



St. Albert Raiders Athlete Advisory Council

Terms of Reference

The St. Albert Raiders Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) is made up of athlete representatives from each of the 14 Raiders teams (U13 - U18) and is assembled to provide insight on the athlete experience and give input to the Raiders Hockey Committee (RHC) on matters affecting Raiders athletes.

Purpose

- a) To promote communication between Raiders athletes and the RHC and enable feedback from athletes on the Raiders hockey program.
- b) To provide equal representation from all age categories in the Raiders program.
- c) To build a sense of community within the Raiders organization.
- d) To promote a positive image of Raiders athletes.
- e) To share information with all Raiders athletes.
- f) To provide leadership development for AAC members.

Term

One season (October - April)

Council Membership

The AAC will consist of two athletes from each Raiders team. Members must appear on the team's official roster. Coaches will nominate and/or select athletes to represent their respective teams.

The AAC will be supported by the Raiders Hockey Committee Player Safety Manager. The advisor will assist the AAC in planning and leading the meetings, be a liaison with the Raiders Hockey Committee, and ensure the AAC prepares and shares a summary of each meeting.

Member Responsibilities

Athletes appointed to the AAC are responsible to:

- a) Attend all scheduled meetings or arrange for an alternate. Alternates must be on the team's official roster and may not be an affiliate.
- b) Communicate all information from the AAC back to their team.
- c) Bring forward teammates' ideas, questions and/or concerns to the AAC.
- d) Participate in activities coordinated by the AAC or the Raiders Hockey Committee for the benefit of the AAC.

Council Operations

- a) The AAC will meet a minimum 4 times each season (normally October, December, February, April). The meeting schedule will be set by the Raiders Hockey Committee and may be adjusted to accommodate team practices, games and other activities. The members of the AAC may choose to meet more frequently.
- b) The AAC will normally be co-chaired by the representatives from the U18AAA Raiders and the U18AAA Slash. In instances where athletes from other teams are interested in assuming the role of Co-Chair, the AAC can agree to have a different chairperson.
- c) Co-chairs will determine the agenda with the support of the adult advisor. The RHC may bring forward items for inclusion on the agendas, for example, items where athlete input and feedback is desired or resources of benefit to the athletes.
- d) The Co-Chairs will appoint a Recording Secretary at each meeting to prepare a written summary of the meeting. Minutes or a written summary of items discussed at the AAC will be prepared within 5 days of the meeting and shared with all AAC members so that representatives can report back to their respective teams. In addition, a copy of the meeting summaries will be provided to the Raiders Hockey Committee for information.
- e) At least one representative from each team must attend each meeting of the AAC.

Funding

Should the AAC identify a project or initiative that supports the purpose of AAC and requires seed funding, they may request funds from Raiders Hockey Committee – SAMHA. The association will review the request and determine if funds can be made available.