



*2023/24 U15 AA
Information Session*

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- Calgary Fire typical schedules
- Calgary Fire Vendor Partners
- Calgary Fire Tryout Process
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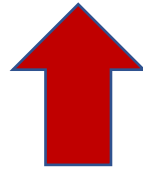
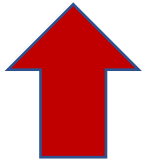


2023/2024 Calgary Fire Elite Structure and Board Members

Vice President of Elite/AAA Director
Spryng Kubicek

**Coach Dev &
Hockey Advisor**
Wally Kozak

VP of GHC
Samm
Domagala



U18AA Division Director
Paulette Niedermier

U15AA Division Director
David Burch

U13AA Division Director
Grace Kim

2023/2024 Fire Coaches

U18AAA Fire Coach
Kyle Severson

U18AA Fire Coaches
Jordan Fenton-White
TBD-Red

U15AA Fire Coaches
Roberta Stinn-White
Sean Bauer-Red
Tom Molloy - Black

U13AA Fire Coaches
TBD -White
TBD -Red
TBD - Black



Calgary Fire Expectations

The Calgary Fire Elite program has high expectations of their athletes and our parental group. Our Calgary Fire CULTURE will be one of having a team first mentality where athletes and parents always put the teams best interests first.

Our Calgary Fire brand will be synonymous with excellence and pride, our Culture will be branded by work ethic, integrity, and unwavering support of our athletes and coaching staffs.

No athlete or parent group will be bigger than our program. We will support our athletes and parents who buy into our **CULTURE** and truly want to be in our program with an all for one mentality.



U15 AA Alberta Female Hockey League (AFHL) Structure

13 AA Franchises playing 31 regular season games

Two conferences:

- **7 teams in South**

- Calgary Red
 - Lethbridge
 - Airdrie

- Calgary White
 - Okotoks
 - Red Deer

- Calgary Black

- **6 teams in North**

- Edmonton
 - Leduc
 - Sherwood Park

- Grand Prairie
 - Lloydminster
 - St. Albert



U15 AA Typical Team Weekly Schedule

- ❖ On ice typically twice per week (2.75 hrs total), dryland once per week*schedule will vary slightly
- ❖ Games typically on weekends (1-2 Games) with travel required-Games 2.5 hours in length
- ❖ Players are expected to put **Calgary Fire** hockey first in athletic pursuits (Schedule makes it very hard to be successful at two elite sports)

Day	Venue	Time	Team	Duration
Tuesday	ECTAS RED	5:15-6:30 pm	U15AA RED	1.25
Wednesday	Conditioning	TBD	U15AA RED	1.0
Thursday	Max Bell #2	4:00-5:30 pm	U15AA RED	1.5
Tuesday	ECTAS RED	6:45-8:00 pm	U15 AA WHITE	1.25
Wednesday	Conditioning	TBD	U15 AA WHITE	1.0
Thursday	Henry Viney	4:00-5:30 pm	U15 AA WHITE	1.5
Tuesday	VSQ #1	6:00-7:15 pm	U15AA BLACK	1.25
Wednesday	Conditioning	TBD	U15AA BLACK	1.0
Thursday	Crowchild Red	4:15-5:45 pm	U15AA BLACK	1.5



Calgary Fire Tournaments

Tournaments	Date
Calgary FireStarter	Sept 29-October 1
Other-each team	TBD

- All families are expected to volunteer for required hours: GHC hours, Elite team positions and mandatory Firestarter hours
- Additional tournaments TBD



Our Calgary Fire Vendor Partners

- Off Ice Training – AAA Bold Athletics
- Off Ice Training – AA TBD
- Mental Training – Hone thru Village Sports
- Skill Development – Village Sports
- Coach Mentoring – TBD
- Bussing – TBD
- Goalie Training – for four AA teams there will be ice/training provided by TBD

Equipment

- Black helmet and black gloves are mandatory
- Calgary Fire Gloves will be available or purchase on team 'apparel day' (date to be determined)
- Other Fire Equipment: Pant Shells, Equipment Bag and Team Apparel



Costs of U15 Elite Hockey

Fees are not yet set for the 2023-24 season:

- U15 AA Registration fees \$4,500.00 (approximately) which includes your GHC Fee
- These fees include a variety of base costs including ice costs, bus travel, coaching expenses, referees, team jerseys & socks, pant shells, external skills provider, dryland, mental health, league fees, Hockey Alberta and Hockey Calgary fees (including insurance) as well association administrative costs.
- In addition to the registration fees which are to be paid directly to GHC, it should be noted that this is not the extent of the total costs for families within the Elite program. There are various additional costs that are incurred each year related to **travel such as hotels, meals, mandatory apparel, tournament fees, exhibition games, team equipment, provincial tournament (if team qualifies) and other miscellaneous costs.**
- **Additional cash calls are typically at least \$1,000-1,500 per season** Failure to pay these fees may result in player being suspended until the fees are collected.



Calgary Fire Try Out Process/Timing

* All dates provided above are subject to change

- All athletes are guaranteed 2 ice times commencing Aug 26- Sept 2 (long weekend)
- Players who continue in the tryout process will be informed via email and player lists will be posted on the website.
- Players invited to advance to the main camps will be informed thru posting on GHC FIRE website to continue the tryout process.
- Athletes who do not advance to the next round of the tryout process will be released to community hockey.



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- **Aug 25th** – Goalies
- **Aug 26th & 27th** - Scrimmages-Released players will continue on with community hockey evaluations after this ice time (TBD), continuing elite player rosters will be posted on the GHC website
- **Aug 29th & 30th** – Scrimmages-Released players will continue on to community hockey evaluations after this ice time (TBD), continuing elite player rosters will be posted on the GHC website
- **Aug 31st or Sept 1st** (TBC)-Fitness Testing
- **Sept 2nd** – AA Red and White Game, not all players will play in the Red and White game but will still be eligible for draft. After the initial draft there will still be further releases to community hockey

Coaches have the option to alter a player position (i.e. choose Defense player to play Forward for the team)



Elite Team Formation

- The Calgary Fire U15 AA teams are drafted by their respective coaching staff. Coaching staff make decisions to select or draft players based on many different attributes including on ice play, work/effort, off ice conduct, team play, leadership qualities, character, offensive/defensive skill sets, amongst others.
- We have three Calgary Fire U15AA teams: 17 player spots with 2 goalie spots per team. Player are trying out from a variety of levels: U15A or U15B teams, U13AA (in GHC or not), U13 tier 1-2-3-4 and new players to GHC. For example if you played U13AA, it does not guarantee you will make Calgary Fire.
- **This is not an evaluation or committee selection; this is a tryout. Players who are released will continue on to community level hockey within GHC.**
- Parents will not have any influence on whether their child will make a team, however, they can definitely have influence on their child NOT making the team. Let your child play and do not interfere with their tryout process.
- Undoubtedly there will be some disappointed athletes and parents through this selection/draft process and team formation. **Please note that the selection/draft process and coaching decisions are final. Athletes do not have the opportunity to appeal the coaches' selections.**



Calgary Fire Expectations of Athletes

- Always conduct yourself in a professional manner both on and off the ice; coaches evaluate players both on and off the ice
- Red/White games players are expected to dress in game day clothing
- Cell Phone/Social Media – stay away from social media at all costs; everyone is watching including post-secondary schools
- **Absolutely no cell phones in the dressing room, except as designated (music and medical necessity)- zero tolerance.**
- **Zero tolerance for athletes who have been in contact with drugs, alcohol, tobacco or vaping products during any Calgary Fire event**
- **Further Team Rules may/will be applied by each individual team coach accordingly**
- Players must read and sign the statement of acknowledgement document which is in the [Calgary Fire Member Policy Manual](#)



Calgary Fire Expectations of Parents

- Demonstrate pride and exemplary conduct when participating in team activities.
- Demonstrate model sportsmanship, respect, and appreciation for all players, off and on-ice officials, volunteers and coaches at all times.
- Understand and comply with GHC elite philosophy, bylaws, expectations, policies, procedures, and operations and assume responsibility for his/her actions.
- Support your daughter in making a firm commitment to participate in all team activities, her development as a hockey player and contributor to the team
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Volunteerism/Fundraising

- Fundraising is a crucial component to the success of Calgary Fire Hockey. It is expected that all families will work to secure funding for the program and will do their utmost to contribute to Calgary Fire fundraising campaigns
- Each family is expected to commit to volunteering for the betterment of all Calgary Fire teams, both with and without volunteer credits awarded.
- 3 credit (Association credit and Team credit) or \$500.00 volunteer bond buy out paid at registration
- **Calgary FireStarter volunteering (credits TBD) is mandated and in addition to the new 3 credits volunteer requirements**
- All fundraising goes back to the Calgary Fire program



Rawlyk Family Fund and other available funding

- A financial sponsorship program is available to qualified GHC female elite athletes. The program, supported by the Rawlyk Family Foundation, is designed to assist those elite players with both the desire and potential to compete at the post-secondary level, but who are unable to participate due to personal financial restrictions. Criteria for selection of successful applicants:
 1. Financial need
 2. Academic standing
 3. Hockey ability (AAA, AA or A division player with potential to play at the elite level)
 4. Sportsmanship and/or community participation/service
 5. Eligibility – currently registered with Girls Hockey Calgary in U15 or U18.

****Other Sources of Financial Assistance are available.**
Please contact the GHC Administrator for details.



Questions

