



HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

Membership Virtual Meeting

September 12, 2023

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Agenda

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- **Hockey Saskatchewan**
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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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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 an 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

d) Hockey Saskatchewan Skills Coach Level 2 – Was held 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 – October 29 in Caronport (First Clinic held August 13 in Saskatoon)

- 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.

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Hockey Saskatchewan AAA/AA Review Committee Update

The following are changes were 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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Registration

- **Registration Process**
 - Forms
 - Payment
 - Deadlines
 - HCR Rostering
- **Website Members Tab (MHA Toolbox)**
 - New Look
 - No more Portal
 - Locked forms
- **New Casebooks for Affiliation and Suspensions**

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Officiating Programs

1. Official's Registration is Open

- This needs to be reviewed and shared with all you local officials as the requirements for all levels and ages is laid out on the website here. Please review so you can mange inquires on your end.
- Notes: **All officials 15 and under will need to attend a classroom and ice session.**
- Everyone must make the registration payment and prerequisites prior to signing up for a clinic.
- All new officials must complete the Hockey University Course.
- Intermediate and senior officials will do online modules and virtual clinics.
- Again, clearly laid out step by step instructions list here:

<https://hockeysask.ca/officials/registration>

2. Watch for Clinic and recruitment poster, recruitment video and Facebook ads will be share shortly. Please make the most of these things and help spread the word to recruit officials.

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Officiating Programs

3. New Provincial Assigning Structure

- A new assigning structure has been created and includes 9 assignors hired by Hockey Saskatchewan to assign Male U15AA, AA15, U18AA, Academy, U18AAA, Jr. C, Jr. B, Jr. A, Senior, Post-secondary officials as well as Female U18AAA, Junior and University.
- Any officials who should be considered for these opportunities need the local referee person, whether that is the assignor, RIC, senior official, whomever, to advocate for them and share their name and information so we can add them to our Arbiter assigning program.

4. Hockey Saskatchewan Game Fees, Mileage Rate and Ride Along Fees

- As mentioned earlier these are regulations, not recommendations and were created to create consistency throughout the province.
- <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/resources/officiating---officials-rates>



Officiating Programs

5. Local MHA Officiating Contact

- Finally, we need to ensure that each location indicates who the local officiating contact is. These have not been updated for a few years and made it difficult to schedule clinics and confirm official's certification last season and need Minor Hockey Associations to take ownership of their officiating programs and communication and support provided.
- Please ensure your Officiating Contact is listed on the MHA Registration Form and includes the names and contact information for all individuals on your Board and their roles.



Coaching Program

All clinics are open, visit the Hockey Sask clinic page at

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

Reminder that U18AA assistant coaches require Development 1, clinic dates are posted

<https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/clinics/coaching---development-1-on-ice-clinic-dates>

Second Hockey Sask Power Skating clinic is October 29 in Caronport,

<https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/clinics/power-skating-coach-level-1>

U7 Mentors, always recruiting people to help with Mentorship

<https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/coach-mentorship-program>

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Grassroots Programming

Developing Defensemen PD Camp Location/Dates and Registration

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

Goaltender PD Location/Dates and Registration is Coming Soon! Camps will begin in November and hope to have a link up next week.

U7/U9 Request to Host Forms are located within the MHA Toolbox on the Website under Events – Dates are Filling Up Fast!!

<https://hockeysask.ca/members/mha-toolbox>

Female Festival Locations/Dates

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

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Cross-Ice Jamborees – SaskMilk Program

Through Hockey Saskatchewan's partnership with SaskMilk, all Under-7 Cross-Ice Jamboree hosts can purchase dairy products such as chocolate milk for their event participants and receive reimbursement up to a maximum amount of \$100.00 (after tax).

To qualify for reimbursement, please submit proof of purchase (photo of receipt) to Matt Miller using the post-event form that is emailed to each event host. We also encourage posting on social media or sending in photos post-event so we can further promote this initiative! 😊

***Please note that the cheque will be sent to and made payable to the **MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION** directly and will be sent from SaskMilk.*



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Sask First

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

Sask First Program Dates

November 30 – December 4, 2023	Male U15 (2009) Regional Camps	Lumsden, Aberdeen
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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Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

- **Hockey Day in Saskatchewan**

Kinistino will serve as the Host of the 2024 Hockey Day in Saskatchewan event that was 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.
- 2025/26 Zone 3
- 2026/27 Zone 7
- 2027/28 Zone 1
- 2028/29 Zone 5
- 2029/30 Zone 8

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