



# HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

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## Membership Virtual Meeting

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January 18, 2022

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



# Agenda

- Return to Play
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Project Presentation
- Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching
- Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating
- Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs
- U9/U11 Carded Hockey
- Female U13 AA League
- Hockey Day in Saskatchewan
- Other

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# Return to Play

On January 10, 2022 the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors amended the Mandatory Vaccination Policy.

The Amendment included

“COVID-19 Test” means any of the following tests, 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;

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## Return to Play

- The following is from the Business Response Team of the Provincial Government in response to question from members who are stating if someone has had COVID they are now immune for 90 days:

Recovery from COVID-19 infection is not equivalent to being fully vaccinated against COVID19 and does not replace a proof of vaccination where those policies are in place. All persons who are eligible but not fully vaccinated should get vaccinated once their mandatory self isolation period has ended.

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# Return to Play

We are also working with the Hockey Sask Chief Medical Officer on the creation of more specific wording around “close contact” within a hockey environment.

## Information on Vaccination Rates

U18 Male AA	642 Individuals	97% vaccinated	15 teams fully vaccinated
U18 Female AA	245 Individuals	95% vaccinated	5 teams fully vaccinated
U15 Male AA	545 Individuals	97% vaccinated	18 teams fully vaccinated
U15 Female AA	192 individuals	96% vaccinated	5 Teams fully vaccinated
U18 Provincials	1309 Individuals	90% vaccinated	16 teams fully vaccinated
U15 Provincials	1272 individuals	89% vaccinated	14 teams fully vaccinated

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

The company that was contracted to undertake the ED&I Project, Praxis, has completed a Power Point for MHA's regarding the Results of the Survey

The Power Point will be posted to the website with the recorded version of this meeting.

We encourage all MHA's to consider the results carefully and how your executive can address the areas identified.

Please distribute the Power Point to your members via email and post on your websites if you have them.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching

Reminder that the Coaching Clinic Deadline is January 10<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:blaines@hockeysask.ca) about operating your own mentorship program.

Second half of the season visits by U7 Mentors are now taking place.

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

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.

In addition, please show support via social media postings with the hashtag #ThanksStripes to the Hockey Saskatchewan twitter accounts @hockeysask and @SHA-Officials.

Those who make social media posts will be eligible to receive 1 of 3 Hockey Saskatchewan 22 Fresh Hoodies.

- **We would love to know who your MHA Referee-in-Chief and/or Assignor is. Please complete the Survey that will be distributed and provide the individual and contact information for them.**

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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:
  - All U13 Teams                      Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>                      6:00 pm
  - All U15 Teams                      Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>                      6:00 pm
  - All U18 Teams                      Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 pm
  - All Senior Teams                      Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 pm



# Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs

## Officiating

With provincial playoffs now starting this week it is imperative that Hockey Saskatchewan task team assignors have contact information for the Local Assignors/ Referee-In-Chief so they can assign the appropriate officials to these games.

This contact information can be sent to [TrentC@Hockeysask.ca](mailto:TrentC@Hockeysask.ca) and passed on to those assignors. The local contacts should have an understanding and ranking list of their local officials that can be shared with assignors based on the position and level of hockey officials can work age groups from U13 and up.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Registration

## Reminder

### CRC Deadline

- January 10<sup>th</sup> was 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 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Registration

Reminder that on February 10<sup>th</sup> all registration within the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) will be locked.

Hockey Saskatchewan staff will begin an undertaking of reconciliation of all registration and will follow up with all MHA's regarding the invoicing for amounts owing or refunds due to overpayment.

Due to the climate we are all in with game postponements/cancellations, and having to reschedule those games...Hockey Saskatchewan has decided to allow all U15 Provincial teams as well as all minor hockey Leagues in the province in the U15 age division (not including U15 AA), to schedule games during the February 18-20 weekend.

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# U9/U11 Carded Hockey

- **Carded Hockey**

- There are four carded weekends throughout the season which results in no league play scheduled for U9 and U11 throughout the province:

- 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

- **The January weekend has conflicted with communities wishing to celebrate the Hockey Day in Saskatchewan celebration to include the ability to conduct league games during that weekend. Is there any concern with moving that weekend for carded teams to the second weekend in January? Please provide feedback in the survey that will be forwarded to you.**
- **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**



## Female U13 AA Provincial League

The following ten applications were approved for the formation of the first Female U13 AA League to begin next season:

Battlefords

Lumsden/Bethune

Prince Albert

Swift Current

Western Prairie (Rosetown)

Estevan

Northeast (Star City)

Saskatoon

Warman

Weyburn



# Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

- After a one-year hiatus, HDIS was held this year in Zone 1 in Radville the weekend of 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. The closing date to receive applications will be April 1, 2022. 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.





## 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>
- Sask First Tournament Dates
  - Male U15 Top 80      February 18 – 20      Balgonie
  - Female U16 Top 136      April 1 – 3      Regina
  - Female U18 Top 80      April 15 – 17      Regina
  - Male U18 Top 160      April 15 – 17      Regina



## Other

- 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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