



HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

Membership Virtual Meeting

December 14, 2021

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Agenda

- Return to Play
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Project Update
- Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative – Playing Rule 11.4 Discrimination
- Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching
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- Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs
- U9/U11 and Carded Hockey
- Female U13 AA
- Female Futures Program
- Hockey Day in Saskatchewan
- Other

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Return to Play

On November 17, 2021 the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors amended the original version of the Mandatory Vaccination Policy outlined to you in the November Virtual Membership Call.

The Amendments included

The negative test option for;

- U15 and U18 Male and Female AA
- All teams competing in U15, U18 Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs
- All participants attending Hockey Saskatchewan Sask First Programming (U15 and U18 Male/U16 and U18 Female)

The removal of the following;

- All registered team officials of all teams registered with Hockey Saskatchewan

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Return to Play

The Policy now applies as follows:

- Senior Hockey
 - Due to the Government of Saskatchewan Public Health order that requires anyone over 18 must wear a face mask while participating in sport activity unless there is a League wide Mandatory Vaccination Policy, Affected Persons includes the following:
 - o for players registered in, or affiliated to;
 - o or individuals officiating within;
 - o or individuals acting in the capacity of a registered team official;
 - o or an off-ice official.
- All participants must be Fully Vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to participating in League play or in Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs..

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- U18 AAA Male and Female
- Due to a Hockey Canada Mandatory Vaccination mandate for all National Championships such as the Telus Cup and Esso Cup, Affected Persons includes the following:
 - o for players registered in, or affiliated to;
 - o or individuals officiating within;
 - o or individuals acting in the capacity of a registered team official.
 - o All participants must be Fully Vaccinated against COVID-19 by January 10, 2022

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- U15 AA, U18 AA Male and Female
 - Affected Persons includes the following:
 - o for players registered in, or affiliated to;
 - o or individuals officiating within;
 - o or individuals acting in the capacity of a registered team official.
 - All participants must be Fully Vaccinated against COVID-19 by January 10, 2022 or provide proof of a valid negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the start of the activity.

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- Teams Competing in all categories of U15 and U18 Provincial Playoffs
 - Affected Persons includes the following:
 - o for players registered in, or affiliated to;
 - o or individuals officiating within;
 - o or individuals acting in the capacity of a registered team official.
 - All participants must be Fully Vaccinated against COVID-19 by January 10, 2022 or provide proof of a valid negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the start of the activity.

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- Sask First Female U16 and U18, Male U15 and U18
 - Affected Persons includes the following:
 - o for players registered;
 - o or individuals officiating within;
 - o or individuals acting in the capacity of a registered team official.
 - All participants must be Fully Vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide proof of a valid negative COVID- 19 test within 72 hours of the start of the activity

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- Acceptable documents serving as evidence of COVID-19 vaccination include:
 - Saskatchewan Health Authority wallet cards received at time of immunization
 - A printed copy of your MySaskHealthRecord (MSHR) vaccine certificate
 - A screenshot of your MSHR vaccine certificate saved to your device
 - A COVID-19 vaccine printout from Saskatchewan Health Authority Public Health
 - A QR code/MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate within the SK Vax Wallet application
- Note: Hockey Saskatchewan reserves the right to perform future random spot checks to confirm the accuracy of an individual's vaccination history and this may include an individual having to produce confirmation of their COVID-19 vaccination records.

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- “COVID-19 Test” means any of the following paid tests administered at a testing site approved by the Minister of Health, as posted on the Government of Saskatchewan’s website and as updated from time to time:
 1. a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for SARS-CoV-2;
 2. a point-of-care antigen test for SARS-CoV-2;
 3. any other test for SARS-CoV-2 approved by the Minister of Health;
- Hockey Saskatchewan’s latest Return to Play document is located on the Hockey Saskatchewan website at:

<https://hockeysask.ca/pub/Members/hockey-sask---return-to-hockey-safety-guidelines-v-30.pdf>

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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Project (ED&I)

As an Update

- Over 4,600 responses were received through the ED&I Survey Project.
- A big thank you to everyone who promoted the project!

A final report will be produced in the very near future and Hockey Saskatchewan will be able to release the results.

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Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative

This is a ***reminder*** from the first Membership Virtual session held in September.

Hockey Canada has placed an emphasis on Maltreatment this season. We have seen several incidents already this season.

Under Hockey Canada Playing Rule 11.4 – Discrimination is defined as

“Any player, goaltender or team officials who engages in verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds, shall be assessed a Gross Misconduct.”

A Hockey Canada powerpoint is included within the MHA Toolbox on the Hockey Sask website at:

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

Please distribute this link to all coaches, parents and players within your Association.

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Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative

Discriminatory grounds include the following, without limitation:

- Race, national or ethnic origin, skin color or language spoken
- Religion, faith or beliefs
- Age
- Sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression
- Marital or familial status
- Genetic characteristics
- Disability

The key point in this Initiative is for coaches and players to eliminate any talk that involves the above items. Any offense proven is a minimum five game suspension.

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Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching

Reminder that the Coaching Clinic Deadline is January 10th

All Clinic Links are on the Hockey Saskatchewan Website at

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

If your MHA does not have an assigned Hockey Sask U7 Mentor, contact Blaine Stork at blaines@hockeysask.ca about operating your own mentorship program.

Hockey Saskatchewan is hosting a Para Hockey (Sledge Hockey) - Coach 2 clinic, in Saskatoon on Feb 27, registration is in our clinic page.

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Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating Clinics

- The deadline to complete certification has been extended from December 7 to December 31, 2021. All officials looking to continue officiating must complete all required components highlighted on the Google Docs form to continue in 2022.
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NPjP5yhpO2wYr9wgzEQ_hF6llk4k1ldz7qAYrH_SnbQ/edit?usp=sharing
- Hockey Saskatchewan will be promoting a Thanks Stripes weekend January 21-23, 2022. We ask that Minor Hockey Association's make announcements throughout the weekend, promote their officials through social media channels, and consider snacks and drinks in the dressing room to show appreciation for the thousands of officials we have in the province.

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Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs

- Hockey Saskatchewan will be hosting Virtual Meetings with the contacts of every team entered in the Provincial Playoffs to review all procedures connected with Provincials:

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| • All U13 Teams | Tuesday, January 4 th | 6:00 pm |
| • All U15 Teams | Wednesday, January 5 th | 6:00 pm |
| • All U18 Teams | Tuesday, January 4 th | 7:30 pm |
| • All Senior Teams | Wednesday, January 5 th | 7:30 pm |

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Hockey Saskatchewan Registration

CRC Deadline

- January 10th is the deadline for all Minor Hockey Associations to input all CRCs (criminal record checks) and VSCs (vulnerable sector checks) into the HCR (Hockey Canada registry). The documents themselves DO NOT have to be uploaded the HCR. **But you must do the following for every registered Team Official over the age of 18 on all of your registered Teams on the HCR:**

- Open their MEMBER profile
- Under the HISTORY tab you will see Criminal Record Check
- Click the ADD button
- Then complete the few drop downs for BOTH CRC and VSC

An easy way to see if this has been completed correctly is to open one of your teams...scroll down to the BENCH STAFF...if your team officials over the age of 18 have a “red icon” beside their name, that means they do not have the CRC/VSC information inputted into the HCR and will become ineligible to participate with that team after January 10th.

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U9/U11 and Carded Hockey

- **Carded Hockey**

- This is for U9 and U11 teams outside Geographic Subdivisions 2 – 6
- Carded Teams are allowed to start practicing once per week on December 1st 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 rd weekend in January | January 14 – 16, 2022 |
| • 3 rd weekend in February | February 18 – 20, 2022 |
| • 4 th 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!**
- **A Carded Hockey FAQ has been posted to the Hockey Saskatchewan Website within the MHA Toolbox at:**
<https://hockeysask.ca/members/mha-toolbox> Please share with coaches and parents of carded teams

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Female U13 AA Proposal

- Process for Applications
 - Notification to all MHA's was forwarded on November 15th
 - Deadline Date to Receive Applications will be 5:00 pm, December 15th
 - A Committee comprised of Hockey Sask Board, Sask Female Hockey League Executive and Hockey Sask Staff will review the applications and make recommendations to the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors.
 - An announcement of the U13 AA Locations will be made by January 10th.
- Criteria to be considered will be:
 - Review of existing Female Registration Numbers within the applicants MHA and surrounding areas
 - Existence of AA Programming currently in the applicant MHA and surrounding area
 - Quality of Application and commitment to the recruitment , development of both players and the long term plan of the appointment of Female coaching staffs.

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Hockey Saskatchewan Female Futures Program

- This program is for U13 Females Only
- Registration Portal on the Hockey Sask Website will open January 7th
- Registration will close January 8th. Cost is \$450 for both weekends. Registrations are on a First Come, First Serve basis.
- There are two weekends involved in the Program
 - April 22 – 24, 2022 for on-ice skills; off-ice session; multi-sport sessions; mini-scrimmage for evaluations
 - May 6 – 8, 2022 for games (Girls will be divided into teams based on the evaluations)
- Both weekends are in Saskatoon at the Harold Latrace/Rod Hamm Arena
- The Maximum Registrations accepted are 136 broken down as follows and on a first come, first serve basis:
 - Forwards 72 (9 per team)
 - Defense 48 (6 per team)
 - Goalies 16 (2 per team)

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Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

- After a one-year hiatus, HDIS will be held this year in Zone 1 in Radville the weekend on January 14 -16, 2022.
- The rotation is as follows:
 - 2022/23 Zone 5
 - 2023/24 Zone 8
 - 2024/25 Zone 4
 - 2025/26 Zone 3
 - 2026/27 Zone 7
 - 2027/28 Zone 1

Calls for applications from Zone 5 will take place in February. A reminder that the community must have an arena upgrade project plan in place in order to apply.

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Other

- Suspensions
 - Please make the team officials of all your teams aware of the Suspension Regulations contained within the Hockey Sask Handbook and on the Hockey Sask App.
 - We are getting far too many people claiming they do not know anything regarding suspensions for offences in areas such as:
 - A suspension for any fighting major
 - A suspension for a Game Misconduct in the last ten minutes
 - I didn't know there was a suspension for a major offense and played the player
 - Please be aware that when you are suspended you must sit out all games **until the suspension is served with the team the offense was committed with.**
 - There has been a significant increase in the Intent to Injure Stick Infractions to date so please make your teams aware these will not be tolerated and multiple infractions of these type of penalties means a significant longer suspension to the player and possibly the coach.

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Other

- Sask First
 - Registration is now open for all remaining Sask First Programs (U16 and U18 Female; U18 Male)
 - Call for applications for Sask First Coaching Positions is open.
 - Call for applications for Sask First Officiating. SaskFirst Registration has opened for officials 15 and over and can be found here: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/programs/sask-first-officiating>
- The Hockey Sask Board of Directors will be reviewing and updating the Hockey Sask Strategic Plan
- Like last Spring the Board of Directors will be putting forth a Notice of Motion for a Bylaw Amendment at the AGM to reduce the Board Structure from 23 (16 Zone Directors plus 7 Officers) to 9 Board Members
- A reminder that all information from this call will be posted on the Hockey Saskatchewan website **for you to share with your members.**

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