



HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

Membership Virtual Meeting

May 9, 2023

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Agenda

- **Hockey Canada**
 - Hockey Canada Insurance Fees – Increase for the 2023/24 season/Hockey Saskatchewan Per Participant Fee
- **Hockey Saskatchewan**
 - Hockey Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting
 - Proposed Bylaws Amendments/Nominating Committee
 - Summary of Regulation Changes
 - MHA Matching Grant Program for 2023/24
 - AAA/AA Committee Update
- **Registration**
 - Provincial Playoff Registration Process - Amendment
- **Coaching Programs**
- **Development Programs**
- **Hockey Day in Saskatchewan**
- **Other**

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Hockey Canada

Hockey Canada Insurance Rates

Over the past year Hockey Canada has been negotiating for new rates on the various Insurance Policies they have for the entire membership and in which fees collected by Hockey Saskatchewan are paid to Hockey Canada. The following are proposed rates for the 2023/24 season that must still be approved by the Members of Hockey Canada.

This is to give Hockey Saskatchewan Members notice that there will be an increase in the per participant rate charged for the 2023/24 season.

It is important to note that Hockey Canada has been subsidizing increases over the past 8 – 10 years through an Insurance Rate Stabilization “pillar” that surpluses from International Events were placed into however with what has occurred over the past year Nationally, Hockey Canada still has their Sport Canada funding frozen and due to that most of their sponsors have withheld funds awaiting to hear what Sport Canada will do.

The independent forensic Audit of Hockey Canada finances by Sport Canada found that the \$3 Membership Fee charged by Hockey Canada was not used in the settlement of any lawsuits.

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- Hockey Canada Insurance Rates

	Current Fees Charged	Projected Fees	Variance
National Equity Fund			
Liability	8.90	11.58	(2.68)
Directors & Officers	2.00	5.44	(3.44)
Safety/Admin	2.75	2.18	0.57
Total Premium	\$13.65	\$19.20	(\$5.55)
Health Benefit Trust			
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	5.15	4.62	0.53
Major Medical Dental	2.00	2.15	(0.15)
Other	0.0	0.76	(0.76)
Total Program Costs	\$7.15	\$7.53	(\$0.38)
Total	\$20.80	\$26.73	(\$5.93)

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As a result, the Hockey Saskatchewan Per Participant fee will rise from the current **\$48 to \$54.**

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The Hockey Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Official notice of the AGM along with support material and how to register for the event will be forwarded to the Membership on May 19, 2023

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Hockey Saskatchewan Proposed Bylaws (These were reported in the February and March Virtual Call)

At the AGM in June 2022 there were amendments approved by the membership to the structure of the Board of Directors. The Amendments were:

- 1) Block voting by the Board of Directors
- 2) Board Structure from 7 Officers and 16 Directors to 9 Directors
- 3) Informational Motion regarding further changes would be required with the approval of #1 and #2.

As a result, it required several amendments to be made.

The document forwarded to you with the proposed wording of the Bylaws as a result of the motions approved has been developed by the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors.

We ask that you review the document and if you have any questions to please forward them along to myself.

There will be a formal notice of motion provided to the entire membership with the call of the AGM asking for the Bylaws to be approved as presented within the amended version.

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- Highlights of the Amendments Made

2.01.01 DEFINITION

Removed definition numbering and a few additions to the definitions

2.03.04 VOTING

Added for clarity only:

“Each Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Director is entitled to cast an individual vote **for all elections** involving the Board of Directors. The block voting does **NOT** apply to any elections “

- Also added:
- e) Remote Participation / Meetings
 - i) Any person entitled to attend a meeting of Members may participate in the meeting remotely by the use of technology as approved by the Board. A person so participating in a meeting is deemed to be present at the meeting.
 - ii) The Board may determine that an entire meeting be held remotely by the use of technology that permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

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Bylaw 5 Board of Directors

- 2.05.02 Terms of Reference

a) Removed Chair does not vote at Board meetings except to break a tie

Added:

g) The Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors are also the Board of Directors for the Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame

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2.05.03 – Board Structure

Added gender representation:

a) The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) Directors of which not more than two-third (2/3) are of the same gender. (6 of 9 is max. for one gender)

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Removed old 2.05.04 Officers – as we do not have Officers within new Board structure

- 2.05.04 – Directors

Changed old “Zone Directors” to ‘Directors’ and updated the section to reflect current Board Structure

Board of Directors Election – Timelines:

- **90 days prior to AGM – Nominations Open (2023 AGM to be held virtually Tuesday, June 20)**
- **60 days prior to AGM – Nomination Close**
- **30 Days prior to AGM – Candidates Declared**
- **AGM – Board of Director Elections**

- 2.05.05 – Chairperson of the Board Added eligibility requirements for Chair
- 2.05.06 – Chairperson Duties & Responsibilities
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Added:

- Appoint individuals for Board approval to all Committees & Task Teams as required
- Is a full voting member of the Board of Directors.

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Added:

2.05.07 Committees & Task Teams

- All Committees & Task Teams members must be approved by the Board of Directors
 - a) Governance
 - b) Finance/Audit
 - c) Nominating
- **Removed old Bylaw 7 completely** Custody and Use of Seal – no longer relevant

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Nominating Committee

- *New this year for Hockey Saskatchewan*

The ***arms-length*** Nominating Committee is responsible for ensuring, on a continuing basis, that the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors is composed of qualified and skilled persons capable of, and committed to, providing effective governance leadership to Hockey Saskatchewan.

- All 5 committee members are appointed and ***approved by the Board of Directors***

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Reporting:

The Nominating Committee reports to the Chair of the Board. The Board of Directors are engaged for process and reference but are not involved with any candidate evaluations.

Hockey Saskatchewan 2022/2023 Nominating Committee:

Al Hubbs
Lianne King
Wayne Nogier
Joe Cey
Mary Anne Veroba

Indian Head
Moose Jaw
Melfort
Wilkie
Lampman

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Key Duties:

- Annual assessment of current Board member's knowledge, skills & abilities
- Create & utilize a Board approved skills matrix to identify existing and desired skills & competencies required for Board members.
- Identify & recruit qualified individuals to stand for election as Directors
- Accept nominations of qualified individuals from Members
- **Promote a regional balance** in the composition of the Board by recruiting candidates from different regions of the province
- **Promote diversity** of Board members including each members' personal experiences & perspectives
- Oversee all aspects of the election procedures leading up to and at the Annual Meeting of Members, including identifying and enforcing timelines and any other administrative requirements
- Such additional duties as may be delegated to the Committee by the Board from time to time

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Regulation Changes

Amendments to the Regulations that were approved by the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors have been circulated to the membership and posted on the Hockey Saskatchewan Website.

A summary of the changes are as follows:

- Regulation 3.06.04 is new. It is related to the rates to be paid to Officials throughout the entire province. It was felt that there had to be consistency in the rates being paid and this Regulation clearly outlines those rates. In addition, it addressed items such as the length of games; the caliber of play, etc.
- There were changes to the timing of when Rosters for Provincial Playoffs can be challenged. It is not an official protest however all challenges to the eligibility of a player on a Provincial roster must be completed by January 20. Following this date there are no more challenges to the eligibility of a player on the roster. In addition, in Minor Hockey, when the rosters are distributed to all teams in the draw, they will no longer include the players names or birthdates to protect all individual's privacy. The last location/street address and the center/non-center information will be all that is circulated. All Provincial rosters will be completed through an online method beginning in the 2023/24 season.

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Regulation Changes (Continued)

- For Senior Hockey there is now a new player designation, that of a U18 Exception. This player is one whose parents resided in a city during their last year of Minor Hockey and was never registered on a team U18 AAA and higher. Senior Teams can now register three of these players without claiming the cities population.
- In all of Hockey, once a player is listed as an affiliated, they cannot be released as an affiliate from that team for that season unless first released from the team that they are currently are registered on. This is now aligning our regulations with the Hockey Canada Regulations which when using the HCR will not allow for the movement of affiliates.
- In Senior Hockey, Teams registered in B, C and D are only allowed to add three players to their League Roster in order to participate in Provincial Playoffs. If they wish to add more then they must enter the “A” category.
- There were Regulations included to address the created Female Junior League; the governance of Para Hockey by Hockey Saskatchewan; and to address the creation of a Minor AA 15-year-old League.
- All Team Officials registered on a Provincial Team Roster must have the appropriate Team Official/Coaching certification/requirements in order to participate. This must be completed at the time of registering the team for Provincial by the deadline dates for Minor/Female.

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- **Regulation Changes (Continued)**
 - **All Coaching Certification must now be obtained by December 20th of the current season.**
 - All Assistant Coaches for all U18 AA teams must have the Development 1 coaching certification.
 - Anyone requiring Respect in Sport (all team officials over 16 and all Officials over 16) must complete a re-certification every five years. There is no expense to taking the Respect in Sport program as Sask Sport covers that cost for all sports in the province.

If anyone has any questions regarding any of the amendments made, please contact Kelly or Derek Derow in the Hockey Saskatchewan Office.

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MHA Matching Grant Program – 2023/24

The Board of Directors have approved another 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.

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 a MHA to qualify for the Matching Grant.

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Required Training

1. Respect in Sport Activity Leader

Plus one of the 5 designations below

a) Hockey Canada Certified Skills Coach (Level 3)

- Delivered by Hockey Canada
- Topics include: Skating, Skills, Defenseman, Shooting & Scoring,
- Hockey Network APP training
- Application process to attend, hosted biannually by Hockey Canada

b) Hockey Saskatchewan Licensee

- Recognized by Hockey Saskatchewan in these categories: power skating, skills, Power Skating, skills, checking, developing defenseman, goaltending.
- Attend a Hockey Sask Professional Development Training Session

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c) CanPower Skate - Delivered by Skate Canada

- Saskatchewan, September 2023 training date

d) Hockey Saskatchewan Skills Coach Level 2 – June 16 – 17 in Saskatoon

- Hockey Canada courses in Skating 2, Skills 2, Shooting & Scoring 2 & Developing Defenseman 2 –
- Delivered by Hockey SK & certified Hockey Canada Skills Coaches –
- Targeted hosting date is in June, to be finalized

e) Hockey Sask Skating Coach – August 13 in Saskatoon

- This is a new initiative and is still in development.
- Course material is from Hockey Canada; Skating 1a, Skating 1 & Skating 2
- Ice sessions to target; edges, striding & transitions.
- Additional Class sessions include: use of technology, skill progressions, skill analysis
- 10 Lesson plans are being developed for attendees.
- Targeted delivery date is August 2023

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Hockey Saskatchewan AAA/AA Review Committee Update

The following are changes made for the upcoming season.

- Creation of the Provincial Female Junior League with six teams approved (Regina, Lumsden, Swift Current/Gull Lake, Kindersley, Outlook and Saskatoon).
- Provincial Female League
 - : Addition of second U13 AA team in Saskatoon and two U13 AA teams in Regina.
 - : Addition of second U15 AA teams in Regina and Saskatoon along with teams in Western Prairie (Rosetown) and Parkland (Melville).
 - : Creation of an eight team AA 15-year-old League (Weyburn, Moose Jaw, Regina, Melville, Saskatoon, Martensville, Prince Albert and North Battleford).
 - : Reduction of the U18 AA League to 22 teams.

The Committee will complete a review of Male Programming in the upcoming season.

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Officiating Programs

Official Clinics

- Applications are open to host Level 1 Official Clinics.
- Clinics will be in person for Level 1 officials (15 and Under) plus an ice session.

Contact AustinP@hockeysask.ca to inquire.

Each minor hockey association should have already received the link to apply.

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Coaching Program

Development 1 Clinics

- There will be a Development 1 Clinic held August 26/27 in Warman to encourage those who require this certification to attend a clinic prior to the season. Registration will open June 30th.
- The remainder of clinic dates and locations will be posted on June 30th.

Hockey Saskatchewan Power Skating 1

- This clinic will be hosted in Saskatoon on August 13th. People attending this clinic will have the designation to be eligible for the MHA Matching Grant Program in support of Power Skating instruction for kids U7 to U13.
- Registration for this clinic opens May 30th.

MHA application to host coaching clinics were sent out April 15; it will remain open until May 31.

- These clinics are available to host: Coach 1 Intro, Coach 2 Level, Checking, Goaltending & Development 1.

U7 Mentors

- Hockey Saskatchewan is recruiting Mentors of the U7 Mentorship Program – Please contact Blaine Stork

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Grassroots Programming

Skills 2 Coaching/Instructors Clinic

June 16 – 17 in Saskatoon at the Merlis Belsher Arena

The cost is \$50.00 to register at

<https://register.hockeycanada.ca/clinic-details/1edeac1c-8637-68ce-a27b-06bba40fa00c>

The four areas addressed are:

- Skating 2
- Skills 2
- Shooting and Scoring 2
- Developing Defensemen 2

Goalie 2

June 18 in Saskatoon at the Merlis Belsher Arena

The cost is \$25.00

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Grassroots Programming

Hockey Sask Power Skating Coach Clinic

Will be held August 13 in Saskatoon at the Merlis Belsher Arena.

There will be no cost to attend.

Registration will be open June 1. Visit the Hockey Saskatchewan website.

People completing this clinic will have the requirements to meet the Hockey Saskatchewan Matching Grant program for Power Skating Instruction.

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Sask First

Sask First Dates and Locations for the 2023/24 Season

- November 30 -December 4, 2023 – Male U15 (2009) Sask First Regional Camps Male Lumsden & Aberdeen, Sk.
- December 28-30, 2023 – Male U15 (2009) Sask First Top 160 Tournament – Regina, Sk.
- February 1-5, 2024 – Male U18 (2006, 2007, 2008) Sask First Regional Camps Male Lumsden & Aberdeen, Sk.
- February 1-5, 2024 – Female U18 (2007/2008) Sask First Provincial Camp Female Southey, Sk.
- February 1-5, 2024 –Female U16 (2009/2010) Sask First Regional Camps Female Pense & Dalmeny, Sk.
- February 16-18, 2024 – Male U15 (2009) Sask First Top 80 Tournament Balgonie, Sk.
- April 5-7, 2024 – Sask First Female U16 (2009/2010) Top 136 Tournament – Regina, Sk.
- April 12-14, 2024 – Sask First Female U18 (2007/2008) Top 80 Tournament – Balgonie, Sk.
- April 12-14, 2024– Sask First Male U18 (2006, 2007, 2008) Top 160 Tournament – Regina, Sk.

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World Para Ice Hockey Championships

Moose Jaw Events Centre

- Moose Jaw, SK
- May 28 – June 4, 2023

Full-Event Package (20 Games)	\$99.00 (Plus Taxes/Fees)
Championship Package (8 Games)	\$105.00 (Plus Taxes/Fees)
Team Canada Package (3 Games)	\$45.00 (Plus Taxes/Fees)
Single Game Tickets ON SALE NOW!	\$15.00 (Plus Taxes/Fees)

Link: <https://hc.hockey/23WPHCTicketsT>



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Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame

Induction Dinner

Will be hosted in **Meadow Lake** at the Meadow Lake Golf Club on **Friday, August 25, 2023**.

The inductees are as follows;

Player Category:

- Jeff Friesen
- Wade Redden
- Ron Greschner

Builder/Grassroots Category:

- King family (Dayna King, D.J. King, Dwight King and Danene Kopperud)

Official Category:

- Mark Wheler

Team Category:

- 2005-06/2007-08 Meadow Lake Stampede

Tickets ranging from \$50.00 (Individual) to \$350.00 (Table of 8), plus applicable fees, are available for purchase [HERE](#). Tickets can also be purchased at the Meadow Lake Aquatic Centre located at 615 Centre Street.



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