



Hockey Saskatchewan

Board of Director Nominee – Information Package

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My name is Chris Morrison, I am 48 years old and live on an acreage just a few miles outside Saltcoats, SK with my Wife Loni, Sons Alex (18) and Jake (15), and daughter Mila (11). Alex and Jake have played hockey within the Yorkton Minor Hockey system or Sask East. Last season, my oldest son Alex played for the Melville Millionaires as a 3rd year U18 player, and Jake played with the U16AA Sask East Oilers in the SAAHL, which I managed and helped as an assistant coach. Whether the boys played Tier 1 or Tier 2 hockey, I always tried to volunteer and help in some way. As a player, I have about 20+ years of minor or senior hockey experience and around 14 years as a parent. Also enjoy chasing my daughter, Mila, to the Softball diamond, volleyball courts, or dance competitions! I am a Journey person Millwright by trade, and am employed by The Northern Strands Group of Companies from Saskatoon SK, and work in Business development and manage the Esterhazy office warehouse.

I want to represent all minor hockey associations, their boards, coaches, volunteers, parents and players in my geographic area and have a voice from the East Central/parkland region on the Hockey Sask board, I have a strong network of people I have met along the way from all corners of Saskatchewan and feel that is important to have that reach so you can connect and learn what has been successful and what has been a challenge in their areas and implement or duplicate things that have been successful into programs or challenges faced in our area. With the challenging and recent changes to the hockey landscape in the NCAA, CHL, and CJHL level, we are faced with navigating through to understanding the competition for players to leave Minor hockey programs to CCSHL academies or unsanctioned leagues. I am an enthusiastic advocate for positive hockey environments, build them up and not tear them down, and have a strong understanding that mistakes are made, and you need to learn from them. I want to contribute as a board member of Hockey Sask and assist in setting the Governance and Policies in place to ensure the management has the tools, resources, and understands the voices and messages from the Rural communities and Grassroots players and parents, to ensure we are leading, developing and promoting a positive hockey experience for all.

PROVINCIAL LEADER IN SPORT EXCELLENCE.



Additional information

- Lifetime Saskatchewan resident
- Grassroots hockey experience through playing minor hockey as a goalie in Saltcoats and Churchbridge. I played senior Hockey and was a goalie for Saltcoats Laketowners and played defense for the Bredenbury Cougars, learning a lot along the way. When we had children, I started with YMH coaching, managing, and volunteering for both Tier 2 and Tier 1 levels.
- Active contributor to minor hockey and development programs in the Parkland Region.
- 2020-2021 Al Harrison Memorial Volunteer of the Year award recipient
- Passionate about continuing to grow and protect the future of hockey in Saskatchewan through good governance and community collaboration.
- Proven leader with over 14 years of involvement in minor Tier 1 and 2 hockey programs for YHM and Sask East.
- Extensive experience in team management, volunteer coordination, and organizational and Board governance.
- Strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing grassroots to elite-level hockey in Saskatchewan.
- Involved in the development of athletes, coaches, and the long-term growth of the sport.
- Committed to transparency, fairness, and ensuring the game remains inclusive and accessible for all participants.
- Believe in the power of sport to build character, community, and lifelong friendships.
- Seeking to serve on the Hockey Saskatchewan Board to bring my leadership, hockey knowledge, and governance mindset to a broader provincial stage, and to stay involved for the future, and my son will be wrapping up Minor hockey in 2 short years

Hockey & Board experience and Information:

Manager / Head Coach / Assistant Coach

U7 to U9 / U13AA assistant coach and manager/ U15AA Manager / u13A and U15 A provincial team head coach and Manager/ U16AA Manager and Assistant Coach

Board Member / Committee Member

- Yorkton Minor – last 3 years as Tier 1 Director Years Active: 2020 – present



Board Member Sask East Oilers Years Active: 2023 – 2025

One of the founding board members of the Sask East Oilers

- Yorkton Maulers- YMH Liaison – Board Member / Fundraising Committee Active: 2023 – present
- Board Chairperson Saltcoats Minor Sports - Baseball and Rink management Years Active: 2011 – present
- Saltcoats ball Diamond Improvement committee Volunteer – fundraising and working on ball diamonds.
- Government of Sask – IMM trade board Member(Industrial Mechanic Millwright)
Years Active: 2017 – 2025

Attend in-person and virtual meetings

Trade Board Curriculum and Examination Development

Worked with the Federal Government RSOS Canadian Standards team to develop harmonization and red seal occupational standards

- Former president of the SESBL men's Baseball League – 2-year term.

1. What should be a priority for Hockey Sask to positively influence grassroots hockey in Saskatchewan?

- Strengthen coach recruitment, retention, and development at the grassroots level.
- Create consistent standards and support across urban and rural communities.
- Continue investing in inclusive programming (e.g., First Shift, female hockey, Indigenous participation).
- Improve transparency and communication between Hockey Sask and local associations.
- Support small-town associations with resources and advocacy to remain sustainable.

2. What experiences or competencies do you have that will add direct value to the Policy Governance Board of Hockey Saskatchewan?

- Over 13 years of experience in minor hockey coaching and team operations.
- Volunteer committee work, including Saltcoats Minor Sports, YMH, Sask East, and the U18AAA Yorkton Kinsmen Maulers
- Strong familiarity with policy-based governance structures and risk-based decision making.
- Proven ability to collaborate and communicate across different levels of hockey.



- Professionally experienced in operations and project management—understand how to balance vision with execution.
- Networking and communications skills, general pleasure in talking with people
- Non-profit and profit-based board experience

3. What is your current or recent experience with hockey in Saskatchewan?

- Manager / Assistant Coach of U16AA Sask East & other YMH teams (past and present).
- Sask East, YMH, and Yorkton Maulers Board member.
- Involved in league operations /meetings, tryout coordination, and team selection processes.

4. What do you do with your spare time (away from the rink)?

- Spend time with family and kids, often at the ball field, rink, dance studio, golf course, or fishing hole
- Volunteer with local sports boards and town recreation projects.
- Enjoy outdoor activities like fishing, Golf, Hiking, coaching youth ball, Antiques, and working on acreage
- Support local community initiatives