



Calgary Fire U13AA Program FAQs

- **What is the Calgary Fire?**

The Calgary Fire is an elite female hockey program that includes three U13AA teams, three U15AA teams, two U18AA teams, and one U18AAA team.

- **What league do Calgary Fire players play in?**

All Calgary Fire teams play in the Alberta Female Hockey League (AFHL) which is an elite female league throughout the entire province.

- **Do I have to be a GHC player to try out for the Calgary Fire U13AA program?**

No, any female hockey player within the U13-U18 age range who lives within the Hockey Calgary (Zone 9) boundaries can try out for the Calgary Fire.

- **What happens if I try out for a Calgary Fire U13AA team and I don't make it?**

If you do not get drafted to one of the Calgary Fire U13AA teams, you may return to your designated community association or you may choose to stay or join a community team within GHC.

- **Can I affiliate to a Calgary Fire U13AA team if I choose to return to my designated community association?**

No, in order to be affiliated to one of the Calgary Fire teams, you must be playing on a GHC community team.

- **Can I try out for a co-ed quadrant team and a Calgary Fire team (U13AA, U15AA, U18AA and U18AA) in the same season?**

No, you may only try out for one elite association in Calgary per season.

- **What if I decide to try out for a co-ed quadrant team and I get cut; can I come to the Fire tryouts if the final cuts have not been made yet?**

No, in order for you to be drafted to a Calgary Fire team, you must participate in the tryout process.

- **How are the Fire teams formed?**

The Calgary Fire teams are a 100% coach picked team. The coaches will draft their teams based on what they see during the tryout process, both on and off the ice.

- **What happens if I get injured during the tryout process and I can't attend the remaining ice times?**

This does happen from time to time. Coaches, if they have been able to observe that player enough during the tryout process, may choose to draft the player while she is still injured.

- **Do I have to attend every tryout skate to be drafted to a Fire team?**

There is no hard and fast rule that each player must attend every skate, however it is highly recommended that players attend each ice time in order to give themselves the best chance of being drafted.

- **How will I know if I have been drafted to a Fire team?**

If you are selected to a Fire team through the draft process, your name will appear on the team list once the tryout process is complete. You will

continue to receive communications regarding this as you move through the tryout process.

- **If I get cut from the Fire tryouts, will I automatically become an affiliate for that team?**

That depends on a few factors. Firstly, you must be released to a GHC community team to be considered for an affiliate position. And secondly, it depends at what stage you have been released. If you have been drafted to a team and later released before the final release date, the coach may likely ask you to affiliate. Keep in mind, there are a limited number of affiliation positions available so it is not a guarantee that you will be asked to affiliate.

- **How many players will there be on each U13AA team?**

Each U13AA team will have 9 forwards and 6 defensemen. The number of goalies per team will be determined during the tryout process (the maximum would be two goalies per team).

- **Will the U13AA teams travel out of town for games?**

Yes, the U13AA AFHL league has been split into a north and south zone. Our Calgary Fire teams will be part of the South Zone. Within this zone, some travel will take place between, Lethbridge, Okotoks, Airdrie, Red Deer and Calgary. As well, there may travel to the north zone during playoffs.

- **Will the U13AA teams travel by bus to out-of-town games and tournaments?**

For the most part yes. If the game is located more than 100 kms from Calgary, the team will travel by bus. Otherwise, players will make their own travel arrangements to get to and from the games.

- **Will there be any overnight travel for the U13AA teams?**

Yes. It has not yet been determined if the league will schedule back to back out-of-town games, however the teams will be travelling for tournaments and playoffs and will therefore be staying in hotels.

- **Will the U13AA players stay in hotel rooms with only their teammates?**

No. For any required overnight trips, the player will stay in a hotel room with a parent or guardian.

- **Are parents allowed to travel on the bus with the team?**

No. The bus is considered an extension of the dressing room so the same rules apply where parents are not permitted. The coaches utilize the time on the bus to hold one-on-one meetings with players as well team building events.

- **How much will it cost to play on a U13AA Fire team?**

We anticipate the initial fees to be in the range of \$4,000. In addition there will be a team cash call, and mandatory fundraising for every team.

- **Do the U13AA teams have to share practice ice? And how often do they practice?**

No. All Fire teams have dedicated ice times and do not share ice. Each Fire team is given at least 2 practice ice times per week, and depending on their game schedule, they may be given additional ice.