



Thank you for registering in the Winnipeg AAA U18 Thrashers selection camp. Prior to attending our camp there are a few things that are required to be understood. Please ensure that you read through this letter prior to attending day one of our main camp.

2019-20 Thrasher Administration:

Coaching Staff -Jim Berezowsky, Mark Olafson, Darcy Delyea

Manager – Mike Fones

Goaltending Coach – Cory Gurman

Athletic Therapist – Samantha Stark

The Winnipeg AAA U18 Thrashers are one of 13 teams that participate within the Manitoba AAA U18 Hockey League. The league has a 48 game schedule and league teams consist of:

Winnipeg Thrashers, Winnipeg Wild, Winnipeg Bruins, Eastman Selects, Brandon Wheat Kings, Central Plains Capitals, Pembina Valley Hawks, Southwest Cougars, Parkland Rangers, Yellowhead Chiefs, Interlake Lightning, Norman Northstars and Kenora Thistles. You will play each team 4 times (2 home, 2 Away) and 8 teams make the playoffs and all rounds consist of a Best of Five Series.

The Winnipeg Thrashers are bounded by West of the Red River and North of the Assiniboine River with the exception of St James postal codes (R3K,R3J, R3G) are now in the Winnipeg Wild area. In the River East Minor Hockey Association, the area east of the Red River and North of Oakland Ave. Seven Oaks and Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Associations have not changed.

The league playoff champion vies for the opportunity to challenge for the Telus Cup. The League Playoff winner represents Manitoba in the Regional Play downs which will be hosted by the Southwest Cougars in Virden MB April 2-5, 2020. The winner of the Regional qualifier then moves on to Canada's National Midget Championship - Telus Cup held in Saint-Hyacinthe Que. April 20-26, 2020.



The Winnipeg Thrashers have participated in the league since 2003-04 (prior to 03-04 recognized as the Winnipeg Sharks). Since 1993-94, the Thrashers Hockey Club has a record of;

Team Name	Yrs	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS	Winning %
Winnipeg Sharks/Thrashers	26	1085	696	295	94	5177	3473	1486	.685

Since 2003-04, the Thrashers have won 4 regular season titles, 3 Provincial Championships, 2 Regional Championships, a Telus Cup Silver Medal and 1 Telus Cup National Championship in 2010-11.

The Thrashers Hockey program demands that all involved, commit to a winning attitude and a desire to pursue hockey excellence. Most recent NHL draft picks that reflect that commitment;

2017 – Nolan Patrick – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pick Overall – Philadelphia Flyers

2017 – Cody Glass – 6<sup>th</sup> Pick Overall – Vegas Golden Knights 2019 AHL Calder Cup Finals

2016 – Adam Brooks – 92<sup>nd</sup> Pick Overall – Toronto Maple Leafs 2018 AHL Calder Cup Champion

2015 – Keegan Kolesar – 69<sup>th</sup> Pick Overall – Vegas Golden Knights – 2019 AHL Calder Cup Finals

Former Thrashers playing in NHL

Mark Stone – Vegas Golden Knights

Michael Stone – UFA

Dale Weise – Montreal Canadiens

## **Our Goal is a National Championship, what role do you play in that success?**

Every Thrasher has to accept their individual role to ensure the ultimate success of the team. Each player will have to accept that responsibility to be an integral part of our hockey club. We can attain these goals only when each athlete selected commits to the Thrashers, their team mates, and to their own personal development.

In this league, we will ensure that every team that enters and leaves a game vs the Thrashers understands we will play hard, our compete will be relentless and each shift is played with passion and determination.



## Season Program

- Practice/Home Game Facility – Gateway Arena – Blue Rink
- Home Game Times – Wednesday and Friday 7:30pm, Saturday 3:30pm, Sunday 1:00pm
- Away Games – Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sundays.
- Practice Times – Tuesday 9:45pm, Wednesday 7:15pm, Thursday 4:45pm
- League Games – commence September 27<sup>th</sup> and end February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 48 Games
- Tournament – Delta BC on January 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Delta Hockey Academy
- Finances – Season Cost is estimated at \$9,000 (4 payments) per player for our program. Details on the budget breakdown of costs will be provided by the Manager Mike Fones as we get closer to finalizing the club.

## Junior Tryouts

If you are currently attending a WHL or Manitoba Junior Hockey League camp please keep in close contact with the Winnipeg Thrashers coaching staff.

If you wish to play for the Winnipeg Thrashers this season you will have to report back to our camp with your status in Junior (**WHL, MJHL, SJHL only**). The expectation is for you to be on the ice with the Thrashers prior to the last week of tryouts, preferably **no later than September 20th**.

Please ensure that your respective WHL and Jr. A General Managers are aware of this date. This applies to 16 and 17 year old players. All 15 year old players are too young to play Junior hockey and are expected to attend the Thrashers camp starting in week one.

## Selection Camp Process:

The Winnipeg AAA Thrashers selection camp is a joint process between the Thrashers Provincial AAA U18 team and our U17 AAA Partner Team, the U17 AAA Thrashers. The U17 AAA Thrashers will be affiliated to the Thrashers Hockey Club and participate in the U17 AAA League. This league develops players born in the years 2003 and 2004. The Winnipeg AAA organization has had great success over the years utilizing this method of affiliation and development. The major change for 2019-20 is dedicating one team as a direct affiliation to each of the Provincial U18 AAA Clubs.

## Selection Camp Expectations:

Throughout the Thrashers selection camp you will be expected to demonstrate the highest degree of respect to all those involved in this process. Above all else, the Thrashers are looking to add players that are good citizens. The following rules must be followed throughout the Selection Process:



- You will be required to be at Gateway Arena, **1 Hour** prior to the scheduled start of your ice time. At which time you will check in with the coaching staff and or manager for attendance, jersey, dressing room and team placement. **Please ensure that you have appropriate clothing for a pre ice dry land warm up (running shoes, shorts and a T-Shirt).**
- It is expected that individuals within each team will take responsibility for leading their group through the pre ice dry land warm up. Trainer will provide direction on the warm ups
- You will treat the staff members at Gateway Arena with the highest degree of respect. This also means that you will ensure your dressing room is clean prior to leaving the rink.
- You will show respect to the Officials that are refereeing the exhibition or Inter Squad games.
- Mouth guards and Neck Guards are mandatory. You will not be permitted on the ice without your mouth guard or neck guard.
- There is absolutely no Drugs, Alcohol, Chewing Tobacco, Cigarettes/E-Cigarettes or anything else of this nature permitted at or around the Arena. Any player caught with any of these items will immediately be released from the Winnipeg Thrashers program and will not be issued a refund for their try out ice time.
- You will be assigned a black or white jersey, **please have matching dark or light hockey socks on when you step on the ice and to align better with your jersey color.**

### Releases Throughout the Evaluation Process

If you are not successful in advancing with the Thrashers Hockey Club and have a birth year of **2003 or 2004**, you will be introduced to Jerald Brasko (Head Coach U17 AAA Thrashers) who will provide you with your U17 AAA Selection Camp ice times.

For players born in **2002** and have been released from our program **must** obtain a release from Hockey Winnipeg Office at (204)784-5454 prior to participating in any other team event outside of your original tryout club.

### Phase 1 (Preparedness and Awareness)

The Winnipeg Thrashers main camp opens up on Monday September 9th at Gateway Arena. The first three nights of our Selection Camp will consist of Inter Squad games allowing you to be evaluated on your ability to compete in game like scenarios and demonstrate the qualities that you are able to bring to our team.

Phase 1 Sessions (Rosters and final schedules for each session will be posted by Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> on the website <http://www.mbaamidjet.ca/page/show/4990045-thrashers?subseason=607608> :



Sept 9/19	Monday	7:15 - 8:15	Gateway Arena (Blue)	Team 1 vs Team 2
		8:30 - 9:30	Gateway Arena (Blue)	Team 3 vs Team 4
Sept 10/19	Tuesday	6:30 - 7:30	Gateway Arena (Red)	Team 1 vs Team 4
		7:45 - 8:45	Gateway Arena (Red)	Team 2 vs Team 3
Sept 11/19	Wednesday	7:45 - 8:45	Gateway Arena (Red)	Team 4 vs Team 2
		9:00 - 10:00	Gateway Arena (Red)	Team 3 vs Team 1

### Phase 2 (Game Situation)

The second phase of our Selection Camp consists of exhibition games vs Winnipeg Wild and Winnipeg Bruins.

These games will assist in determining player aptitude, situation skills, determination, discipline, ice management, system concept understanding and role play.

For Goaltenders, these games will be utilized as a method of assessing physical (balance, quickness, mobility), technical (shot management), situational and mental aspects of the position.

At the end of this phase, player rosters will be moved into the final selection for the U18 Program and many U17 players will be re-assigned to the U17 Program for the remaining evaluations.

### Phase 3 (Final Selection)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final phase will consist of both practice and game evaluations. It is important to keep in mind that all successful sports teams require a diversity of athletes to achieve success. This phase will determine whether players can accept roles and responsibilities to be an integral component of the Thrashers Hockey Club both on and off the ice.

The Coaching staff is very excited about this coming season and look forward to meeting each and every one of you. See you on Monday,

Jim Berezowsky – Thrashers Hockey Club [www.winnipegthrashers.com](http://www.winnipegthrashers.com)