



# HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

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## Membership Virtual Meeting

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December 13, 2022

SHAPING CHARACTER FOR LIFE... MORE THAN A GAME.



# Agenda

- Hockey Canada
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- Registration
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  - Community Rink Affordability Grant

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# Hockey Canada

Justice Cromwell's full governance report is accessible via the following link on the Hockey Saskatchewan website. <https://hockeysask.ca/news/listing/hockey-canada-releases-final-independent-governance-review-from-former-supreme-court-justice-thomas-cromwell>

The following are some of the key recommendations from the report:

- The recruitment of Directors for the Board of Hockey Canada needs to be fundamentally rethought. A new approach to filling these positions is needed. All stakeholders will need to work together to bring these changes about.
- Achieve more balanced gender representation on the Board of Directors so that no more than 60% of the Directors will be of the same gender.
- Ensure the Board of Directors will include at least one athlete representative (defined as a person who is currently on a national team or competing at the international level, or who was on a national team or competed at an international level within the last 8 years).
- Ensure a majority of the Directors are Independent at the time of their election.
- The Board of Directors should be the group that appoints the Board Chair, using a well-defined process and pre-defined and approved eligibility qualifications (qualities and competencies).
- Board should continue to serve without remuneration.
- Minutes should be taken at all Board, Member and committee meetings by a designated resource.
- A schedule detailing the dates that regular Board meetings and Member meetings will be held should be posted on Hockey Canada's website.

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# Hockey Canada

## Update on Hockey Canada

### Hockey Canada Board of Directors

- There are still seven members of the Board of Directors who are completing their fiduciary duties as a Board Member, however none of the seven let their names stand for election at the Hockey Canada AGM which will be held December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- As of Monday, December 12, 2022, the Hockey Canada Nominating Committee released the names of who they are putting forward to the thirteen Branches that will serve as the Chair of the Board and the eight Directors within a one-year transition Board of Hockey Canada. The Branches met with the Nominating Committee this past Friday to review the nine individuals being put forward and to hear the process the Nominating Committee used to “vet” the 566 applications received from across the country.

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# Hockey Canada

The names being put forward are as follows:

## Chair of the Board

Hugh Fraser, Ontario

## Directors

Marian Jacko, Ontario

Jonathan Goldbloom, Quebec

Andrea Poole, Ontario

Dave Evans, Alberta

Cassie Campbell-Pascall, Alberta

Julie Duranceau, Quebec

Marni Fullerton, Ontario

Grant Borbridge, Alberta

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# Hockey Canada

## Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative

Hockey Canada has produced a video that clearly outlines the definition of Maltreatment and Playing Rule 11 as it addresses items such as

- Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- Disrespectful and Abusive Behavior

- Spitting

- Discrimination

We strongly recommend distributing the following link to the Maltreatment video to all parents and players within your Association to view.

<https://video.hockeycanada.ca/en/c/understanding-rule-11-maltreatment.109070>

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# Hockey Canada

## Playing Rule 11.4 Discrimination Offences to Date this Season in Saskatchewan

- 40 total calls/allegations
    - 21 on ice calls reported by officials
    - 16 reports of allegations to officials to be investigated
    - 3 reports of allegations from coaches to be investigated
  - 19 investigations of allegations
    - 6 allegations resulted in suspension
    - 8 allegations unsubstantiated
    - 7 ongoing investigations - 2 reports directly to ITP that don't fall within 11.4
- Waiting for ITP response on 4 files

20 suspensions of 5 games or more

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# Hockey Canada

## Playing Rule 11.4 Discrimination Offences to Date this Season in Saskatchewan (Continued)

### By Age Group

- U13
  - 3 suspensions
  - 1 ongoing investigation
- U 15
  - 5 calls/allegations
  - 4 suspensions - 1 to a coach
  - 1 unsubstantiated
  - 3 under investigation
- U18
  - 22 calls/allegations
  - 11 suspensions
  - 5 unsubstantiated
  - 4 under investigation
- Junior B
  - 1 unsubstantiated
- Senior
  - 2 suspensions

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# Hockey Canada

## Additional Playing Rule 11 Suspensions

### Since September 18

- 39 Coach Suspensions for 11.2 Game or Gross Misconducts
- 2 Coach Suspensions for 11.5 Threatening Officials
- 6 Coach Suspensions for their team receiving multiple 11.1/11.2 GM/Gross Misconducts

There are on average of 6 coaches being suspended every weekend of hockey so far for Playing Rule 11 Offences

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# Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

The number one item within the Hockey Sask ED&I Survey Project last season that respondents identified they desired was a “Welcoming Environment” within their Minor Hockey Association.

Our internal Task Team that is addressing the results within the survey want to clearly define what a “Welcoming Environment” is within an MHA.

We will be following up today's call with a survey where we want each of you to provide your definition of what a MHA's “Welcoming Environment” is!

Your feedback will go a long way in assisting us to create a definition and initiatives to encourage MHA's to create that Welcoming Environment for everyone who wants to volunteer and participate in playing our game!

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# Registration

## Provincial Playoffs

The deadline for entry has now passed.

The deadlines for rosters to be submitted are as follows;

Female	December 15 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
Minor	December 20 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
Senior	December 30 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

There will be Zoom calls held with all team contacts of all teams entered in Provincials:

U13 (6:00 pm) U18 (7:30 pm)	January 5 <sup>th</sup>
U15 (6:00 pm) Senior (7:30 pm)	January 6 <sup>th</sup>

Provincial Packages with all information and draws will be emailed the week of January 9 - 13

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# Registration

## Carded Team Weekends (U9 and U11 only)

- Carded Weekends still remaining
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in January
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in February
  - 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in March

**Reminder that these carded teams cannot play on any other dates than the weekends listed above.**

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## Registration

# Registration

January 10<sup>th</sup>

- Final date for someone to be released from a roster and then eligible to be added to another team by February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Final date for an Association to register a team.
- Final date to add someone to an Affiliation (AP) list.

Final Date for Coach Certification; CRC/VSC

Refer to Hockey Saskatchewan Regulation 8.01.01 regarding the Coaching Certification Program and the requirements

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# Coaching Program

Clinic Deadline and all Coaching Certification Requirements must be obtained by January 10<sup>th</sup>

The following link displays the Certification Steps surrounding the Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching Certification Process

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

**It is important to remind everyone that all steps must be completed for each program to be considered “certified”.**

**\*Reminder\***

**All Registered Female teams must have one registered female coach (Head Coach or Assistant Coach).**

U7 Mentorship visits are underway throughout the province.

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# Coaching Program

## U7 Mentorship

Mentorship visits have begun. If your U7 Coach has not been contacted by a Mentor, please contact Blaine Stork at [blaines@hockeysask.ca](mailto:blaines@hockeysask.ca)

## Female Mentorship – Women Mentorship Coach Development

Hockey Saskatchewan has an online request link for mentorship of female coaches  
<https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/coach-mentorship-program/female-coach-mentor>

**Reminder that every Female Team registered must have a Female Head Coach/Assistant Coach registered with the Team.**

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# Development Programs

During the 2021/22 season “PD” Development Goaltender Camps were introduced by Hockey Saskatchewan. Goaltender camps were held on School “PD” days for teachers on Fridays in communities throughout the province and they proved to be very successful.

Please visit the Hockey Saskatchewan Website at <https://hockeysask.ca/players/development-camps/goaltending> to register for the following scheduled camps to date.

Saskatoon	January 2	Moosomin	January 5
Saskatoon	January 23	Yorkton	January 30

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# Development Programs

This season Hockey Saskatchewan has partnered with some SJHL/U18 AAA teams to offer “PD” Developing Defensemen Camps on Fridays throughout the Province.

Please visit the Hockey Saskatchewan Website at <https://hockeysask.ca/players/development-programs/developing-defencemen> to register for the following scheduled camps in the new year.

Saskatoon	January 2	Muenster	January 3
Saskatoon	January 23	Whitewood	January 30
Nipawin	January 31	Carrot River	February 20
Balcarres	March 6		

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# Development Programs

**Female Festivals** for Female players aged U9 and U11 are scheduled. Please visit the Hockey Saskatchewan Website at <https://hockeysask.ca/players/female-development/female-festivals> to register for the camp nearest to you. The schedule is as follows:

January 14/15	Spiritwood	March 25/26	Saskatoon
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## **Female Futures – U13 Female Program**

Registration will be opened in January

Camp Weekend is April 21 - 23, 2023 in Saskatoon

Tournament Weekend is May 12 – 14, 2023 in Saskatoon

Hockey Saskatchewan also offers **Try Sledge/Para Hockey** Demonstrations in your community.

Please visit the Hockey Saskatchewan website at <https://hockeysask.ca/players/sledge-hockey> to fill out an Application to Host a Try Sledge/Para Hockey Day in your community

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# Officiating Program

The “**Thanks Stripes**” weekend is planned for January 13 – 15, 2023

Hockey Saskatchewan will be promoting the weekend on social media; sending our PA announcements to be used during games to promote the initiative.

MHA’s are encouraged to promote the initiative locally with any official award presentations, free hot chocolate or Gatorade from the canteen, etc.

Hockey Saskatchewan will also be sending out awards to MHA’s to be presented to the Official Award Winners from last season in Zones 1 – 4.

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# Officiating Program

The Officials certification deadline is **December 31**. Everyone must have completed all requirements by that date to work games the rest of the season.

Officials who were registered last season who didn't recertify can not work anymore games following the December 31<sup>st</sup> date.

Here is the link to the registration requirements: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/registration>

Officiating numbers are up from last season and are projected to be around 3,000 officials, which is an increase from 2,400 last year. However, many of the new officials are young Officials and Official Coaching and Mentorship is crucial to their success and development and overall retention of officials.

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# Officiating Program

A **Virtual Grassroots Official Coaching seminar** was held last month was recorded.

It is posted on the Hockey Saskatchewan website with a link to sign up for those interested and information will be shared with the Officiating Development Program Task Members.

<https://hockeysask.ca/officials/programs/officials-coaching--mentorship>

Officiating Development Program Task Teams currently have vacancies in the Grassroots Coordinator areas in the Regina area, Southeast and East regions.

If there is anyone interested in assisting in these areas can reach out to the Manager of Officiating for more details at [TrentC@HockeySask.ca](mailto:TrentC@HockeySask.ca)

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# Officiating Program

## Master Contact List For All Officials

Please ensure to share the Master Contact list with all local assignors to track which officials are certified from last season, which are good up until December 31 and which new officials have completed all the steps to be certified this season.

The steps for all officials based on their age is posted on the Hockey Sask website and should be the starting point any official looking to get certified or re-certified.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NPjP5yhpO2wYr9wgzEQ\\_hF6IIk4k1ldz7qAYrH\\_SnbQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NPjP5yhpO2wYr9wgzEQ_hF6IIk4k1ldz7qAYrH_SnbQ/edit?usp=sharing)

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# Sask First Programming

All Sask First Programs are now open for Registrations by visiting the Hockey Saskatchewan website at

[Sask First Female U16 Regional Camp « Hockey Saskatchewan](#)

[Sask First Female U18 Provincial Camp « Hockey Saskatchewan](#)

[Sask First Male U18 Regional Camp « Hockey Saskatchewan](#)

The Male U15 Top 160 is scheduled for December 28 -30 in Regina.

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## Sask First Dates

- **Male U15**  
December 28-30, 2022  
February 17-19, 2023  
Top 160 Tournament  
Top 80 Tournament
- **Male U18**  
February 2-6, 2023  
April 21-23, 2023  
Sask First Regional Camps  
Top 160 Tournament
- **Female U18**  
February 2-6, 2023  
April 14-16, 2023  
Sask First Provincial Camp  
Top 80 Tournament
- **Female U16**  
February 2-6, 2023  
March 31- April 2, 2023  
Sask First Regional Camps  
Top 136 Tournament

# Sask First Programming

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## Other

- **Hockey Day in Saskatchewan**

Martensville will serve as the Host of the 2023 Hockey Day in Saskatchewan event to be held the weekend of January 20 – 22, 2023

- The rotation is as follows:

- 2023/24      Zone 8      Call for Applications will be made to MHA's in February
- 2024/25      Zone 4
- 2025/26      Zone 3
- 2026/27      Zone 7
- 2027/28      Zone 1
- 2028/29      Zone 5

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# Other

## Community Rink Affordability Grant

A maximum of \$2,500 will be available per ice surface to help offset the expenses in eligible indoor skating and curling rinks for the 2022-23 operating season.

- Applies to indoor skating and curling rinks only. Outdoor facilities are not eligible.
- Requires that indoor skating and curling rinks have plans to install ice this season in order to be eligible.
- Is available to municipalities (urban and rural), First Nation communities, Canadian Forces Bases, schools and registered non-profit groups. Privately owned rinks are not eligible to receive funding.
- Applications must come from the legal owner of the facility (Facility Owner). For example: If the Village owns the facility, the Municipal Office will need to complete the Grant application.
- CRAG funds can be directed towards rink operating costs (i.e., wages, utilities), COVID-19-related expenditures (i.e., personal protective equipment for the facility) or minor capital improvements. Eligible costs must have been incurred between April 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023. Receipts or other documentation of expenses must be retained for potential auditing purposes.



Saskatchewan  
Parks and Recreation  
Association

**DEADLINE:** January 16, 2023

**MORE INFO:** <http://spra.blob.core.windows.net/docs/CRAG-eligibility-2022-2023-final.pdf>

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## Other

### AAA/AA Task Team

The Task Team has begun. The mandate and make up of the Committee has been described in the September Virtual Call.

For this season, the Task Team will focus on the following:

- Review of the AAA/AA Female Structure in the Province
- The Hockey Sask Board of Directors have endorsed the creation of a Provincial Female Junior (U22) League to begin in the Fall of 2023. There will be an announcement in the coming days regarding the initiative and the Task Team is creating the process for teams to apply and how the league will be administered.
- Review and set up the process for creating an AA 15 Male League in the Province.

As per the Task Team guidelines, the Membership will be advised between January 15 and February 15 of any recommendations made by the Task Team that are approved by the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors and action is taken.

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## Other

### World Junior 50/50

In support of grassroots hockey initiatives right here in Saskatchewan.

Six (6) draws will be held during the preliminary and medal rounds with tickets first available starting at 9:00 AM (CST) on Dec. 19, 2022, and the final draw closing at 11:00 PM (CST) on Jan. 5, 2023.

1. Draw #1 - Preliminary:	Dec. 26, 2022	draw opens Dec. 19, 2022
2. Draw #2 - Round Robin:	Dec. 28, 2022	draw opens Dec. 27, 2022
3. Draw #3 - Round Robin + NYE:	Dec. 31, 2022	draw opens Dec. 29, 2022
4. Draw #4 - Quarter-Final:	Jan. 2, 2023	draw opens Jan. 1, 2023
5. Draw #5 - Semi-Final:	Jan. 4, 2023	draw opens Jan. 3, 2023
6. Draw #6 - Gold-Medal:	Jan. 5, 2023	draw opens Jan. 5, 2023

*Lottery license #LR22-0101. You must be 19 years of age or older to purchase a 50/50 ticket and must be in Saskatchewan (SK) at the time of purchase.*



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