



HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

Membership Presentation

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

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Land Acknowledgement

Before we begin, Hockey Saskatchewan wants to start by acknowledging that we have viewers 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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Presentation Agenda

Hockey Saskatchewan Membership Presentation Agenda:

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- Phase 2 of the 'Where Fun Wins' Initiative
- Culture & Inclusion Initiatives
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- Grassroots Programming
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- Hockey Day in Saskatchewan
- World Junior 50/50
- U7 Cross-Ice Jamboree / SaskMilk Reimbursement Program
- Hockey Saskatchewan Online Store

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MHA Matching Grant

MHA Matching Grant Program Returns for 2025-26 Season

Hockey Saskatchewan's Minor Hockey Association (MHA) Matching Grant Program is back for the 2025-26 season. It will once again be in 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.

IMPORTANT:

- One application per MHA will be accepted and the MHA must match the grant received.
- Power skating services must be targeted towards the Under-7 to Under-13 age groups within an MHA and must have occurred from September to December 2025.
- Power skating certification must be obtained by December 31, 2025.
- Online grant applications **NOW** are open until February 28, 2026.

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MHA Matching Grant

Power skating instructors must possess the following certification in order for an MHA to qualify for the grant:

Required Training

1. Respect in Sport Activity Leader

Plus, one of the five designations below

a) Hockey Canada Certified Skills Coach (Level 3)

Delivered by Hockey Canada

Topics include: Skating, Skills, Defence, 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 defence, goaltending.

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MHA Matching Grant

c) CanPower Skate - Delivered by Skate Canada

d) Hockey Saskatchewan Skills Coach Level

e) Hockey Saskatchewan Skating Coach (**NOW CLOSED**)

Certification clinics held on September 27 in Saskatoon and on October 4 in Caronport.

Course material will be 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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Where Fun Wins!

Where Fun Wins (WFW) Initiative!

This initiative started at the beginning of the 2024-25 season to promote the first three age groups, or first six to seven years of a young boy or girls introduction to the game.

Hockey Saskatchewan wants to promote the fact that for someone to continue in an activity they not simply need to learn how to skate and all the skills of hockey, they need to have FUN! If they have FUN, there is a greater chance they will stay in the game and enjoy everything the game can provide them.

We ask that everyone visit the Where Fun Wins homepage on the Hockey Saskatchewan website along with each of the individual age group webpages through the following links:

- **WFW Homepage:** <https://hockeysask.ca/where-fun-wins>
- **WFW Under-7:** <https://hockeysask.ca/where-funwins/under-7>
- **WFW Under-9:** <https://hockeysask.ca/where-fun-wins/under-9>
- **WFW Under-11:** <https://hockeysask.ca/where-fun-wins/under-11>

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Phase 2 of Where Fun Wins!

Hockey Saskatchewan has expanded the 'Where Fun Wins' Initiative into **Under-13 hockey** – a key step in the player journey.

- Focus remains on fun, development, and inclusion, while introducing new challenges:
 - Full-ice play
 - Provincial Playoffs
 - AA Hockey Pathways

Players can experience hockey through 3 branches:

- Recreational
- Competitive
- Off-Ice Wins

WFW Under-13: <https://hockeysask.ca/where-fun-wins/under-13-u13>

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AGE DIVISION VALUE STATEMENT

UNDER-13



Progressive and inclusive, Under-13 players will focus on continued skill development while increasing the emphasis on team play and tactics. Programs are designed for recreational and competitive league play.



Education Assistance Program

Hockey Saskatchewan's 2024-25 Education Assistance Program Grants 🎓🏒

Awardees were announced this month, celebrating the **36th year** of supporting members pursuing post-secondary education in Saskatchewan.

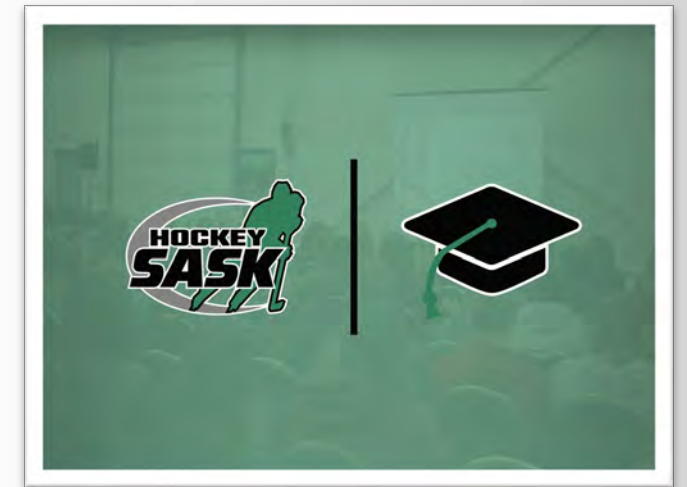
- Recognizes players, coaches, referees, and linespersons for their dedication to academics.
- Eighteen members have been awarded **\$1,000** each, representing communities across the province.
- The program can award up to 21 grants per season.
- Since 1990-91, over 438 grants totalling over \$439,000 have been awarded.

Hockey Saskatchewan congratulates all recipients for their efforts on the ice and in the classroom!

Applications for the 2025-26 Education Assistance Program are due on **Aug. 31, 2026**.

🔗 Click [here](#) for eligibility and grant application details.

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Culture & Inclusion

Education, Performance Building & Team Workshops for Athletes

1. Smart Phones, Social Media & Online Conduct (Under-13+)

- In-person, online, or custom resources for coaches (tailored to your needs).
- Book with Faye Matt, Senior Manager of Culture & Inclusion
- Available all season

2. Brock McGillis – Shiftmakers Tour (Under-15+)

- In-person
- Booking information coming soon for presentations in February

4. 1616 Foundation (Under-11 to Under-15)

- Self or team-led, 10-week program
- Sign up online 1616.org

Stay tuned for more!

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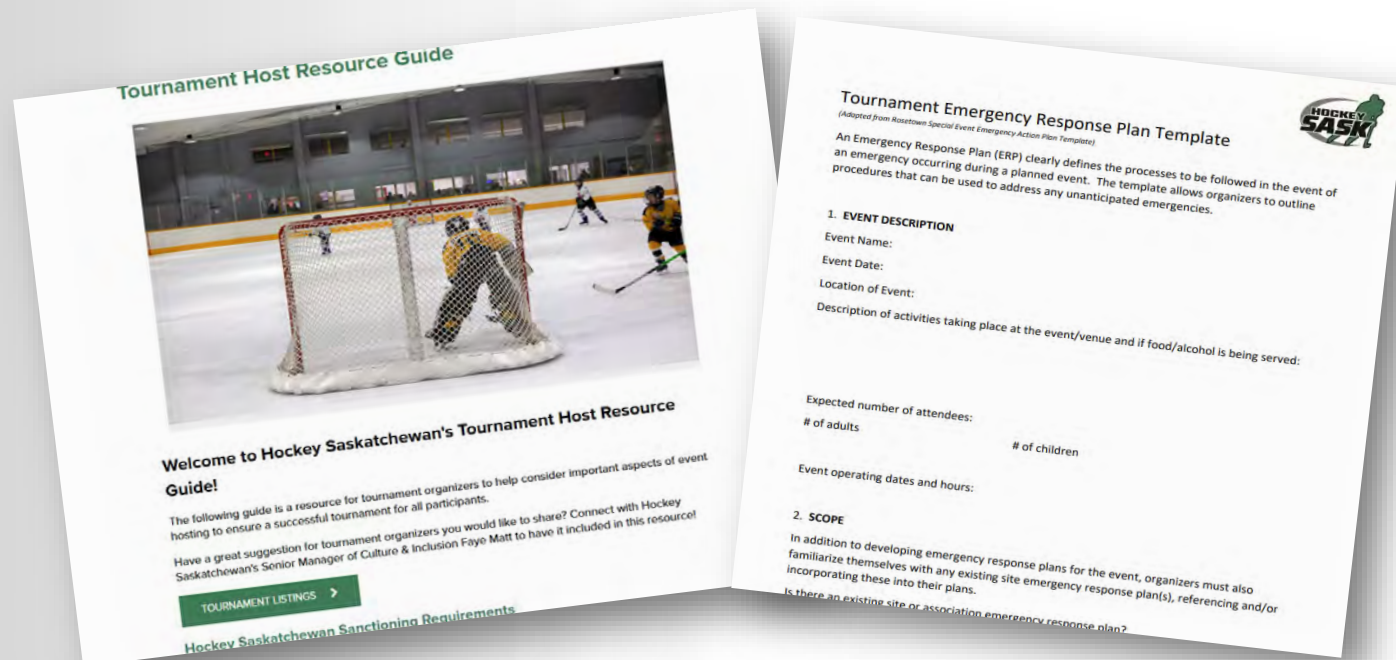


Culture & Inclusion

NEW: Tournament Host Resource Guide

Link → <https://hockeysask.ca/members/tournaments/tournament-hosting-guide>

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Hockey Saskatchewan Registration

❖ Important Dates HERE: <https://hockeysask.ca/members/governance/important-dates>

December 15, 2025

- Final date for team officials to be REMOVED from a team roster

January 10, 2026

- Final date for players to be released and be eligible to register with another team
- Final date teams may apply to register for the season
- Final date to which additions can be made to any affiliation (AP) list





Registration

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CARDED HOCKEY

December 1, 2025

- Final date, by 5:00 pm, for carded team rosters to be submitted to Hockey Saskatchewan

December 12-14, 2025

- First Carded Weekend

January 9-11, 2026

- Second Carded Weekend





Registration

Provincial Playoff Registration/Rosters/Orientation

December 8, 2025 **(CLOSED)**

- Final date, by 5:00 pm, for Minor Hockey Associations and Senior teams to apply for Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs with the penalty fee assessed

December 15, 2025

- All Female Under-13 teams who have entered Provincial Playoffs must submit their Provincial Roster to Hockey Saskatchewan

December 20, 2025

- All Minor teams who have entered Provincial Playoffs must submit their Provincial Roster to Hockey Saskatchewan

December 30, 2025

- All Senior teams who have entered Provincial Playoffs must submit their Provincial Roster to Hockey Saskatchewan

January 5, 2026

- Provincial Playoff orientation via virtual meeting for all Provincial Under-13 & Under-18 teams

January 6, 2026

- Provincial Playoff orientation via virtual meeting for all Provincial Under-15 & Senior teams

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Coaching Certification

All links on Hockey Saskatchewan’s webpage: <https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/clinics>

CLINIC	TRAINING STEP #1	TRAINING STEP #2	TRAINING STEP #3
Respect In Sport	Clinic (Online)		
Hockey Canada Safety	HCSP - Level 1 (Online)		
Coach 1	Skating 1 (Online)	Hockey Canada Coach 1 (Online)	
Coach 2	Skills 1 Online (Online)	Hockey Canada Coach 2 (Online)	
Checking 1	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking (Online)		
Goaltending 1	Hockey Canada Goaltending 1 (Online)		
Development 1	Hockey Canada Development 1 (Online)	Attend In-Person Session	Completion of POST TASKS & ICE EVALUATION

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Coaching Certification

THE COACH CERTIFICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 20, 2025!

The Hockey Saskatchewan coaching requirements webpage has all the information for each age category:

- <https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/certification-requirements>

*****Reminder for ALL Minor hockey teams in Provincial Playoffs, all registered team staff must have the correct certifications to participate, and this includes provincial AA & AAA Leagues.*****

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Coaching Certification

Hockey Saskatchewan shared information with all Minor Hockey Association (MHA) Presidents on how to build reports to keep tabs on all teams/coaches to have all the required certifications.

Certification Cart

- This lists all the accepted certifications (old & new)

Hockey Saskatchewan Team Staff Certifications

- This document has all the certification requirements for each age group and each team staff role

Verify Individual Qualifications

- This document will help you verify all INDIVIDUAL certifications using the HCR TEAMS Verify

How to Create Safety – Goaltending Deficiency Report

- Build a reports on all teams in your MHA
- Can be filtered by age group

Respect in Sport Information (Frequently Asked Questions)

- If your team staff are missing the Respect in Sport certificate on their hockey profile, it helps you

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Coach Mentorship Program

Coach Mentorship Program:

We are looking to support Minor Hockey Associations who operate their own Coach Mentorship Program with training, resources & finances.

We have expanded our mentorship to include Under-7, Under-9 & Under-11.

Do you have a person that would be a great candidate to fill a mentor role?

Contact Hockey Saskatchewan's Senior Coaching Coordinator Blaine Stork (blaines@hockeysask.ca).

Hockey Saskatchewan will support your own Coach Mentorship Program in the following ways:

- Financial support: Hockey Saskatchewan's formula for payment example → (# of U7 teams) x (2 visits per team) x \$75.
- Hockey Saskatchewan will provide one (1) Hockey Canada Network App code to each of your U7 team's head coaches.
- Mentor Training:
 - In these areas: Hockey Canada Skating 1, Skills 1, Hockey Canada Network App, planning, Facilitator, CanPowerSkate, communication skills, coach evaluation, National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Mentorship.

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Officiating Development Program

The 2025-26 Referee and Linesperson Certification Deadline is coming up quickly!

- Just over 2,000 officials fully certified.
- Level 1 clinics are completed now.
- Level 2 officials, who need an on-ice session, have the option to attend the ice session in Regina on Dec. 28, or have the local Minor Hockey Association book ice and line up an instructor. Please contact Hockey Saskatchewan's Officiating Coordinator Austin Penner (austinp@hockeysask.ca).
- The final virtual clinic is December 18.
- Everything must be completed by December 31.

Here is the link to check the certification status of your local officials:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NPjP5yhpO2wYr9wgzEQ_hF6Ilk4k1ldz7qAYrH_SnbQ/edit?usp=sharing

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Officiating Development Program

- **Sask First Officials Program Registration is Open**

Sask First Male Under-15 Regional Camp was completed last weekend with 71 officials attending

Sask First Female and Male U18 Camp registration is now open

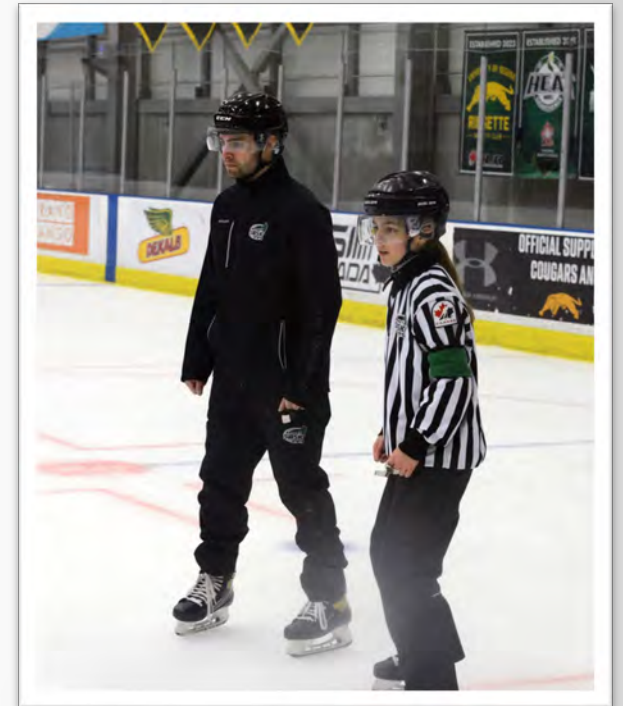
<https://hockeysask.ca/officials/sask-first-officiating>

- **NEW: 5th Official Program is Open for Registration**

Chance to join seasoned Officials do their pre-game and go on the ice for the national anthem of select Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) and U-Sport games.

LINK → <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/5th-official>

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Officiating Development Program

- **Thanks Stripes Weekend – January 2-4, 2026**
 - Please let us know what you are doing locally to show appreciation for you officials so we can share that on our website and help promote your community and officials.
- **NEW: Officiating Buddy System**
 - Through this new program, “Buddies” are starting to be matched up with mentors to provide support for Level 1 officials. Please encourage officials interested to get signed up as soon as possible.

Official Buddy System: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/programs/officials-coaching--mentorship>

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Grassroots Programming

Developing Defence & Growing Goaltending Sessions

INFO & REGISTRATION HERE:

- DEFENCE LINK → [HockeySask.ca/programs/development-programs/developing-defencemen](https://hockeysask.ca/programs/development-programs/developing-defencemen)

Upcoming Sessions:

December 22 - Moosomin

January 2 - Saskatoon

January 5 - Strasbourg

January 5 - Langenburg

January 12- Regina

- GOALTENDING LINK → <https://hockeysask.ca/programs/development-programs/goaltending>

Upcoming Sessions:

December 12 - Arcola (U9 Only)

December 22 - Moosomin

January 2 - Naicam

January 5 - Langenburg

January 12 - Regina

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Grassroots Programming

Under-7 Cross-Ice Jamboree & Under-9 Half-Ice Celebrations are Underway!

If you are thinking about hosting an event, please reach out to your Minor Hockey Association (MHA) president or email Hockey Saskatchewan's Senior Grassroots Coordinator, Matt Miller, at mattm@hockeysask.ca.

Under-7 Cross-Ice Jamborees:

Dundurn - December 6

Melfort - December 13

Cudworth - December 14

Shellbrook - December 20

Lumsden - January 11 (U7 Lynx)

Lumsden - January 18 (U7 Lions)

Canora - December 7

Arborfield - December 13

Biggar - December 14

St. Brieux - December 20

Goodsoil - January 17

Under-9 Cross-Ice Celebrations:

Biggar - December 14

Goodsoil - January 17

Shellbrook - December 20

Lumsden - January (U9 Lynx)

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Grassroots Programming

Female Festivals (Under-9 to Under-11)

Registration is open and here are the 2025-26 season dates and locations.

- December 13-14 in Wolseley (Registration Closed on December 8)
- January 10-11 in Central Butte
- March 13-14 in Davidson

LINK → <https://hockeysask.ca/programs/female-programs/female-festivals>

Female Futures (Under-13)

Dates Confirmed for the Program:

- **Skill Camp Weekend:** April 24-26, 2026, in Regina
- **Tournament Weekend:** May 8-10, 2026, in Regina

LINK → <https://hockeysask.ca/programs/female-programs/female-futures>

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Grassroots Programming

NEW: Male Under-11 Combine

We are currently working on dates and locations. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for more information.

NEW: Male Under-13 Prospects

Another brand-new grassroots program will begin in the spring of 2026. Male U13 Prospects will mirror the Female Futures program with a camp and tournament weekend.

- Registration for this program will open on **January 7, 2026**.

2026 Dates Confirmed:

- **Camp:** April 3-5, 2026 (Regina)
- **Tournament:** April 10-12, 2026 (Regina)

LINK → <https://hockeysask.ca/programs/development-programs/sask-first-male-under-13-u13-prospects>

*Stay tuned to our website for more information on these new programs in the next few months.

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Sask First (High Performance)

Sask First try-outs and recruitment are underway for the **2027 Canada Winter Games** in Quebec City!

Sask First High-performance Programs:

- Team Saskatchewan Female Under-18 Players – [Info and Application](#)
- Team Saskatchewan Male Under-16 Players (**Registration closed**)
- Team Saskatchewan Coaches & Bench Staff – [Info and Applications](#)

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Sask First (High Performance)

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Sask First Programming Dates For 2025-26 Season

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 4 PROGRAMS: <https://hockeysask.ca/programs/sask-first>

Sask First High-performance Programs:

- Female Under-16
- Female Under-18
- Male Under-15 (Registration Closed)
- Male Under-18
- Para Hockey (All Ages)

January 2026

- January 16th – Registration Deadline for Male U18, Female U16/U18 (\$150.00)
- January 23rd – Registration Deadline for Male U18, Female U16/U18 with late fee (\$200.00)





Sask First (High Performance)

Sask First Programming Dates For 2025-26 Season

December 2025

- December 5-7, 2025 – Male U15 (born 2011) Regional Camps in Lumsden & Aberdeen.
- December 14, 2025 – Sask First Para Provincial Camp in Outlook.
- December 28-30, 2025 – Male U15 (born 2011) Top 160 Tournament in Regina.

February 2026

- January 30 - February 1, 2026 – Male U18 (born 2010, 2009, 2008) Regional Camps in Lumsden & Aberdeen.
- January 30 - February 1, 2026 – Female U18 (born 2009/2010) Provincial Camp in Southey.
- January 30 - February 1, 2026 – Female U16 (born 2011/2012) Regional Camps in Pense & Dalmeny.
- February 13-15, 2026 – Male U15 (born 2011) Top 80 Tournament in Balgonie.

April 2026

- April 3-5, 2026 – Female U16 (born 2011/2012) Top 136 Tournament in Regina.
- April 10-12, 2026 – Female U18 (born 2009/2010) Top 80 Tournament in Balgonie.
- April 10-12, 2026 – Male U18 (born 2010, 2009, 2008) Top 160 Tournament in Regina.

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Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

Congratulations, Avonlea! The 18th edition of Hockey Day in Saskatchewan (HDIS) is heading to your village from January 14-18, 2026.

The 2026 HDIS announcement was made on Nov. 19 at Avonlea School with Regina Pat Canadians, Regina Rebels and students in attendance to celebrate the multi-day event coming up in the new year.



- The 2027 Hockey Day in Saskatchewan will be hosted in Zone 7, with applications being accepted in March 2026.

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World Junior 50/50

Support Grassroots Hockey in the Province with the 2026 WJC 50/50 Raffle!

Celebrate the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship while supporting hockey across Saskatchewan.

50/50 raffle: half the pot goes to the winner, and the other half supports grassroots programs in Minor Hockey Associations (MHAs) through the MHA Matching Grant Program.

Three draws:

- Pre-Tournament: Dec. 26, 2025 (tickets on sale Dec. 4)
- Preliminary-Round: Dec. 31, 2025 (tickets on sale Dec. 26)
- Playoff-Round: Jan. 5, 2026 (tickets on sale Dec. 31)

Tickets:

- 25 tickets – \$25 | 100 tickets – \$50 | 250 tickets – \$100 | 960 tickets – \$200

 **Buy tickets:** hockey-saskatchewan.myshopify.com

Lottery license: #LR25-0103

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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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Online Store

Holiday Sale 🎁 🏒

Get a head start on your holiday shopping with reduced prices on select Hockey Saskatchewan merchandise!

Other items in the store include:

- Apparel & Jackets
- Officiating Crests
- Game Sheets
- Accessories & More!

Visit the Hockey Saskatchewan Online Store here: www.HockeySask.ca/shop

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