## **OHF Player Movement**



The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) has announced that starting next year, players at the U10 level and above will have freedom of movement across Ontario. The Sarnia-Lambton Jr. Sting AAA (SLJS) welcomes this announcement and looks forward to the positive impact it will have on the future of hockey in the province. By addressing loopholes that some organizations previously used to recruit players from outside their areas, the OHF has established a fair and level playing field for all organizations.

As the premier AAA hockey organization in the area, our program will continue to provide best-in-class opportunities for players and families, regardless of this change. For both current and prospective players, the Sarnia-Lambton Jr. Sting (SLJS) program remains the best pathway to reaching the next level.

Here are some of the benefits of playing AAA hockey in the Sarnia area:

### **Facilities:**

The SLJS Hockey Club competes and practices at the Progressive Auto Sales Arena (PASA), home of the OHL Sarnia Sting, located in Sarnia, Ontario, just minutes from Highway 402. This premier OHL facility not only provides players with access to the same amenities as an OHL team but also offers the unique opportunity to compete against top AAA/Elite teams from Michigan, and across the USA.

## Coaches:

Our experience shows that the best coaches attract and retain the best players. Our association has always allocated increased resources to secure the best coaching at the AAA level, and we are committed to continue investing in the future of our coaching staff at SLIS.

# **Player Development:**

In addition to top-notch coaches, the SLJS program has player development available from Scott Jones, Pro Player Hockey Development. This organization is led by Stanley Cup winning development coach Scott Jones. Currently, Scott is in charge of Skating and Skill Development with the Vegas Golden Knights of the NHL and the Director of Skill and Player Development with Sarnia Sting of the Ontario Hockey League. The Pro Player Hockey Development staff also includes Sarnia Sting OHL coach Alan Letang. <a href="https://www.proplayerhockey.ca/">https://www.proplayerhockey.ca/</a>

#### **Practice Ice Time:**

A practice template gives players/families consistent practice times at the same arena. This includes at least three hours of practices per week.

### **Off Ice Development:**

Strength, conditioning, and performance training are essential components of player development. SLJS is proud to partner with the OHL Sarnia Sting to provide a comprehensive off-ice development program.

# **Player Sponsorship Opportunities:**

The SLJS Sponsorship Program offers families the opportunity to receive financial support, covering up to the full cost of registration. This means a player could potentially participate at no expense. Additionally, Sarnia-Lambton is home to numerous local businesses that actively support youth sports and boast a rich tradition of hockey enthusiasm.

#### Website & Social Media:

The SLIS proudly highlights the achievements of its current and former players through a variety of platforms, ensuring their successes are celebrated and recognized. Our association website serves as a hub for player stories, updates, and accomplishments, while our social media presence extends the reach to a broader audience. With our popular Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook pages, we share engaging content such as game highlights, player milestones, behind-the-scenes moments, and community events, fostering a strong connection with fans, families, and supporters. These platforms also showcase the positive impact of hockey within the community.

This is an exciting time for hockey in Ontario. The Sarnia-Lambton Jr Sting AAA and the Board of Directors are looking forward to what lies ahead.

For further information on the OHF's decision for open borders, check out this link for more info:

https://ohf.on.ca/player-movement/

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