registered after the first tryout date may be released after a **minimum of 1 skate**.
- Tryout Fees and Required Documentation must be received before being permitted on the ice.

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 organizations. 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 signed OHF AAA F1 Waiver from their home AAA center.
- A signed OHF AAA F1 Waiver from any non-adjacent AAA center(s) travelling through.
- Players in the **U12 – U16** age divisions will be permitted to try out for any Alliance AAA team with a signed OHF AAA F1 Waiver from their local AAA Alliance Zone center.

Participation in tryouts without proper documentation violates OHF rules and can result in suspensions to the Players, Coaches, and the Association involved.

Out of Zone Approval Process

Any team wishing to offer a roster spot to an out-of-zone player must complete the steps below for pre-approval from the Huron-Perth Executive Committee.

- The Coach must contact the Director of Player & Coach Development before signing an "Out of Zone" player.
- The Coach needs to explain why the "Out of Zone" player should take the place of an "In Zone" player.

Waiver Policy

The Huron-Perth Lakers have a "No Release" policy for players within the Huron-Perth Lakers zone. However, certain conditions do apply for requesting an OHF AAA F1 Waiver, which includes:

- The player has registered, paid, and attended at least one (1) scheduled tryout.
- The Head Coach has formerly released the player from the team.
- The player has not been offered a roster spot after the 4th day of tryouts.

Any player requesting to receive an OHF AAA F1 Waiver must use the following procedure:

- Receive confirmation from the Head Coach that the team will not be offering the player a roster spot.
- Complete the F1 Waiver Request form on the Huron-Perth Lakers website (Registration Menu).
- Obtain confirmation from Huron-Perth Lakers that the F1 Waiver Request has been approved.

An OHF AAA F1 Waiver is available for unsuccessful players at Huron-Perth Laker's tryouts that would like the opportunity to try out with another AAA association.

Alliance Freedom of Movement Policy – U12 – U16 Divisions

1. Participants must try out in the Centre or Zone where they reside and will not be granted a release upon request. All Zone AAA tryouts require a Permission to Tryout form from the participant's Home Center.
2. All participants must try out and be released following each Member Association Centre/Zones Tryout Policies.
3. All participants the Association wishes to sign must be offered a roster spot by 11:59 pm on the 4th day of tryouts. Players that are not offered a roster spot must be provided with an OHF AAA F1 Waiver upon request.
4. The only release applicable for movement within ALLIANCE AAA Hockey Competition is an OHF AAA F1 Waiver. An Under-14 AAA player on an OHF AAA F1 Waiver has the option to remain with the team they participated in within the previous season or return to their Home Center. If a participant does not have an OHF AAA F1 Waiver, they are not permitted to try out.

The participant maintains possession of the OHF AAA F1 Waiver throughout the tryout process. Before trying out, the OHF AAA F1 Waiver must be presented to the Association. If successful, the participant must submit the waiver to the Association.

5. Once released and in possession of an OHF AAA F1 Waiver, an ALLIANCE Hockey participant may try out with any other ALLIANCE Hockey Centres or Zone Member Associations.
6. Member Association Centre/Zone policies regarding the number of import players eligible to play for their teams will still apply.

Huron-Perth Lakers 12th Annual Great Lakes Tournament

The Huron-Perth Lakers will be hosting their 12th Annual Great Lakes Cup AAA tournament **on January 19th – 21st, 2024**. The tournament will showcase **U12 (2012)** and **U14 (2010)** 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.