



# HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

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## Membership Virtual Meeting

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September, 2021

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



# Agenda

- Return to Play
- Hockey Saskatchewan
  - New Logo/New Website/New App/MHA Portal
- Hockey Canada Registry 3.0 – Update
- Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative
- Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching Clinics
  - Female Coaching Initiative
- Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating Clinics
- Goaltending Camps – PD Days
- U9 Hockey – Half ice All Season
- Hockey Saskatchewan Annual Meeting Update
- Other

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# Return to Play

- Hockey Saskatchewan has recently released the latest Return to Play document that is located on the Hockey Saskatchewan website at:

<https://hockeysask.ca/pub/Members/hockey-sask---return-to-hockey-safety-guidelines-v-30.pdf>

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

- New Name – Hockey Saskatchewan
- The Board of Directors decided in the spring to proceed with a name change for the Association. It assists the Association in distancing itself from the SHA acronym that has been assumed by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Even though the Association had “SHA” trademarked, the trademark was not extensive enough to challenge the Saskatchewan Health Authority.
- Along with the name change, the logo was altered and is similar to the previous logo.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

- The Association name change, and new logo coincided with the launch of a new Hockey Saskatchewan website at:

[WWW.HOCKEYSASK.CA](http://WWW.HOCKEYSASK.CA)

- This week Hockey Saskatchewan will be launching an App, supported by Directwest, that is hoped to assist the members access information in a quicker format.
- NOTE: The Hockey Saskatchewan 'Handbook' is no longer being printed.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

The MHA Toolbox is on the Hockey Saskatchewan website under the MEMBERS tab. The MHA Toolbox has the MHA Portal on this page. The MHA Portal is a password protected page which houses the following forms and applications:

## Forms

- Association Registration Form
- Affiliation Form

## Online Applications

- Tournament Sanction Application
- Exhibition Game Sanction Application
- Canadian Travel Permit Application
- USA Travel Permit Application\* (will be available at a later date)
- U9/U11 Carded Team Application
- Minor Provincial Team Application
- Female Provincial Team Application
- All other Development Applications – Grassroots, Coaching and Officiating

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# Hockey Saskatchewan

- **The MHA Portal is password protected and the Username/Password will only be provided by Hockey Saskatchewan to the Minor Hockey Association's current President.**
- This process is being implemented to stop random coaches, managers and parents from applying for any of the above without the knowledge or approval of their MHA. How each MHA decides who to give access to the Portal within their own organization is up to them. However, Hockey Saskatchewan urges each MHA to be cautious with who you provide this information to. Your MHA is responsible for all of your members and teams. You must be aware of who is sanctioning tournaments and exhibition games; who is travelling outside the province for games; who is applying for Provincials and Carded teams. Please instruct those with access to the Portal of the importance of following Hockey Saskatchewan guidelines as the MHA would face sanctions from Hockey Saskatchewan.

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# Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) 3.0

- Hockey Canada has undertaken a project to revise/update the Hockey Canada Registry commonly referred to the HCR. It is the program used to register participants in teams across the country.
- As you can appreciate, this has been an enormous undertaking and when you consider the fact that each provinces process for Registration is vastly different it makes the task very complicated.
- We are hoping that many of the “bugs” that were being experienced have been fixed and you are able to begin registering your participants and teams.
- Please be patient if you experience any problems contact Derek Derow, Hockey Saskatchewan’s Senior Manager Operations.

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# Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative

## What is maltreatment?

**Maltreatment consists of acts that result in actual or the potential of physical or psychological harm. This includes, but is not limited to physical, psychological, or sexual actions, as detailed below.**

| Physical   | Psychological   | Sexual   |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assault or unwanted physical contact</li><li>• Non-contact behaviour, such as denying hydration or nutrition; providing alcohol to a participant under legal age, etc.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal assaults or attacks</li><li>• Unwanted physical contact</li><li>• Denying attention or support</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unwanted contact of a sexual nature on any part of a person's body</li><li>• Showing sexual videos or images</li><li>• Unwanted conversation or teasing of a sexual nature</li></ul> |





# Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative

## Why maltreatment?

**Hockey Canada believes that every person should have positive experiences in hockey.**

**It's easy to say that discrimination, harassment, and abuse have no place in our game... but we all play a role in making that a reality.**

**We must all expect more from participants, our teammates, and ourselves. No excuses.**





# Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative

## What has changed?

### NEW – Section 11 – Maltreatment

| New Playing Rule |   |
|------------------|---|
| 11.1             | Unsportsmanlike Conduct                         |
| 11.2             | Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behaviour |
| 11.3             | Spitting  |
| 11.4             | Discrimination                                  |
| 11.5             | Physical Harassment of Officials                |





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## Rule 11.1 vs. Rule 11.2

### What has changed?

#### 11.1 - Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- Player, goaltender or team official challenges/disputes the ruling of the official(s).



#### 11.2 - Disrespectful, Abusive, and Harassing Behaviour

- Player, goaltender, or team official uses disrespectful language or gestures directed to the Referee or any other individual.
- "disrespectful" is defined as actions or words deemed rude, unpleasant, inappropriate, or unprofessional and found to be offensive to others.



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- For years, we have emphasized the difference between emotion and abuse. This change codifies that difference in the rulebook.
  - Emotion is a natural expression of passion for the game that **may** cross the line, depending on the situation (Rule 11.1).
  - Abuse is unacceptable behaviour that **must** be penalized each and every time it occurs (Rule 11.2).
- Like with any new rule, it is crucial that we enforce this standard, regardless of the level of play or the type of game.

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## Rule 11.1 vs. Rule 11.2

How do we apply this rule?



These rules are not only for participant-official interactions.

We can and must penalize players and team officials for comments or behaviours directed at one another that violate this rule.

What would be an example of that?





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## Rule 11.4 – Discrimination

**Any player, goaltender or team official who engages in verbal taunts, insults, or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds, shall be assessed a Gross Misconduct.**

**Discriminatory grounds include the following, without limitation:**

- Race, national or ethnic origin, skin colour, or language spoken
- Religion, faith, or beliefs
- Age
- Sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity / expression
- Marital or familial status
- Genetic characteristics
- Disability





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## Rule 11.4 – Discrimination

### Reporting

- The referee shall report the individual(s) by completing a Game Incident Report, including full details and submitting the Report to the appropriate Member or League delegate.

### On-Ice Allegations

- If an incident occurs that was not witnessed by the Officials and is reported to the Referee, the Referee shall report the individual(s) to an appropriate member of each team's bench staff.
- The Referee shall complete a Game Incident Report, including full details and shall submit the Report to the appropriate Member or League delegate.





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## Rule 11.4 – Discrimination

When an allegation is made and the official did not witness the incident, follow this three-step process



### STEP 1

Confer with your officiating team in case they witnessed the incident.

Any official who witnessed the incident can assess the required Gross Misconduct penalty.

If none of you witnessed the incident, proceed to Step 2.



### STEP 2

Address the allegation with a team official from each team.

Explain what was alleged, who was involved, and the potential consequences for this behaviour.



### STEP 3

Submit a Game Incident Report, detailing what you know about the incident. Who was involved? What was alleged to have been said or done? What did you observe?

Only speak to what you know but be thorough!







# Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching Clinics

- Can be found on the Hockey Saskatchewan website

[www.HockeySask.ca/Coaches/Clinics](http://www.HockeySask.ca/Coaches/Clinics)

- To date the following number of Coaching Clinics have been booked and are referenced on the Hockey Saskatchewan website

19 - Checking;

30 - Coach 1;

33 - Coach 2;

21 - Goaltending;

3 - Development 1

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Female Coaching Initiative

- Hockey Saskatchewan Regulation 8.01.01 d) reads as follows:

“For the 2021-22 season and beyond, all Female Teams registered with Hockey Saskatchewan must have a Female Coach or Assistant Coach registered.”

- The initiative is meant to encourage MHA’s to actively recruit Female coaches and provide them with an active role on the team.
- 11 Female clinics booked in Lumsden, Regina, Weyburn, Saskatoon
- Hockey Saskatchewan has four women trained as Women Masters Coach Developers to assist female coaches and they are; Regina Deana Gelinis and Colleen Sostorics; Saskatoon Robin Ulrich; Shellbrook Brenda Cromartie

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating Clinics

- Attached is the clinic presentation plan which details what the fees and requirements to be certified for the 2021-22 season are.

(Will be made available on the website when all material is posted)

- Note that all officials who were certified last season are eligible to work games up until December 7, 2021. Those who want to continue will need to recertify like they always do.
- All officials will receive one Hockey Saskatchewan crest with their registration.
- Note that with Sask First Registration for officials for the U15 Male camp officials will open later in October.
- MHAs should assign one (1) officials for U7 and one (1) or two (2) officials for U9 Half ice games.

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# Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating Clinics

- Officials who require the Hockey University Course can do that here:  
<https://register.hockeycanada.ca/clinic-details/1ebd3903-a5ac-640a-92c1-02b4ba68f2d8#register>
- Officials who require an on-ice session can view the schedule and register here:  
<https://hockeysask.ca/officials/registration/on-ice-clinic-schedule>
- Officials who require a Virtual Classroom Session can do that here:  
<https://hockeysask.ca/officials/registration/virtual-clinic-schedule>

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## Goaltending Camps – PD Days

- New for the 2021-22 hockey season, Hockey Saskatchewan will be hosting PD Camps for Goalies. These will be hosted during the School Division Professional Development days off. The FOCUS of ALL these sessions will be **MOVEMENT** and **SKATING**.
- The number of sessions will depend on the number of goalies interested at each location. Each session will have a maximum of 8 goalies on the ice. Depending on the number of registrations, the groups will be split by skill then by age.
- **Cost: \$60/ Session.**
- **THE FOLLOWING DATES AND LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN SET:**
  - Regina- October 15<sup>th</sup> (Location TBD) Moose (Bert Hunt)- October 29<sup>th</sup> Warman- November 5<sup>th</sup> Saskatoon- November 12<sup>th</sup> Yorkton- November 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Outlook- November 15<sup>th</sup> Battleford- November 29<sup>th</sup> Moose Jaw (Kinsmen)- November 29<sup>th</sup> Swift Current- December 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Prince Albert- December 22<sup>nd</sup> Saskatoon January 3<sup>rd</sup> Regina- January 28<sup>th</sup> (Location TBD) Saskatoon- March 7<sup>th</sup>

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## Other Items

- Reminder that all U9 Hockey is half ice for the entire year
  - Exhibition games start November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Tournament games start December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - League games start January 1<sup>st</sup>
  - League Playoff Games must be in a Tournament Style Format
  - Number of games is a Maximum of 45 games
- Reminder that for U11 Hockey
  - Exhibition, Tournament or League games start November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - League Playoff Games must be in a Tournament Style Format
  - Number of games is a Maximum of 45 games



## Other Items

- **Carded Hockey**

- This is for U9 and U11 teams outside Geographic Subdivisions 2 – 6
- Carded teams can begin registering online November 1<sup>st</sup> until 5:00 pm November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Once application is approved a team registration form must be completed by 5:00 pm December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Carded Teams are allowed to start practicing once per week on December 1<sup>st</sup> provided it does not conflict with their regular team
- There are four carded weekends throughout the season which results in no league play scheduled for U9 and U11 throughout the province:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| • 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    |



# Hockey Saskatchewan AGM Update

- During the Hockey Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a Procedural Error took place.
- There was a Bylaw presented that changed the voting structure of the Association at the AGM. This Bylaw was approved. The Procedural Error took place in that the voting on the subsequent Bylaw Amendment Proposals still used the voting process that was now amended.
- It was felt that the proper procedure to follow was that the AGM would be held again with the same people in attendance and start immediately with the Bylaw amendment following the one that altered the voting rights.
- However, upon consultation with Hockey Saskatchewan Legal Council this was not possible and based upon the options provided, the Board of Directors chose to wait till the 2022 Annual General Meeting to present any Bylaw Amendments.

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