



# HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

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## Membership Virtual Meeting

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October, 2021

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# Agenda

- Return to Play
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Project
- Hockey Saskatchewan
  - New App
- Hockey Canada Registry 3.0 – Update
- Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching
- Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating
- Goaltending Camps – PD Days
- U7/U9/U11 and Carded Hockey
- Female U13 AA
- Hockey Saskatchewan Non-Sanctioned Winter Hockey Policy
- Other

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## Return to Play

- Hockey Saskatchewan has recently released the latest Return to Play document that is located on the Hockey Saskatchewan website at:

<https://hockeysask.ca/pub/News/Return%20To%20Hockey/hockey-sask---return-to-hockey-safety-guidelines-v-321.pdf>

- Highlights:
  - Ticketed events have been defined as those who charge GST on tickets sold
  - Coaches/Bench Personnel must always wear Face Masks during practices and games

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## Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Project (ED&I)

- Hockey Saskatchewan strives to improve the state of our game and has identified three key areas that the Board of Directors are currently focusing on for this season and into the future. The items include examining Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) in relation to the current environment of hockey in this province.
- In order to properly address these areas, Hockey Saskatchewan has engaged with **Praxis Consulting** in order to survey both participants within Hockey Saskatchewan and non-participants alike, to gain insight into the possible challenges and experiences being faced in our game today.
- ED&I SURVEY: [LINK](#)

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## Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Project (ED&I)

- The online survey provides each participant with the opportunity to be entered into a draw for a chance to win prizes. The prizes include;
- **TWO (2) GRAND PRIZE** draws valued at \$275 each, including: a \$150 Visa gift card, a Bauer Flex Bubble Jacket, and a Richardson Stretch Mesh-back hat
- **FIVE (5) PRIZE** draws valued at \$120 each, including: a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card, a 22Fresh Hoodie, and an Athletic Knit Pom-Pom Toque
- **FIVE (5) PRIZE** draws valued at \$80 each, including: a \$10 Tim Horton's gift card, an Athletic Long-Sleeve Shirt, and an Athletic Knit Pom-Pom Toque
- Hockey Saskatchewan hopes to gather feedback and information to assist us in creating programs and opportunities that all people can access.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

- Hockey Saskatchewan has launched the Hockey Saskatchewan App, supported by Directwest. The App can be downloaded free of charge from the App store.
- NOTE: The Hockey Saskatchewan 'Handbook' is no longer being printed.
- We will be asking for your feedback on the App within a follow-up survey to this evening's calls.



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# Hockey Saskatchewan

The MHA Toolbox is on the Hockey Saskatchewan website under the MEMBERS tab. The MHA Toolbox has the MHA Portal on this page. The MHA Portal is a password protected page which houses the following forms and applications:

## Forms

- Association Registration Form
- Affiliation Form

## Online Applications

- Tournament Sanction Application
- Exhibition Game Sanction Application
- Canadian Travel Permit Application
- USA Travel Permit Application\* (will be available at a later date)
- U9/U11 Carded Team Application
- Minor Provincial Team Application
- Female Provincial Team Application
- All other Development Applications – Grassroots, Coaching and Officiating

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

- **The MHA Portal is password protected and the Username/Password will only be provided by Hockey Saskatchewan to the Minor Hockey Association's current President.**
- This process is being implemented to stop random coaches, managers and parents from applying for any of the above without the knowledge or approval of their MHA. How each MHA decides who to give access to the Portal within their own organization is up to them. However, Hockey Saskatchewan urges each MHA to be cautious with who you provide this information to. Your MHA is responsible for all of your members and teams. You must be aware of who is sanctioning tournaments and exhibition games; who is travelling outside the province for games; who is applying for Provincials and Carded teams. Please instruct those with access to the Portal of the importance of following Hockey Saskatchewan guidelines as the MHA would face sanctions from Hockey Saskatchewan.

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## Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) 3.0

- Hockey Canada has undertaken a project to revise/update the Hockey Canada Registry commonly referred to the HCR. It is the program used to register participants in teams across the country.
- As you can appreciate, this has been an enormous undertaking and when you consider the fact that each provinces process for Registration is vastly different it makes the task very complicated.
- We are hoping that many of the “bugs” that were being experienced have been fixed and you are able to begin registering your participants and teams.
- Please be patient if you experience any problems contact Derek Derow, Hockey Saskatchewan’s Senior Manager Operations.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching Clinics

- Clinic season has begun. All Clinic information can be found on the Hockey Saskatchewan website at [www.HockeySask.ca/Coaches/Clinics](http://www.HockeySask.ca/Coaches/Clinics)
- Clinic Classrooms are all online and hosted in a 3<sup>rd</sup> party platform. Classrooms have been created for Coach 1, Coach 2, Checking and Goaltending. The following is an example of the training steps for Coach 2 Level:

Coach 2 Level	<u>HU-Online</u> <u>Coach 1 / 2</u> (Online)	<u>Hockey Sask</u> <u>Online Coach 2</u> (Online)	<u>Attend Coach</u> <u>2 Session</u> (On-Ice)
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# Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching Clinics

- Please note that eHockey has been retired and replaced by Spordle. This is where all your coaching certification information is hosted.
- The following process must be completed to discover an individual's hockey profile:
  - Create a Spordle login account
  - Link your hockey profile
- In our clinic page is a link called “Find Your Profile”, this has all the instructions on setting up a Spordle account.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Female Coaching Initiative

## **\*REMINDER\***

- Hockey Saskatchewan Regulation 8.01.01 d) reads as follows:

“For the 2021-22 season and beyond, all Female Teams registered with Hockey Saskatchewan must have a Female Coach or Assistant Coach registered.”

- The initiative is meant to encourage MHA's to actively recruit Female coaches and provide them with an active role on the team.
- Hockey Saskatchewan has four women trained as Women Masters Coach Developers to assist female coaches and they are; Regina Deana Gelinis and Colleen Sostorics; Saskatoon Robin Ulrich; Shellbrook Brenda Cromartie

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Coach Mentor Opportunities

- Hockey Saskatchewan is seeking individuals to serve as U7 Coach mentors in the following areas throughout the Province:

Hillmond, Neilburg, Lashburn, Maidstone, Paradise Hill
Dodsland, Kindersley, Kerrobert, Luseland
RADISSON, ESTON, ELROSE, EATONIA, KYLE
Hepburn, Laird, Waldheim
Radville, Torquay, Lake Alma, Midale
ESTEVAN
BENGOUGH, OGEMA
ESTERHAZY
Beechy, Lucky Lake,
Raymore, Strasbourg,
NOKOMIS
Holdfast, Imperial, Davidson, Yellow Grass
Humboldt, Watson, Wynyard, Muenster, Lake Lenore, Wadena, Rose Valley/Archerwill, Foam Lake, Kelvington



# Hockey Saskatchewan Coach Mentor Opportunities

- MHA's can work with Hockey Saskatchewan Senior Coordinator Coaching Blaine Stork to train their own Mentor or if there are individuals you believe would be a good mentor in your region/area please forward their name to Blaine.
- Mentors receive training through Hockey Saskatchewan and are paid a honorarium for each visit made.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating Clinics

- Officials Registration is open and the links for registration, online modules, on-ice session schedules and virtual clinics can be found on our website at:

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

- We will have a shortage of officials so strategic scheduling and assigning will be crucial to make sure games are covered and not cancelled.
- By the end of October, Registration for Officials for Sask First will be available on our website at:

<https://hockeysask.ca/officials/programs/sask-first-officiating>

- Reminder that all senior officials need to have a valid Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check submitted and approved by January 10. These must be completed every three (3) years with Hockey Saskatchewan.

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# Goaltending Camps – PD Days

## \*Reminder\*

- New for the 2021-22 hockey season, Hockey Saskatchewan will be hosting PD Camps for Goalies. These will be hosted during the School Division Professional Development days off. The FOCUS of ALL these sessions will be **MOVEMENT** and **SKATING**.
- The number of sessions will depend on the number of goalies interested at each location. Each session will have a maximum of 8 goalies on the ice. Depending on the number of registrations, the groups will be split by skill then by age.
- **Cost: \$60/ Session.**
- **THE FOLLOWING DATES AND LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN SET:**
- Regina- October 15<sup>th</sup> (Cooperators 1) Moose (Bert Hunt)- October 29<sup>th</sup> Warman- November 5<sup>th</sup> Saskatoon- November 12<sup>th</sup> Yorkton- November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Outlook- November 15<sup>th</sup> Battleford- November 29<sup>th</sup> Moose Jaw (Kinsmen)- November 29<sup>th</sup> Swift Current- December 20<sup>th</sup>
- Prince Albert- December 22<sup>nd</sup> Saskatoon January 3<sup>rd</sup> (Rod Hamm) Regina- January 28<sup>th</sup> (Location TBD) Saskatoon- March 7<sup>th</sup> (Rod Hamm)

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# U7/U9/U11 and Carded Hockey

- **Carded Hockey**

- This is for U9 and U11 teams outside Geographic Subdivisions 2 – 6
- Carded teams can begin registering online November 1<sup>st</sup> until 5:00 pm November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Once application is approved a team registration form must be completed by 5:00 pm December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Carded Teams are allowed to start practicing once per week on December 1<sup>st</sup> provided it does not conflict with their regular team
- Carded teams' games do not count towards the maximum number of games allowed per season within an age group.
- There are four carded weekends throughout the season which results in no league play scheduled for U9 and U11 throughout the province:

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| • 2nd weekend in December             | December 10 – 12, 2021 |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> weekend in January  | January 14 – 16, 2022  |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> weekend in February | February 18 – 20, 2022 |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> weekend in March    | March 25 – 27, 2022    |

- **These weekends are not just for carded hockey only! All teams can practice, play exhibition or tournament games. Only League games are prohibited on these weekends!**

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# Carded Hockey and U7/U9/U11

- Reminder that all U7 Hockey is cross ice for the entire year for practices and games
  - Exhibition and Tournament games start December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Number of games is a Maximum of 35 games per season.
  
- Reminder that all U9 Hockey is half ice for the entire year for practices and games
  - Exhibition games start November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Tournament games start December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - League games start January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - League Playoff Games must be in a Tournament Style Format.
  - Number of games is a Maximum of 45 games per season.

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## Carded Hockey and U7/U9/U11

- Reminder that for U11 Hockey
  - Exhibition, Tournament or League games start November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - League Playoff Games must be in a Tournament Style Format.
  - Number of games is a Maximum of 45 games per season.

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# Female U13 AA Proposal

- **Provincial Female U13 AA League Proposal**
- The following is a summary of the proposal:
  - A League consisting of twelve (12) to sixteen (16) teams province wide.
  - There would be North and South Divisions and League play would take place only within those divisions. Following playoffs, the North and South Division winners would play for the Provincial Championship.
  - During the 2020/21 season there were 862 U13 Female Players registered in the Province along with 985 U11 Female players.
  - Regina and Saskatoon will still be closed geographic sub-divisions.

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## Female U13 AA Proposal

- This season there are twenty-three (23) teams registered in the U13 A Division of the Sask Female Hockey League which doesn't include those registered in Regina and Saskatoon.
- Outside Regina and Saskatoon, players at the U13 AA level would follow the same rules for U15 or U18 AA. They must try out at the nearest U13 AA center to their physical residence. If they are unsuccessful at that location, they would obtain a release from that U13 AA center and proceed to the next nearest U13 AA center location.
- U13 AA Centers would be expected to commit to the following requirements:
  - Development 1 trained head coach.
  - Coaching staff to be from the sponsoring center including a Female Head Coach or Assistant Coach
  - Commitment to multiple practices per week



# Hockey Saskatchewan Non-Sanctioned Winter Hockey Policy

- Hockey Saskatchewan received legal feedback from Hockey Canada concerning the Non-Sanctioned Winter Hockey Policy that was amended and approved by the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors in September 2020.
- The feedback received was that the conditions applied to players and parents upon return from playing a season(s) in Non-Sanctioned Winter Activities could not be applied. To do so would render the Association in violation of the Federal Competitions Act and as such potentially liable in a Class Action Suit.
- The revised Policy will be posted along with all information from this call.

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## Other

- Sask First
  - Registration is now open for all four Sask First Programs (U16 and U18 Female; 14 and U18 Male)
  - Call for applications for Sask First Coaching Positions is also open
- A reminder that all information will be posted on the Hockey Saskatchewan website for you to share with your members.
- We will also have a short survey that will be sent out to all attendees to provide feedback.

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