

2024-2025 Oakville Rangers Executive Report – VP AAA Rob Hisey

Season in Review

The Oakville Rangers AAA Hockey Club wrapped up a regular season that was largely successful, with five teams finishing in the top four of their respective standings—a testament to the talent and dedication across the program. However, the momentum did not fully carry into the playoffs, where the level of competition intensified. Only three Rangers teams earned a spot at the prestigious OMHA Championship weekend, leaving others just short of their ultimate goal. While the playoff results fell short of expectations, the season still showcased the club's depth, development, and potential for future success.

Looking Forward

The Oakville Rangers AAA Hockey Program continues to place a strong emphasis on selecting highly qualified coaches who bring knowledge, experience, and passion to the game, ensuring that every player benefits from exceptional leadership and guidance. Our commitment to great development remains at the core of the program, with a focus on building well-rounded athletes who excel both individually and as part of a team. With that theme in mind, we launched the OREP program to give teams a valuable development phase in May and June, working with top-tier skills coaches and Michelle Moore, the official skating coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs. This initiative provides every team with high-quality, focused training that builds a strong foundation for the season ahead. Also with the OREP program, we are excited to introduce a new partnership with LTS Limitless Training Systems, which will enhance our players' growth off the ice through elite strength, conditioning, and athletic development programs. By combining outstanding coaching with world-class off-ice training, we are fostering an environment where Rangers players can maximize their potential in every aspect of the game.

Open Borders

With the introduction of open borders in hockey, new challenges have emerged for the Oakville Rangers, as competition for players has never been higher. To remain competitive, the Rangers must continue to place coaching selection at the very top of their priorities, ensuring that athletes receive the highest-quality instruction and mentorship. At the same time, the organization must keep pushing the envelope with innovative approaches to bringing in and retaining top-tier talent within Oakville. Initiatives like the OREP program exemplify the proactive strategies needed to attract elite players and provide them with the resources and development opportunities to stay and thrive in the Rangers' system. This season will provide a valuable sample size to evaluate how the Rangers have fared under the new open border philosophy in minor hockey.