



HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

Membership Virtual Meeting

January 9, 2024

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Agenda

Hockey Saskatchewan Values – Fun, Safety, Community, Respect, Inclusivity and Passion

- **Hockey Saskatchewan**
 - Minor Hockey Association Governance Support
 - AGM Change to August
 - Neck Guards
 - MHA Matching Grant Program for 2023/24
 - Hockey Day in Saskatchewan
- **Community Rink Affordability Grant Program**
- **Registration**
 - Provincial Playoffs
- **Officiating Programs**
- **Coaching Programs**
- **Development Programs**
- **Sask First**
- **Other**

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Hockey Saskatchewan

Support available for Minor Hockey Association governance enhancement

- Governance (policies, procedures, bylaws) review & templates
- Planning
- Operational practices
- Ways of working (meeting procedures, committee communication plans)

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Annual General Meeting

The Hockey Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting is being moved to early August from the traditional June timeframe.

This provides more time to prepare and distribute the Audited Financial Statement of the previous year.

When new Directors are elected to the Board it allows them to immediately get involved within the Board of Directors as opposed to traditionally seeing a four to five week “down time” over the summer.

The change still complies with ISC Compliance and Sask Sport guidelines to carry out a AGM within four months of year end.

The date will be Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm and will be held virtually.

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Neck Guards

The Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors have approved a motion that requires all on-ice Officials to wear a BNQ certified neck guard when working in any league that requires players to wear neck guards.

This was effective as of Monday, November 20, 2023.

Notification was sent to all Officials immediately following the November Virtual Call.

This applies to all officials working the following:

- All Minor Coed and Female Hockey Games
- All Female Junior Hockey League Games
- All SJHL Hockey League Games

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Neck Guards (Continued)

Hockey Saskatchewan, MHA's, participants (players and Officials), parents and coaches need to take ownership of this requirement.

A reminder will be sent to all officials after this meeting that the grace period for obtaining and wearing neck guards is over and they are required.

In addition, teams need to be aware of the consequences of them falling off or not being worn properly by players.

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Neck Guards (Continued) – For Reference

Hockey Canada Playing Rules

3.6 (d) If the helmet, facial protector, or throat protector of a player comes off while play is in progress, the player will replace the piece of equipment (properly fastened) or will proceed to the Players' Bench for a substitution. If the player participates in play in any manner without that piece of equipment, play must be stopped immediately, and the player penalized under Rule **10.6 (a)** – Illegal Equipment.

Note 1: In the case of a player whose neck guard has come off, officials should make every effort to alert the player to this fact and direct them off the ice. If the player does not comply, then they must be penalized.

3.6 (f) If a player is wearing a helmet, facial protector, mouth guard or throat protector improperly, or wearing an uncertified piece of equipment, the Referee will penalize the offending player under Rule 10.6 – Illegal Equipment.

Note 1: The Referee is empowered to make the call without their attention being drawn by an opposing player or team official.

10.6 (d) After one warning to the team, a Misconduct penalty will be assessed to any player who wears their helmet, facial protector, neck guard, or mouth guard improperly (Rule 3.6 (f) – Protective Equipment).



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MHA Matching Grant Program – 2023/24

The Board of Directors have approved a MHA Matching Grant Program for the 2023/24 season in support of MHA's across the Province.

Support will be provided with the expense of hiring Power Skating Instructors or to have a local person trained to be a Power Skating Instructor to assist in Player Development with a matching grant of up to \$1,000.00.

One application per MHA will be accepted and the MHA must match the Grant received. The online application access will be made available October 15, 2023.

<https://hockeysask.ca/news/listing/hockey-saskatchewans-mha-matching-grant-program-returns-to-boost-skater-development>

Power Skating services must be targeted towards the U7 to U13 age groups within an MHA and must have occurred from September 2023 to December 2023.

Power Skating Certification must be obtained by December 31, 2023. Online Applications to be received between December 1, 2023, and February 28, 2024

Power Skating instructors must possess the following certification in order for an MHA to qualify for the Matching Grant.

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Required Training

1. Respect in Sport Activity Leader + one of the 5 designations below

- a) Hockey Canada Certified Skills Coach (Level 3)
- b) Hockey Saskatchewan Licensee
- c) CanPower Skate - Delivered by Skate Canada
- d) Hockey Saskatchewan Skills Coach Level 2 – Was held June 16 – 17 in Saskatoon
- e) Hockey Sask Skating Coach – Two Clinics held August 13 in Saskatoon and October 29 in Caronport

Please note that a few applications have been denied due to the fact the Instructor does not possess the required certification outlined above

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The following communities have received Matching Grants to date:

Minor Hockey Association	Amount (\$)	Minor Hockey Association	Amount (\$)
Battlefords Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	Lampman Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Bienfait Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	Leroy Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Big River First Nation	\$1,000.00	Luseland Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Big River Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	Maidstone Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Carievale Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	Melville Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Cudworth Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	Moose Jaw Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Eastend Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	Redvers Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Fox Valley Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	Torquay Minor Hockey	\$751.45
Frontier Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	Turtleford Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Hanley Minor Hockey	\$766.50	Watrous Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Kincaid Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	Whitewood Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00
Kipling Minor Hockey	\$1,000.00	TOTAL:	\$22,517.95

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Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

Kinistino will serve as the Host of the 2024 Hockey Day in Saskatchewan event that will be held the weekend of January 19 – 21, 2024.

- The rotation is as follows:
 - 2024/25 Zone 4 Call for Applications will be made with an April 1 deadline. Reminder that the successful community must have a rink project planned.
 - 2025/26 Zone 3
 - 2026/27 Zone 7
 - 2027/28 Zone 1
 - 2028/29 Zone 5
 - 2029/30 Zone 8

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Hockey Saskatchewan Suspension Casebook

<https://hockeysask.ca/members/suspensions>

Report on 11.4 Maltreatment Incidents

To date there have been 93 reported 11.4 offences that have been reported by officials or have been alleged to have occurred.

There have been 31 five game suspensions handed out and 1 indefinite as of today.

1 – Senior

11- Junior

12 – U18

5 – U15

2 – U13

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Registration Deadlines

January 10th

- Last date by which a player can be added to an affiliation list. Please note that once a player is on a list they cannot be dropped and moved to another.
- Last date that a player can be released and then can be added to another roster by February 10th.

February 10th

- All registration is closed. Hockey Saskatchewan staff then begin the reconciliation process of registrations versus fees paid or not paid.

Provincial Packages

- All Minor Male and Female packages have been sent to teams today, January 9 via email.
- All Senior packages will be sent January 11 after the draw reveal on the Monday Nooner Podcast Thursday evening.

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Community Rink Affordability Grant Program

Skating and curling rinks are integral to the creation of vibrant, active, and connected communities in Saskatchewan. These facilities play a critical role in health and wellness, at a time when that has never been more important. Recognizing the escalating operating costs communities and organizations face, SPRA has partnered with the Government of Saskatchewan to offer the 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 2023-2024 operating season



**Saskatchewan Parks
and Recreation
Association**

HOW TO APPLY (Deadline is January 15, 2024)

- Apply Here: [Online Portal](#)
- Inquiries and Support: crag@spra.sk.ca
- Eligibility Information: [Download](#)

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Officiating Programs

Thanks Stripes Weekend

We ask that all minor hockey associations, leagues and teams take time to acknowledge the officials during **Thanks Stripes January 12-14, 2024**. This may include small gifts or tabs at the canteen, social media presence, admission to games in your community, award presentations, PA announcement or whatever works for your organization.

Once details are confirmed please send the details to AustinP@hockeysask.ca and we will post the full list on our website again this year here: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/thanks-stripes>

Also, we have a contest where you can post a picture of officials in their stripes.
Tag @HockeySaskatchewan and include #ThanksStripes and be entered to win 1 of 3 Hockey Sask Hoodies.

Western Canada Officiating Development Videos

The latest episode for officials was released last week. Please encourage all your officials to watch the development video series as they are released to help with development and pointers for officials throughout the season. These videos can be found on the Hockey Sask website here: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/resources>

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Officiating Programs

Sask First Programming and Try Officiating Camp

Registration is open for male and female officials 15 and older through our website here:

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

We are inviting current and former players and coaches to sign up to be officials for a weekend and try it out.

This will be part of the Sask First camps and open to anyone who wants to try officiating. They need to register attend a pre-camp virtual meeting and show up with their skates, helmet a whistle and give officiating a try.

We will have official coaches there to provided feedback and see if it is something they would be interested in doing next season.

Information can be found here:

<https://hockeysask.ca/officials/programs/grassroots-officiating/try-officiating-camp>

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Officiating Programs

Indigenous Officials Rebate

Indigenous officials can apply for a rebate of their official registration fees through the Sask Sport Indigenous Official Coach Program.

To qualify for this rebate, you must adhere to the following:

1. Officiate a minimum of seven (7) games during the 2023-24 season
2. Complete the [ICOP Hockey Officials Rebate Application](#)
3. Submit the completed form to Sask Sport's Randi Keshane via email (rkeshane@sasksport.ca)

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Coaching Program

Provincial Playoffs

All Registered Team Officials on Teams entered in Provincials or Play in Leagues who League Champions are declared Provincial Champions must have the proper certification requirements or they will be removed from the roster.

Certification Deficiency

Information was shared with MHA's on how to check your team deficiency's. Coaches / team staff have the month of Jan to complete any unfinished online course. We will be creating the Qualifications Report in February and Fine invoices will be sent for those team officials who are deficient in their qualifications.

High Performance 1 Clinic

HP1 Registration Information will be available the end of January on our website (Application, Deadline to Apply, Dates, etc.)

U7 Mentorship visits are happening! Contact Blaine Stork if you have someone interested in becoming a mentor in your MHA or Region.

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Grassroots Programming

Developing Defensemen PD Camp Location/Dates and Registration

<https://hockeysask.ca/players/development-programs/developing-defencemen>

Regina	-	January 30 th (University of Regina Cougars)
Oxbow	-	January 31 st (Estevan Bruins)
Cutknife	-	January 31st (Battleford North Stars)

Goaltender PD Location/Dates and Registration

<https://hockeysask.ca/players/development-programs/goaltending>

Langenburg	-	January 31st
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All Of The Sessions Will Be Run During The Day

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Grassroots Programming

Female Festivals Upcoming

Paradise Hill January 27 & 28, 2024

Registration Link: <https://hockeysask.ca/form-payment/female-festivals-2022-23>

Female Futures 2024

Camp: April 26th-28th, 2024 (Cooperators Centre, Regina)

Tournament: May 10th-12th (Cooperators Centre, Regina)

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 5th AND CLOSES ON APRIL 12th, 2024

<https://hockeysask.ca/players/development-programs/female-futures>

NEW FOR 2024

Players that register for the Female Futures Program before January 22nd, 2024, may be eligible for 2 tickets (1 child, 1 adult) to either Team Canada Vs. Team USA Rivalry Series game in Saskatoon on Wednesday February 7th or Regina Friday February 9th.

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Sask First

Registration is now open for all players and coaches for Sask First Programming for this year.

Sask First Program Dates

February 1 – 5, 2024	Male U18 (2006, 07, 08) Regional Camps	Lumsden, Aberdeen
	Female U18 (2007, 2008) Provincial Camp	Southey
	Female U16 (2009, 2010) Regional Camps	Pense, Dalmeny
February 16 – 18, 2024	Male U15 (2009) Top 80	Balgonie
April 5 – 7, 2024	Female U16 (2009, 2010) Top 136	Regina
April 12 – 14, 2024	Female U18 (2007, 2008) Top 80	Balgonie
April 12 – 14, 2024	Male U18 (2006, 07, 08) Top 160	Regina

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Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs 50-50

The **Provincial Playoffs 50/50** will feature five (5) raffle rounds that end on specific dates that correspond with the final date of each round of playoffs.

In addition to the five (5) cash prizes, the raffle will offer ten (10) non-monetary prizes donated by sponsors and community partners. A total of two (2) “Early-Bird” prize draws will take place each Friday during the raffle rounds.

Proceeds from the Provincial Playoffs 50/50 will support the MHA Matching Grant Program for future seasons.



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Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs 50-50



RAFFLE ROUND #1

- Sales Open Tuesday, Jan. 23
 - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #1: Friday, Jan. 26
 - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #2: Friday, Feb. 2
 - 3. Cash Prize Draw #1: Monday, Feb. 5

RAFFLE ROUND #2

- Sales Open Tuesday, Feb. 6
 - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #3: Friday, Feb. 9
 - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #4: Friday, Feb. 16
 - 3. Cash Prize Draw #2: Monday, Feb. 19

RAFFLE ROUND #3

- Sales Open Tuesday, Feb. 20
 - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #5: Friday, Feb. 23
 - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #6: Friday, Mar. 1
 - 3. Cash Prize Draw #3: Monday, Mar. 4

RAFFLE ROUND #4

- Sales Open Tuesday, Mar. 5
 - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #7: Friday, Mar. 8
 - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #8: Friday, Mar. 15
 - 3. Cash Prize Draw #4: Monday, Mar. 18

RAFFLE ROUND #5

- Sales Open Tuesday, Mar. 19
 - 1. Early-Bird Prize Draw #9: Friday, Mar. 22
 - 2. Early-Bird Prize Draw #10: Friday, Mar. 29
 - 3. Cash Prize Draw #5: Monday, Apr. 1

All draws will be conducted at 9:00 PM (SK TIME)

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Hockey Sask Mobile App

The **Hockey Saskatchewan App** is available for free on both Apple and Android devices.

- Latest News
- Membership Presentation Videos
- Handbook
- Suspension Guide
- Affiliation Guide
- Provincial Brackets

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