

Hello members of Hockey Saskatchewan,

My name is Jeremy Trask, and I am excited to let my name stand as a candidate for the Hockey Saskatchewan Board.

What is your current or recent involvement with hockey in Saskatchewan?

My current involvement as a Parent of Jadah Trask who played U18A Rebels in Regina last year. I coach hockey most years in some capacity, this past year I was an assistant coach on the U18A. I still play recreational hockey with my son and friends, regularly throughout the year for social fun and exercise. As well recently, I was a member of the board of regents at Athol Murray College of Notre Dame. This was not a direct hockey role but did have many hockey elements, such as hiring a hockey director and making high level decisions around the programming.

What do you think should be a priority for Hockey Saskatchewan to positively influence grassroots hockey within Saskatchewan?

To positively influence grassroots hockey in Saskatchewan, Hockey Saskatchewan could prioritize the following strategies:

Enhancing Financial Accessibility: Addressing the financial barriers that prevent participation in hockey, particularly in urban centers where ice rental costs are high. This could include fundraising initiatives, partnerships with local businesses for sponsorships, and creating programs to subsidize costs for families in need.

Promoting Non-Competitive Play: Emphasizing the non-competitive aspects of hockey to encourage more people to participate for enjoyment and physical activity. This approach can help grow the sport's popularity and, as a result, potentially increase the talent pool through a higher volume of participants.

Establishing different or unique feedback Channels: Implementing effective mechanisms to gather genuine feedback from local hockey associations and community members. I know many of the basics are already there but are there new ways to ensure all voices are heard and considered in decision-making processes.

By focusing on these areas, Hockey Saskatchewan can work towards making hockey more accessible and enjoyable for all, fostering a stronger community around the sport.

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

As a seasoned executive with Conexus, I possess an understanding of the interplay between a Policy governance board and a management team, ensuring effective governance and strategic oversight. As well, from my years as a technology leader, I have knowledge and skills around risk management and technology, including data and cyber risks. These could be critical skills for a governing board.

My tenure on the board of regents at Athol Murray College of Notre Dame was marked by a significant transition, where I played a role in moving the board from a working/operational board to a strategic, policy-driven one.

Looking ahead, I am further enhancing my governance expertise by enrolling in the ICD.D program, set to commence later this year.

What do you like to do with your spare time (away from the rink)?

In my leisure time, away from the rink, I enjoy in a variety of activities. These include:

Mountain and gravel biking, Motor cycling, Disc golf, Skiing and snowboarding

Hanging out with the family and friends

Coaching

These activities reflect my belief in the importance of balance and the joy of engaging in diverse pursuits.

I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to Hockey Saskatchewan's mission and to work alongside each of you to advance our sport.

Thank you, I hope I have articulated the value and contributions I can bring to hockey Saskatchewan.