



OAKVILLE RANGERS AAA

VP REPORT

The past season marked a significant change in minor hockey with the introduction of open borders. For the first time, our organization faced a new landscape where players could leave Oakville without requiring a release, while at the same time giving us the opportunity to attract talented players from other communities.

Going into the season, there was understandably some uncertainty around how open borders would impact our AAA program. Overall, however, I believe the season was very successful one for the Oakville Rangers. Most of our teams had strong seasons, competed at a high level, and continued to demonstrate that Oakville is one of the premier hockey organizations in the province.

One of the biggest indicators of that success was having five Oakville Rangers teams advance to the OMHA Championships. This placed Oakville among the organizations with the strongest representation at the OMHAs and speaks to the overall depth and quality of our AAA program. It was not simply the success of one age group - it demonstrated strength throughout the organization.

While team success is important, our primary focus continues to be player development. We want Oakville to be a destination for players and families who are looking for an environment with excellent coaching, strong competition, quality development opportunities, and a culture that prepares players for the next level.

Moving forward, we are continuing to improve the Oakville Rangers Extended Program (OREPP). With an improved schedule, better planning, and increased coordination between our teams and development staff, OREPP will provide our players with even more opportunities to develop during the spring and prepare properly for the upcoming season.

We are extremely excited about the improvements being made at Joshua Creek Arena and the vision of establishing it as our AAA Center of Excellence. Having a home for our AAA program where our teams can train, develop, meet, use video, and build a stronger identity will be another major step forward for the Oakville Rangers.

The combination of improved facilities, a stronger OREPP program, quality coaching, and a continued commitment to player development puts the AAA program in a very positive position.

The first year of open borders presented challenges, but it also created opportunities. Our goal is to continue building a program that players want to be part of - not simply because they live in Oakville, but because they believe Oakville provides one of the best environments for their development.

The Oakville Rangers organization is truly committed to developing top players throughout the Southern Ontario region, while creating an environment built around development, accountability, competition, and pride in representing the Rangers.

After the success of this past season and with the improvements already underway, we have every reason to believe that this year can be even better. The AAA program is moving in a very positive direction, and we are excited about what lies ahead.

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