5th annual Kimmett Cup to go in less than a month

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edition of the Kimmett Cup will go Feb. 9-10. (file photo)

Registration has opened for one of the most highly-anticipated annual events in town.

The 15th edition of Kimmett Cup is set to go on February 9-10

Mitford Pond will be a hub of activity during the three-on-three pond hockey tournament in memory of Lindsay Leigh Kimmett.

Reid Kimmett, of the organizing committee, says they've added a fun new element this year for those who have big fundraising goals.

"We're going to have our Calgary Flames alumni program where the top three fundraising teams, as of one week before the event, will have a draft and they can pick one of three Flames alumni to play on their team."

The top team will have the choice to play with Mason Raymond, Cory Sarich or Brent Krahn.

The tournament is open to players of all ages and abilities.

"We have a range of divisions, the lowest division we call it the 'Fun Division' and that that takes all comers. We have people that have never been on skates before, we have four, five and six year-olds playing with their siblings and their parents. So really, our idea with this whole event is for it to be accommodating to everyone, inclusive to everyone."

The event wouldn't be complete without the banquet to wrap it up, Kimmett says this year, they're switching things up.

"It'll be at Half Hitch, so it's a little bit different. We've traditionally done a larger banquet at the Cochrane Lions Event Centre and we thought, let's go to one of our sponsors, a local group and host it at their venue and really it's just kind of a fun way to wrap up the day and award the trophies and really just kind of revel in the spirit of the event as it wraps up."

Organizers have set a fundraising goal of \$150,000 that will go to several local causes.

Money raised from this year's event will go to support the Helping Hands Society of Cochrane & Area, Helping Families Handle Cancer and the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation.

There is still time to sign up to participate, volunteer and donate to the event.