



# HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

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## Membership Virtual Meeting

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January 14, 2025

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



## Land Acknowledgement

Before we begin, Hockey Saskatchewan wants to start by acknowledging that we have attendees joining us from across the province whose work reaches lands covered by Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10, the traditional lands of the Cree, Dakota, Dene, Lakota, Nakota and Saulteaux peoples, as well as homeland of the Métis.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Vision:

- Shaping Character for Life... More Than A Game.

## Mission:

- To Lead, Develop and Promote Positive Hockey Experiences for All.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Values:

- **Fun**
  - We develop, grow, and compete with the joy of play while building lifelong bonds of friendship.
- **Safety**
  - We understand, honor, and promote the rules in a spirit that leads to the well-being of hockey participants.
- **Community**
  - Our game gives us the gift of togetherness and belonging. In this space, we support one another, collectively benefit from our shared pride, and strengthen Saskatchewan.
- **Respect**
  - Our game is honored through goodwill, leadership, and dignity.
- **Inclusivity**
  - Hockey can be for everyone, and this is demonstrated through a welcoming environment.
- **Passion**
  - A love for the game leads to the discovery of identity, pride, belonging, and character building.

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# Agenda

- **Hockey Canada**
  - Hockey Canada Per Participant Fees – Increase for the 2025/26 season - Update
- **Hockey Saskatchewan**
  - Where Fun Wins!
  - Partnership with Positive Coaching Alliance
  - Values Webinar Series
  - MHA Matching Grant Program for 2024/25
  - U7/U9 Hockey
  - Video Review Policy
- **Registration**
- **Officiating Programs**
- **Coaching Programs**
- **Development Programs**
- **Hockey Day in Saskatchewan**
- **Other**

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# Hockey Canada

## Hockey Saskatchewan/Hockey Canada Per Participant Fees

As we have been reporting since September, Hockey Canada has been in discussion/negotiations with the thirteen Branches of Hockey Canada of what the Hockey Canada Per Participant Fees will be for the 2025/26 season.

A decision was made by the Hockey Canada Board of Directors to increase the Per Participant Rate from the Current \$3 per Participant to \$10.00.

### Hockey Canada

Insurance	23.79
Assessment	10.00
Sport Safety	4.50
HCR Fee	3.12
Taxes	<u>1.02</u> (PST on Liability and D&O Insurance)
	42.43 (previously \$30.75)

As a result, we are projecting that the Per Participant Rate for 2025/26 will be \$67.00.

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**WHERE FUN**  
**Wins**





# Where Fun Wins

## A Grassroots Initiative

- **Fostering Youth Participation**
  - Targeting U7, U9, and U11 divisions
  - Emphasizing the joy of hockey through grassroots development
- **Inclusive and Welcoming Environment**
  - Focus on ensuring every child feels welcomed, valued, and excited to participate
- **Progressive Ice Surfaces for Skill Development**
  - U7: Cross-ice games for more puck touches and engagement
  - U9: Half-ice games for intermediate skill development
  - U11: Full-ice games to apply learned skills
- **Physical and Personal Growth**
  - Hockey promotes lifelong physical fitness, teamwork, and personal development
- **Comprehensive Resources for Players, Parents, and Officials**
  - Website offers guides and resources to enhance enjoyment and participation in hockey

U7: [VIDEO LINK](#)

U9: [VIDEO LINK](#)

U11: [VIDEO LINK](#)



VISIT:

[www.HockeySask.ca/Where-Fun-Wins](http://www.HockeySask.ca/Where-Fun-Wins)

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Values Webinar Series

Educational Webinar Series based in Hockey Saskatchewan Values will be held each month. Please join us and help encourage your members to join as well.

Up next:

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm - Fun**

The Fun Integration Theory with Dr. Amanda Visek

**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – Respect**

Hockey Indigenous with Stephane Friday

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – Inclusivity**

Gender Inclusion in Hockey with Kai Scott

***Pre-registration for all webinars will be required***

***Previous webinar recordings can be found on our website in the Events section***



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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## MHA Matching Grant Program – 2024/25

The Board of Directors have approved another MHA Matching Grant Program for the 2024/25 season in support of MHA's across the Province in the support 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.
- Power Skating services must be targeted towards the U7 to U13 age groups within an MHA and must have occurred from September 2024 to December 2024.
- Power Skating Certification must be obtained by December 31, 2024.
- Online Applications can be submitted now and up till February 28, 2025
- Power Skating instructors must possess the following certification in order for an MHA to qualify for the Matching Grant.

**\*\*\*1<sup>st</sup> round of payments will be processed this week.**

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

## Required Training

1. Respect in Sport Activity Leader

Plus **1 (one)** of the **5 (five)** designations below:

### a) Hockey Canada Certified Skills Coach (Level 3)

- Delivered by Hockey Canada
- Topics include: Skating, Skills, Defenseman, Shooting & Scoring,
- Hockey Network APP training
- Application process to attend, hosted biannually by Hockey Canada

### b) Hockey Saskatchewan Licensee

- Recognized by Hockey Saskatchewan in these categories: power skating, skills, Power Skating, skills, checking, developing defenseman, goaltending.
- Attend a Hockey Sask Professional Development Training Session

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

c) CanPower Skate - Delivered by Skate Canada

d) Hockey Saskatchewan Skills Coach Level

e) Hockey Sask Skating Coach – November 2 in Caronport (First Clinic held in August in Saskatoon with 27 people in attendance)

- Course material is from Hockey Canada; Skating 1a, Skating 1 & Skating 2
- Ice sessions to target; edges, striding & transitions.
- Additional Class sessions include: use of technology, skill progressions, skill analysis
- 10 Lesson plans are being developed for attendees.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan – Handbook – Governance (Website/App)

All Bylaws Regulations, Policies and Procedures are now housed on the Website/App under the Members tab and Governance

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

Please circulate the following documents to all Team Officials in your Association as these areas are where we receive the most inquiries at this time of the year.

**Casebooks for Affiliation and Suspensions – Reminder**

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

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs

Follow the Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs through the following link:



[www.hockeysask.ca/events/provincials/provincial-brackets](http://www.hockeysask.ca/events/provincials/provincial-brackets)



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# Hockey Saskatchewan U7 and U9 Hockey

## Reminder of the following! This is the Note following Hockey Saskatchewan Regulation 6.04.14

NOTE: Any coach, team and/or association found to be non-compliant with the U7 Cross-Ice format at any time during the season; or the U9 Half-Ice format; or the seasonal maximum game limits for U7, U9 and U11, will be subject to sanctions from both the Minor Hockey Association and/or Hockey Saskatchewan.

- Sanctions may include but are not limited to:

Head Coach suspension

Minor Hockey Association (and members) not being able to enter Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs.

Minor Hockey Association (and members) not being able to host any Hockey Saskatchewan sanctioned event.

Minor Hockey Association (and members) not being able to attend any Hockey Saskatchewan sanctioned event.

Minor Hockey Association's Hockey Saskatchewan membership reviewed.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Registration Deadlines

## January 10<sup>th</sup>

- Final date for a player to be released from their current team to still be eligible to register on another team
- Any player released from their current team after January 10<sup>th</sup> is ineligible to register elsewhere for the duration of the season
- Final date for the submission of an Affiliated Player (AP) list or the addition of any APs to a current AP List
- Final date for a team to be submitted for registration for the season

## February 10<sup>th</sup>

- Final date for ALL Registration (Hockey Canada Registry is locked)
- Any player released prior to January 10<sup>th</sup> from their current team...OR...a player that has not yet been registered on a team this season can still be registered on a team up until February 10<sup>th</sup>...PROVIDED...the team the player is being registered on has an open roster spot

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# Officiating Programs

## Officiating

### Thanks Stripes Weekend

- #ThanksStripes Weekend is January 24-26, 2025. This is an opportunity for communities to show support for their officials through announcements, gift, awards etc. Please share what your community is doing for #ThanksStripes with Austin Penner as all community events will be posted here: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/thanks-stripes>

### Green Armbands Initiative

- A Reminder to ensure that all your local officials who are 15 and under are wearing their green armbands. We need the support of the local communities to support this initiative and educate the coaches, players and fans about limiting the abuse of officials and supporting them as they are learning their role and developing as an official.

### Registration Numbers

- Hockey Saskatchewan is excited to report record high numbers of officials registered this season with more than 3,600 officials certified this season that is up from 3,300 officials' last season. That being said there is still a turnover of 1/3 of officials, and we all need to do our part to retain and keep the officials interested and provide positive experiences moving forward.

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# Officiating Programs

## Discipline/Video Review

- If there is any request made to alter a call that was made during a game or to video review a situation that occurred, nothing can be amended/changed without the approval of the Hockey Saskatchewan Coordinator Discipline.
- The following is a link to the Hockey Saskatchewan Video Review Policy  
→ <https://hockeysask.ca/members/governance/video-review-policy>
- A memo has been sent out to Leagues and MHA's to help clarify the process. The MHA President must sign off on the video submission – we strongly recommend the President reviewing the video before submitting it to ensure it is a legitimate request.
- **The expense is \$100 to submit the video and if a call is altered, \$50 is returned.**

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# Officiating Program

## Game Sheets

- It is becoming more difficult to read and decipher game sheets that come into the office. We need to ensure that off-ice officials review the Off-ice officials Manual.
- <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/resources>

## 11.4 Maltreatment Awareness

- Everyone needs to do a better job of understanding what is not appropriate in the arena. Times are changing and players, coaches, officials and fans need to understand guidelines, consequences and expectations. Information was shared and posted here:
- <https://hockeysask.ca/safe-sport/maltreatment-investigation-process/maltreatment-investigator/rule-11---maltreatment/maltreatment-awareness-day>

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# Coaching Program

## Missing Qualifications: (coaching fines)

- We are working on Missing qualifications report, it will be sent to Minor Hockey Associations in late January

## Provincial Playoff Regulations

- 6.06.01
- k) All Team Officials registered on a Provincial Team Roster must have the [appropriate Team Official/Coaching certification/requirements](#).
- This includes the AA/AAA leagues, these are provincial leagues and as such coaches must have the correct certifications to be rostered after December 20
- We notified all coaches who are missing Development 1 certification, a final DEV 1 clinic has been added on Jan 26 in Warman.
- Our Coaching Requirements page has all the information <https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/certification-requirements>

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# Coaching Program

## Respect in Sport:

- **We are seeing too many COACHES/TEAM STAFF without the Respect in Sport on their qualifications.**
  - Cannot substitute Respect Officials
  - Cannot substitute Respect Parent
  - MUST COMPLETE, RESPECT IN SPORT ACTIVITY LEADER
  - Use this link: <https://hockeysask.respectgroupinc.com/>

\*\*This must be completed and on the qualifications of a coach/team staff member to be able to register for another course

\*\*Respect in Sport from another sport can be used, however it must be on the coach/team staff member qualifications.

- the coach/team staff member must Import the RESPECT IN SPORT into the system, see the instructions below.

→ <https://hockeysask.respectgroupinc.com/>

- select IMPORT YOUR CERTIFICATE
- Fill out all the required information.

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# Coaching Program

## MENTORSHIP:

- We are looking to support associations who operate their own Mentorship program with training, resources & finances. We have expanded our mentorship to include U7, U9 & U11
- Hockey Saskatchewan will support your Mentor program in the following ways:
- Financial support: Hockey Sask formula for payment example, (# of U7 teams) x (2 visits per team) x \$75
- Hockey Sask will provide one (1) Hockey Network App code to each of your U7 team's Head Coach
- Mentor Training:
  - In these areas: Hockey Canada Skating 1, Skills 1, Hockey APP, planning, Facilitator, CanPowerSkate, communication skills, coach evaluation, NCCP Mentorship

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# Coaching Program

## Western Branch U11 Newsletter

The Western Branches of Hockey Canada – BC Hockey, Hockey Alberta, Hockey Saskatchewan, Hockey Manitoba, and Hockey North – are excited to bring you the first newsletter of our 2024-2025 U11 Development Support Program! We hope you'll find the resources we share with you with this season useful as you deliver U11 hockey in your region and help your first-year U11 players successfully transition from half-ice to full-ice.

December topics:

- U11 player pathway
- Goaltending drills/videos/practice tips
- Ask an Expert
- Hockey Canada Gold Medal Pathway GMP

→ <https://hockeysask.ca/where-fun-wins/under-11/under-11-resources>

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# Coaching Program

## High Performance 1 2025:

We will confirm in February our plans for the 2025 HP1

### Tentative dates are:

May 23 to 25 National Virtual Weekend

June 6 to 8 in-person weekend in Regina

## Hockey Sask Skills Coach Level 2:

**Dates** are set for June 13 to 15 in Saskatoon

Details and application will open in February.

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# Grassroots Programming

## Developing Defense PD Sessions

Below are the sessions currently booked. There could be more dates and locations added.

- January 28<sup>th</sup> Regina  
→ <https://hockeysask.ca/programs/development-programs/developing-defencemen>

## Goalie PD Sessions

Below are the sessions currently booked. There could be more dates and locations added.

- March 10<sup>th</sup> Indian Head  
→ <https://hockeysask.ca/programs/development-programs/goaltending>

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# Grassroots Programming

## U13 Female Futures

This is a U13 Spring Program.

There are two weekends involved in this Program.

Camp Weekend: April 25-27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regina (Co-Operators Centre)

Tournament Weekend: May 9-11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regina (Co-Operators Centre)

**\*\*REGISTRATION Portal is Open**

To date 70 Registrations have been received. Program Maximum number of participants is 128

→ [www.hockeysask.ca/programs/female-programs/female-futures](http://www.hockeysask.ca/programs/female-programs/female-futures)

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## Cross-Ice Jamborees – SaskMilk Program

Through Hockey Saskatchewan's partnership with SaskMilk, all Under-7 Cross-Ice Jamboree hosts can purchase dairy products such as chocolate milk for their event participants and receive reimbursement up to a maximum amount of \$100.00 (after tax).

To qualify for reimbursement, please submit proof of purchase (photo of receipt) to Matt Miller using the post-event form that is emailed to each event host. We also encourage posting on social media or sending in photos post-event so we can further promote this initiative! 😊

*\*\*Please note that the cheque will be sent to and made payable to the MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION directly and will be sent from SaskMilk.*



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## Sask First

January 2025

- Registration Deadline is upcoming for the following programs:
  - Male U18
  - Female U16
  - Female U18

**\*\*Deadline to register is Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 5:00 PM**

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



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# Sask First

## February 2025

- January 31- February 2, 2025 – Male U18 (2009, 2008, 2007) Sask First Regional Camps Male Lumsden & Aberdeen, Sk.
- January 31- February 2, 2025 – Female U18 (2008/2009) Sask First Provincial Camp Female Southey, Sk.
- January 31- February 2, 2025 –Female U16 (2010/2011) Sask First Regional Camps Female Pense & Dalmeny, Sk.
- February 14-16, 2025 – Male U15 (2010) Sask First Top 80 Tournament Balgonie, Sk.

## April 2025

- April 4-6, 2025 – Sask First **Female** U16 (2010/2011) Top 136 Tournament – Regina, Sk.
- April 11-13, 2025, - Sask First **Female** U18 (2008/2009) Top 80 Tournament – Balgonie, Sk.
- April 11-13, 2025 – Sask First **Male** U18 (2009, 2008, 2007) Top 160 Tournament – Regina, Sk.

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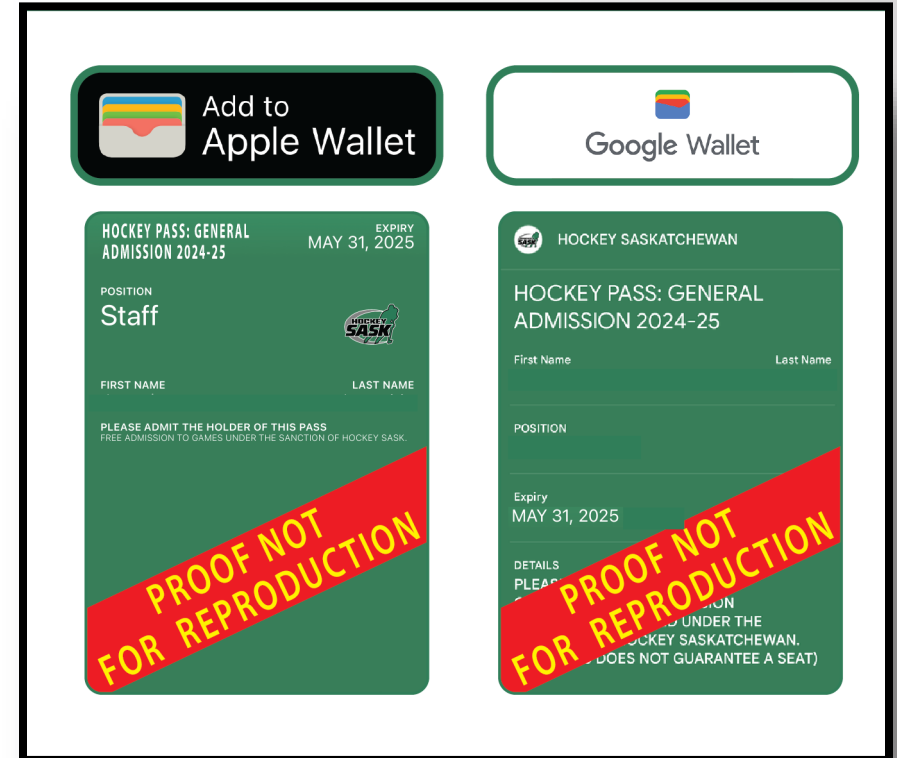


## New Digital Hockey Pass

- **NEW digital hockey pass for 2024-25 season**
  - Staff of Hockey Saskatchewan
  - Board of Directors of Hockey Saskatchewan
  - Officiating Coaches / Supervisors

\*This is in place of the laminated card that was used in past seasons.

- Please admit the holder of the digital pass, free admission to all games under sanction of Hockey Saskatchewan.
- Pass does not guarantee a seat.



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# Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

- **Hockey Day in Saskatchewan**

Canora will serve as the Host of the 2025 Hockey Day in Saskatchewan event that is being held the weekend of January 14 – 19, 2025.

Fundraising page: <https://trellis.org/hockey-day-in-saskatchewan>

- The rotation is as follows:

- 2025/26      Zone 3      Call for Applications will be made in February 2025 with an April 1 deadline.
- 2026/27      Zone 7
- 2027/28      Zone 1
- 2028/29      Zone 5
- 2029/30      Zone 8
- 2030/31      Zone 4



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