



# HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

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## Membership Virtual Meeting

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December 12, 2023

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# Agenda

- **Hockey Canada**
  - Playing Rule Amendments for 2024/25
- **Hockey Saskatchewan**
  - AGM Change to August
  - Neck Guards
  - MHA Matching Grant Program for 2023/24
  - Hockey Day in Saskatchewan
  - Culture & Inclusion: Our Values
- **Community Rink Affordability Grant Program**
- **Registration**
  - Provincial Playoffs
- **Officiating Programs**
- **Coaching Programs**
- **Development Programs**
- **Sask First**
- **Other**

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# Hockey Canada

## Hockey Canada

### Playing Rule Amendments for 2024/25

At the Hockey Canada AGM there will be several Playing Rule amendments presented and voted on by the Member Branches. Following the meeting we will be able to provide a summary of the amendments that were approved and will take effect in the 2024/25 season.

There were several “housekeeping” type of amendments approved however beginning next season in Minor Hockey, twenty (20) players may be dressed per game as opposed to (19). This means in all of hockey from Minor through Junior to Senior, twenty (20) players may be dressed per game.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Annual General Meeting

The Hockey Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting is being moved to early August from the traditional June timeframe.

This provides more time to prepare and distribute the Audited Financial Statement of the previous year.

When new Directors are elected to the Board it allows them to immediately get involved within the Board of Directors as opposed to traditionally seeing a four to five week “down time” over the summer.

The change still complies with ISC Compliance and Sask Sport guidelines to carry out a AGM within four months of year end.

The date will be Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm and will be held virtually.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Neck Guards

The Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors have approved a motion that requires all on-ice Officials to wear a BNQ certified neck guard when working in any league that requires players to wear neck guards.

This was effective as of Monday, November 20, 2023.

Notification was sent to all Officials immediately following the November Virtual Call.

This applies to all officials working the following:

- All Minor Coed and Female Hockey Games
- All Female Junior Hockey League Games
- All SJHL Hockey League Games

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Neck Guards (Continued)

Hockey Saskatchewan, MHA's, participants (players and Officials), parents and coaches need to take ownership of this requirement.

A reminder will be sent to all officials after this meeting that the grace period for obtaining and wearing neck guards is over and they are required.

In addition, teams need to be aware of the consequences of them falling off or not being worn properly by players.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Neck Guards (Continued) – For Reference

### Hockey Canada Playing Rules

**3.6 (d)** If the helmet, facial protector, or throat protector of a player comes off while play is in progress, the player will replace the piece of equipment (properly fastened) or will proceed to the Players' Bench for a substitution. If the player participates in play in any manner without that piece of equipment, play must be stopped immediately, and the player penalized under Rule **10.6 (a)** – Illegal Equipment.

Note 1: In the case of a player whose neck guard has come off, officials should make every effort to alert the player to this fact and direct them off the ice. If the player does not comply, then they must be penalized.

**3.6 (f)** If a player is wearing a helmet, facial protector, mouth guard or throat protector improperly, or wearing an uncertified piece of equipment, the Referee will penalize the offending player under Rule 10.6 – Illegal Equipment.

Note 1: The Referee is empowered to make the call without their attention being drawn by an opposing player or team official.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Neck Guards (Continued) – For Reference

**10.6 (d)** After one warning to the team, a Misconduct penalty will be assessed to any player who wears their helmet, facial protector, neck guard, or mouth guard improperly (Rule 3.6 (f) – Protective Equipment).

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## MHA Matching Grant Program – 2023/24

The Board of Directors have approved a MHA Matching Grant Program for the 2023/24 season in support of MHA's across the Province.

Support will be provided with the expense of hiring Power Skating Instructors or to have a local person trained to be a Power Skating Instructor to assist in Player Development with a matching grant of up to \$1,000.00.

One application per MHA will be accepted and the MHA must match the Grant received. The online application access will be made available October 15, 2023.

<https://hockeysask.ca/news/listing/hockey-saskatchewan-mha-matching-grant-program-returns-to-boost-skater-development>

Power Skating services must be targeted towards the U7 to U13 age groups within an MHA and must have occurred from September 2023 to December 2023.

Power Skating Certification must be obtained by December 31, 2023. Online Applications to be received between December 1, 2023, and February 28, 2024

Power Skating instructors must possess the following certification in order for an MHA to qualify for the Matching Grant.

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## Required Training

1. Respect in Sport Activity Leader + one of the 5 designations below
  - a) Hockey Canada Certified Skills Coach (Level 3)
  - b) Hockey Saskatchewan Licensee
  - c) CanPower Skate - Delivered by Skate Canada
  - d) Hockey Saskatchewan Skills Coach Level 2 – Was held June 16 – 17 in Saskatoon
  - e) Hockey Sask Skating Coach – Two Clinics held August 13 in Saskatoon and October 29 in Caronport

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The following communities have received Matching Grants to date:

Minor Hockey Association	Amount (\$)
Carievale Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Cudworth Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Frontier Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Lampman Minor Hockey	\$1000.00
Luseland Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Melville Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Moose Jaw Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Turtleford Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Torquay Minor Hockey	\$751.45
Whitewood Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
	\$9,751.45

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## Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

Kinistino will serve as the Host of the 2024 Hockey Day in Saskatchewan event that will be held the weekend of January 19 – 21, 2024.

- The rotation is as follows:
  - 2024/25      Zone 4      Call for Applications will be made with an April 1 deadline. Reminder that the successful community must have a rink project planned.
  - 2025/26      Zone 3
  - 2026/27      Zone 7
  - 2027/28      Zone 1
  - 2028/29      Zone 5
  - 2029/30      Zone 8

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# Hockey Saskatchewan – Culture & Inclusion

What we value

**FUN**  
**SAFETY**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**INCLUSIVITY**  
**RESPECT**  
**PASSION**



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# Hockey Saskatchewan

Hockey Saskatchewan Suspension Casebook

<https://hockeysask.ca/members/suspensions>

Hockey Saskatchewan Affiliations Casebook

<https://hockeysask.ca/members/affiliations>

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Provincial Registration Timeline:

- Deadline for Provincial Rosters to be completed and submitted back to Hockey Saskatchewan by the following dates:
  - Female U13 – December 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Minor – December 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Senior – December 30<sup>th</sup>
- All Provincial rosters will then be reviewed and approved after those deadlines (if there are any issues with a provincial roster, the team contact will be contacted directly from HS).
- All Provincial Draws will then be made and approved by the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors in early January.
- All Provincial packages will be emailed to each Team Contact shortly thereafter

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Provincial Team Orientation Meetings:

Hockey Saskatchewan will host Orientation Meetings via Zoom with all Provincial Teams on the following dates:

- Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 pm – U13
- Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30 pm – U18
- Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm – U15
- Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm – Senior

## Maltreatment Infractions

As of December 7, there have been 61 Maltreatment calls/allegations.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Provincial Playoff Coaching Certification Reminder

This is a reminder of the new Regulation that was put in place last spring for team officials of teams entered in Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs

### **Regulation 6.06.01 k)**

**“All Team Officials registered on a Provincial Team Roster must have the appropriate Team Official/Coaching certification/requirements.”**

Therefore, if a Team Official is registered as an Assistant Coach of a U13 team and does not have the proper coaching certification or Respect in Sport as an example, they will be deemed ineligible to participate with the team during Provincial Playoffs.

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# Community Rink Affordability Grant Program

Skating and curling rinks are integral to the creation of vibrant, active, and connected communities in Saskatchewan. These facilities play a critical role in health and wellness, at a time when that has never been more important. Recognizing the escalating operating costs communities and organizations face, SPRA has partnered with the Government of Saskatchewan to offer the Community Rink Affordability Grant.

A maximum of \$2,500 will be available per ice surface to help offset the expenses in eligible indoor skating and curling rinks for the 2023-2024 operating season



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and Recreation  
Association**

## HOW TO APPLY

- Apply Here: [Online Portal](#)
- Inquiries and Support: [crag@spra.sk.ca](mailto:crag@spra.sk.ca)
- Eligibility Information: [Download](#)

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# Officiating Programs

## Official's Registration and Certification Deadline is coming up

Deadline to have completed everything required is **December 31, 2023**.

Officials who have not completed their certification requirements by that date will not be certified and insured and can not work games.

To confirm your local official's certification please see review the master list here:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NPjP5yhpO2wYr9wgzEQ\\_hF6Ilk4k1ldz7qAYrH\\_SnbQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NPjP5yhpO2wYr9wgzEQ_hF6Ilk4k1ldz7qAYrH_SnbQ/edit?usp=sharing)

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# Officiating Programs

## Indigenous Officials Rebate

Indigenous officials can apply for a rebate of their official registration fees through the Sask Sport Indigenous Official Coach Program.

To qualify for this rebate, you must adhere to the following:

1. Officiate a minimum of seven (7) games during the 2023-24 season
2. Complete the [ICOP Hockey Officials Rebate Application](#)
3. Submit the completed form to Sask Sport's Randi Keshane via email ([rkeshane@sasksport.ca](mailto:rkeshane@sasksport.ca))

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# Officiating Programs

## Thanks Stripes Weekend

We ask that all minor hockey associations, leagues and teams take time to acknowledge the officials during **Thanks Stripes January 12-14, 2024**. This may include small gifts or tabs at the canteen, social media presence, admission to games in your community, award presentations, PA announcement or whatever works for your organization.

Once details are confirmed please send the details to [AustinP@hockeysask.ca](mailto:AustinP@hockeysask.ca) and we will post the full list on our website again this year here: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/thanks-stripes>

## Western Canada Officiating Development Videos

The latest episode for officials was released last week. Please encourage all your officials to watch the development video series as they are released to help with development and pointers for officials throughout the season. These videos can be found on the Hockey Sask website here: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/resources>

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## Coaching Program

Coaching Clinics are available until **December 20<sup>th</sup>**, please visit the following link for clinic locations and details

<https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/clinics>

**Para Coach 2 Level Clinic** is being held **December 17, 2023**, in **Outlook**. The details are within the Coaching Clinic link above under Coach 2 Level

**U7 Mentorship visits are happening! Contact** Blaine Stork if you have someone interested in becoming a mentor in your MHA or Region.

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# Grassroots Programming

## Developing Defensemen PD Camp Location/Dates and Registration

<https://hockeysask.ca/players/development-programs/developing-defencemen>

Rosetown -	January 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Saskatoon -	January 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Langenburg -	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Goaltender PD Location/Dates and Registration

<https://hockeysask.ca/players/development-programs/goaltending>

Maple Creek -	January 5 <sup>th</sup>
Regina -	January 5 <sup>th</sup>
Langenburg -	January 31 <sup>st</sup>

**\*All Of The Sessions Will Be Run During The Day\***

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## Sask First

**Registration** is now open for all players and coaches for Sask First Programming for this year.

Attendance at the Male U15 Regional camps were 192 in the North and 147 in the south for a total of 339

### Sask First Program Dates

December 28 – 30, 2023	Male U15 (2009) Top 160 Tournament	Regina
February 1 – 5, 2024	Male U18 (2006, 07, 08) Regional Camps	Lumsden, Aberdeen
	Female U18 (2007, 2008) Provincial Camp	Southey
	Female U16 (2009, 2010) Regional Camps	Pense, Dalmeny
February 16 – 18, 2024	Male U15 (2009) Top 80	Balgonie
April 5 – 7, 2024	Female U16 (2009, 2010) Top 136	Regina
April 12 – 14, 2024	Female U18 (2007, 2008) Top 80	Balgonie
April 12 – 14, 2024	Male U18 (2006, 07, 08) Top 160	Regina

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# Sask First

**Team Saskatchewan Para Team Try Out Camp**

December 17, 2023

**Outlook**

**National Championship**

May 16 – 19, 2024

**Port Colborne, Ontario**

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## Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs 50-50

The **Provincial Playoffs 50/50** will feature five (5) raffle rounds that end on specific dates that correspond with the final date of each round of playoffs.

In addition to the five (5) cash prizes, the raffle will offer ten (10) non-monetary prizes donated by sponsors and community partners. A total of two (2) “Early-Bird” prize draws will take place each Friday during the raffle rounds.

Proceeds from the Provincial Playoffs 50/50 will support the MHA Matching Grant Program for future seasons.



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# Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs 50-50



## RAFFLE ROUND #1

- Sales Open Tuesday, Jan. 23
  - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #1: Friday, Jan. 26
  - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #2: Friday, Feb. 2
  - 3. Cash Prize Draw #1: Monday, Feb. 5

## RAFFLE ROUND #2

- Sales Open Tuesday, Feb. 6
  - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #3: Friday, Feb. 9
  - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #4: Friday, Feb. 16
  - 3. Cash Prize Draw #2: Monday, Feb. 19

## RAFFLE ROUND #3

- Sales Open Tuesday, Feb. 20
  - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #5: Friday, Feb. 23
  - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #6: Friday, Mar. 1
  - 3. Cash Prize Draw #3: Monday, Mar. 4

## RAFFLE ROUND #4

- Sales Open Tuesday, Mar. 5
  - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #7: Friday, Mar. 8
  - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #8: Friday, Mar. 15
  - 3. Cash Prize Draw #4: Monday, Mar. 18

## RAFFLE ROUND #5

- Sales Open Tuesday, Mar. 19
  - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #9: Friday, Mar. 22
  - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #10: Friday, Mar. 29
  - 3. Cash Prize Draw #5: Monday, Apr. 1

**\*All draws will be conducted at 9:00 PM (SK TIME)\***

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