



# HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

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## Membership Virtual Meeting

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November 8, 2022

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# Agenda

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Strategic Plan

Hockey Saskatchewan Chair of the Board Tim Hubic will review the Hockey Saskatchewan Roadmap with you.

<https://hockeysask.ca/pub/About/bod/hockey-saskatchewan-strategic-roadmap.pdf>

Hockey Saskatchewan is eager to work with Members to seek out best practices for accomplishing our mission. All Hockey Saskatchewan members are encouraged and welcome to reach out to Board members to share any feedback they may have about the Strategic Plan.

In the near future, each Minor Hockey Association will receive two (2) posters that contain a QR Code that can be scanned to view the **Roadmap** and how this Strategic Plan will unfold over the upcoming seasons.

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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 have let their names stand for election at the Hockey Canada AGM which will be held in December.

### Justice Cromwell Report

- From the Preliminary Report from Justice Cromwell the following recommendations were approved by the Hockey Canada Membership:
  - That the election of the Board of Directors see people elected for a one-year transition period.
  - That all applications for the Board of Directors be “vetted” by the Hockey Canada Independent Nominating Committee.
  - That the Nominating Committee will recommend a slate of one Chairperson and eight Directors from all the applications received based upon a Skill Matrix that has been developed and that the Member Branches approve the slate as presented.

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The full Cromwell report was released Friday morning. <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

## Hockey Canada Participant Fee

The Hockey Canada Board of Directors recently decided that the \$3.00 per participant fee that is normally collected annually from the Member Branches will not be collected for the 2022/23 season. This follows what occurred for the 2021/22 season.

Due to the timing of the decision, Hockey Saskatchewan will continue to collect its full \$48 per participant fee.

The Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors decided, upon hearing the Hockey Canada decision, that the \$3.00 Hockey Canada fee would be refunded for players and team officials during the registration reconciliation process that the Hockey Saskatchewan staff undertakes annually within the February/March timeframe.

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# Registration

## Carded Team Application Time Frames (U9 and U11 only)

- Online registration and payment of \$75.00 between November 1<sup>st</sup> and 5:00 pm on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Team Registration form must be completed in its entirety and received by 5:00 pm on December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Carded teams allowed to practice once per week beginning December 1 provided it does not conflict with the players regular season team's schedule.
- All rosters, once received, will be reviewed and approved. If there are any issues with the team's roster, the team contact will be contacted by Hockey Saskatchewan.
- Carded Weekends are
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in December
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in January
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in February
  - 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in March

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## Provincial Application Time Frames

- Online application for Provincials will be opened November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm for a \$75.00 fee
- There is a late deadline of December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and the fee is \$150.00 after December 1<sup>st</sup> till December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Once the application is received and approved a Provincial Roster will be emailed to the team contact.
- The Provincial Roster must be completed in its entirety and emailed back to Hockey Saskatchewan by the deadlines listed below.
- Teams registered for Provincials can play games once their Provincial Application and Provincial Team Registration Form **have been submitted and approved** by Hockey Saskatchewan. (Note: this is in the event the team entered is a combined team or has added players to their regular team)
- Provincial Team Registration Forms must be received by Hockey Saskatchewan by 5:00 pm, December 15<sup>th</sup> for Female teams , 5:00 pm December 20<sup>th</sup> for Co-ed teams and 5:00 pm December 30<sup>th</sup> for Senior.

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# Coaching Program

Clinics are now available throughout the Province.

Coaching Clinics are a combination of online and in-person components.

Please visit the Hockey Saskatchewan Website at <https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/clinics> for all information and to register for Clinics.

All Coaching certification requirements must be obtained by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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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.

Warman	November 9		
Davidson	November 10	Saskatoon	November 14
Battleford	November 28	Outlook	November 30
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.

You can visit the Hockey Saskatchewan Website at <https://hockeysask.ca/players/development-camps/developing-defencemen> to see register for a camp in your area.

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:

November 19/20	Battleford	January 14/15	Spiritwood
March 25/26	Saskatoon		

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## Development Programs

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

## Official “Coaches” at the Grassroots and Senior/U18 Levels

- Hockey Saskatchewan will be hosting a Virtual Grassroots Coaching Seminar Monday, November 21.
- This is to help support those interested in the role of an official coach and how to enter the supervision forms and receive payment for their services.
- Hockey Saskatchewan does have a Grassroots Official Coaching Plan that provides a fee of \$10 for each official that is coached plus mileage if there is travel outside your local community.
- Please share this registration link with anyone who may be interested from your community.  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYud-ytrD4pGtEmdpASfRmWXwq0\\_6uYj8nU](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYud-ytrD4pGtEmdpASfRmWXwq0_6uYj8nU)
- Official Coaches are crucial at all levels of hockey to provide support, mentorship and rankings to understand when officials are ready to move up to new leagues and track their progress throughout the season.

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# Officiating Program

## Assigning of Officials

- Assigning has been a challenge and we have some leagues and associations trying to schedule their full season, which influences many other leagues and does not set up the teams and officials to be successful.

More often than not when we face problems in the second half of the season it is due to over exposure of an official to a team and a team to an official. We want to ensure games are being spread out evenly and that games are being assigned on a month-by-month basis.

- The process is that we must wait for the American Hockey League followed by the Western Hockey League and Canada West (USport), then the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, Saskatchewan U18 AAA Hockey Leagues, Prairie Junior Hockey League and Senior, U18 and U15 AA Leagues, U18, U15, U13, U11, U9 and U7 and minor hockey.

Again, we want to provide officials an opportunity to work the highest levels of hockey they are capable of working. If minor hockey leagues have their officials assigned to U13 games that should be working U15AA games, we are having a difficult time filling these spots.

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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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# Officiating Program

## Sask First Registration

Sask First Camp registration for Officials 15 and over is now open. The first event is for male officials is December 3-4.

<https://hockeysask.ca/form-payment/official---sask-first-regirstration>

These opportunities provide officials the opportunity to receive high level coaching and exposure in order to be considered to advance to higher caliber leagues and compete for spots at Sask First Tournaments throughout the season.

It also provides them the resources and coaching to go back and be leaders in their local communities.

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# Sask First Programming

All Sask First Programs are now open for Registrations by visiting the Hockey Saskatchewan website at <https://hockeysask.ca/players/sask-first>

The deadline to register for the Male U15 Program is November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Individuals interested in coaching within the Sask First Program can visit the Hockey Saskatchewan website at <https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/sask-first-coaching>

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## Sask First Dates

- **Male U15**  
December 1-5, 2022  
December 28-30, 2022  
February 17-19, 2023  
Sask First Regional Camps  
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

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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
- 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

This Task Team will begin work the end of November. 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
- 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

### Criminal Record Checks and Vulnerable Sector Checks

There has been several Minor Hockey Associations that have expressed that their team officials and/or officials are having a difficult time obtaining a Vulnerable Sector Check from their local police department/detachment.

The attached is a letter from the Hockey Saskatchewan lawyer Aaron Fox that will assist your members if they encounter difficulty. Please provide them with a copy.