

ST. ALBERT RAIDERS

U15

2024 -2025



U15 AAA Raiders ID Camp

This camp is an opportunity for the Raiders program to evaluate players and plan appropriately for the upcoming season.

2024 - 2025 SEASON

In the past the Raiders U15 program has had three AA teams and one AAA team. This year we are evaluating the contraction of the U15 AA program down to two teams. We are required to submit a proposal to the league and Hockey Alberta to move forward with this change. Serval factors influence this process; but the two primary ones are volume of players within the entire program and the skill level of the players who are eligible for U15 AA and AAA.

The Raiders Committee will make a final determination after the ID Camp if we will proceed with the application. Our decision will be communicated no later than April 15th.

COACH

We are pleased to announce that **Geoff Giacobbo** is returning as the Head Coach of the U15 AAA Sabres for his fifth season. Geoff is a seasoned coach with 30 years of experience at all levels of hockey. He has a proven track record of delivering results, including a Provincial Championship this past season, and is a valued member of our program. We are excited to have him lead the Sabres in the 2024 - 2025 season.

We are currently evaluating coach applications for the **U15 AA** teams and are aiming to complete this process after the ID Camp.



STEP FORWARD



WHAT'S NEXT

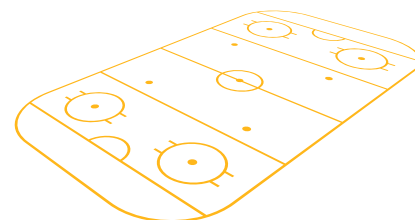
You can anticipate receiving an email from Geoff next week that outlines the next steps for your player in the tryout process. This email will clarify where your athlete will start the tryout process either at U15 AAA or at U15 AA in your designated catchment.

IMPORTANT DATES

U15 Prep Camp: August 19 - 22

Tryouts Start: August 26

Registration for the U15 Prep Camp and Tryouts opens on **May 1.*



ST. ALBERT RAIDERS

The St. Albert Raiders elite hockey program provides a unique opportunity to Step Forward and become part of a passionate hockey community with a rich legacy. Feel the sense of pride and identity that comes with being part of the Raiders program and representing your community.

Players enrolled in the U15 Raiders program can anticipate receiving a high calibre of coaching and a dedicated effort to enhance their skills. While individual experiences may vary across teams, the program maintains consistent standards to ensure a minimum commitment towards achieving our objectives.

The primary objective of the U15 Raiders program is to advance as many players as possible onto future opportunities in junior level hockey. This process is guided by our core values:



U15 AAA

SABRES



 **34 LEAGUE GAMES (AEHL)**

 **70 PRACTICES**

 **ALL PRACTICES START BEFORE 6PM**

 **1 AEHL SHOWCASES**

 **3 TOURNAMENTS:**

- RED DEER FALL CLASSIC
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLASSIC
- JOHN REID MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

 **WEEKLY SKILL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS**

 **WEEKLY GOALIE DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS**

 **24 STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING SESSIONS WITH ABSOLUTE HUMAN PERFORMANCE (AHP)**

 **WEEKLY TEAM/INDIVIDUAL VIDEO REVIEW SESSIONS**

 **TEAM/INDIVIDUAL SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY SESSIONS**

 **WEEKLY YOGA CLASSES**

Summary of 2023-24 season, upcoming season may have slight variations.

The U15 AAA team has had **three** consecutive appearances at the provincial championships and won **two** provincial titles (2022 & 2024).

Bronze medalist at the 45th John Reid Memorial Tournament.

Nine Players were selected for Alberta Cup in 2024.

The staff at **AHP** work one-on-one with players on a weekly basis and supply Individual Development Plans to support the player's goals.



U15 AA

BEARS.SAINTS.BLUES



- **60+ PRACTICES**
- **32 LEAGUE GAMES (NAHL)**
- **2-3 TOURNAMENTS**
- **WEEKLY VIDEO REVIEW SESSIONS**
- **WEEKLY STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING SESSIONS**
- **20 DEVELOPMENT/SKILLS SESSIONS**
- **18 GOALIE DEVELOPMENT**
- **THE THREE U15 AA TEAMS IN ST. ALBERT HAVE CONSISTENTLY PLACED IN THE TOP 4 WITHIN THE NAHL**
- **IN 2023/24, 10 U15 AAA PLAYERS PLAYED U15 AA IN THEIR FIRST YEAR OF U15**
- **PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO WEEKLY AFFILIATION SKATES WITH U15 AAA**
- **MOST PRACTICES START BEFORE 7PM**

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IN THE PAST 3 YEARS **15** PLAYERS HAVE BEEN DRAFTED INTO THE **WHL**.

NUMEROUS PLAYER FROM OUR U15 PROGRAM MOVE INTO THE U17AAA, U18AAA AND JUNIOR PROGRAMS.



RAIDER LIFE



THE RAIDERS PROGRAM HAS A DEDICATED **VIDEO ROOM** AT JAROME IGINLA ARENA THAT ALL TEAMS HAVE ACCESS TO ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

ALL OF OUR COACHES ARE SUPPORTED BY AN EXPERIENCED **COACH MENTORSHIP** GROUP.

THE **DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT**, UMBERTO FIORILLO, IS ON THE ICE WITH THE PLAYERS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON AT DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS.

AS A MEMBER OF THE RAIDERS PROGRAM, PLAYERS HAVE ACCESS TO PROGRAM INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE **PLAYER EDUCATION SERIES** AND THE **ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL**.

ALL RAIDERS TEAMS PARTICIPATE IN **RAIDERS WEEKEND**; A TWO-DAY EVENT DEDICATED TO SHOWCASE THE ENTIRE PROGRAM TO OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY.

INVESTMENT

TEAM FEES VARY FROM SEASON TO SEASON, LAST SEASON THE APPROXIMATE COST PER PLAYER FOR **U15 AAA WAS \$8000** WHILE **U15 AA WAS \$4200**.

PLEASE CONTACT JENNA MATSUBA FROM THE RAIDERS COMMITTEE OR GEOFF GIACOBBO IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS.

