



HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

Membership Virtual Meeting

November, 2021

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



Agenda

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 - New App
- Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative – Playing Rule 11.4 Discrimination
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- Female Futures Program
- Other

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Return to Play

This past weekend the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors have addressed the topic of a Mandatory Vaccination policy within Hockey Saskatchewan.

The Board of Directors feel it is the duty and obligation of Hockey Saskatchewan to ensure that all players across the province participate in the game in as safe an environment as possible. Therefore, the following measures have been approved by the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors for implementation immediately:

As of January 10, 2022, the following registered participants of Hockey Saskatchewan must be fully vaccinated in order to continue participation in Hockey Saskatchewan sanctioned activities:

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- The following players registered in, or affiliated to; or officiating; or acting in the capacity of a on or off-ice official in the following age divisions and categories:
 - U15 and U18 Male and Female AA
 - U18 Male and Female AAA
 - Senior
 - All teams competing in U15, U18 and Senior Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs
 - All participants attending Hockey Saskatchewan Sask First Programming (U15 and U18 Male/U16 and U18 Female)
- All registered team officials of all teams registered with Hockey Saskatchewan.
- Hockey Saskatchewan Staff.
- Hockey Saskatchewan Skill Licensees.
- Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors.

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- All Affected Persons are required to be fully vaccinated (i.e.: including the 14-day period after receiving their completed dose) by January 10, 2022, or earlier. All Affected Persons must present to their Association/League/Team COVID designate, as applicable, evidence satisfactory to Hockey Saskatchewan demonstrating that they have received the completed series of an accepted COVID-19 Vaccine.
- Acceptable documents serving as evidence of COVID-19 vaccination include:
 - Saskatchewan Health Authority wallet cards received at time of immunization
 - A printed copy of your MySaskHealthRecord (MSHR) vaccine certificate
 - A screenshot of your MSHR vaccine certificate saved to your device
 - A COVID-19 vaccine printout from Saskatchewan Health Authority Public Health
 - A QR code/MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate within the SK Vax Wallet application
- Note: Hockey Saskatchewan reserves the right to perform future random spot checks to confirm the accuracy of an individual's vaccination history and this may include an individual having to produce confirmation of their COVID-19 vaccination records.

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- Hockey Saskatchewan will comply with the Province of Saskatchewan's current legislation and there are no exemptions in lieu of vaccinations.
- If an Affected Person cannot provide Hockey Saskatchewan or their Association /League/Team with satisfactory evidence of vaccination, the following may be taken into consideration by exemption only:
 - The Affected Person's reason for not being vaccinated; and
 - Any Affected Person requiring exemption must provide Hockey Saskatchewan with medical documentation to substantiate their reason for not being vaccinated.
- Where exemption is not possible, the Affected Person will not be permitted to be involved in any Sanctioned Activity for the duration of the pandemic or until such time that COVID-19 no longer poses a significant public health risk.
- Hockey Saskatchewan reserves the right to have medical documentation reviewed by the Hockey Saskatchewan Chief Medical Officer and Hockey Saskatchewan Staff.

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Return to Play

- Hockey Saskatchewan will release the latest Return to Play document on Wednesday, November 10, that is located on the Hockey Saskatchewan website at:

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

- Highlights
 - ***Reminder*** Ticketed events have been defined as those who charge GST on tickets sold.
 - Coaches/Bench Personnel must always wear Face Masks while on the bench during games however if they are fully vaccinated, following the fourteen days after their second vaccination, they don't have to wear a mask while on-ice during practice.
 - Officials over 18 working Minor Hockey do not have to wear a face mask if they are fully vaccinated, following the fourteen days after their second vaccination.

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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Project (ED&I)

- As an Update
- Over 4,600 responses were received through the ED&I Survey Project.
- A huge thank you for all who promoted the Survey Project and everyone who completed the survey.
- Praxis, the agency assisting Hockey Saskatchewan with the project, is now collating all the responses to create a report for the Board of Directors and which will ultimately be shared with the Hockey Sask membership.

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Hockey Saskatchewan

Reminder

- Hockey Saskatchewan has launched the Hockey Saskatchewan App, supported by Directwest. The App can be downloaded free of charge from the App store.
- NOTE: The Hockey Saskatchewan 'Handbook' is no longer being printed.

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Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative

This is a ***reminder*** from the first Membership Virtual session held in September.

Hockey Canada has placed an emphasis on Maltreatment this season. We have seen several incidents already this season.

Under Hockey Canada Playing Rule 11.4 – Discrimination is defined as

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

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Hockey Canada Maltreatment Initiative

Discriminatory grounds include the following, without limitation:

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

The key point in this Initiative is for coaches and players to eliminate any talk that involves the above items. Any offense proven is a minimum five game suspension.

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Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching

- SPORDLE
 - If you have been registered in hockey before as a player, coach, manager, trainer and/or official, here is how to find your HOCKEY ID#:
 - In our Coaches tab/ clinics/new to coaching/certification requirements; you can access “Find Your Profile”
 - It takes two steps to setup your Spordle
 - 1. Create a login account
 - 2. Link a Member, this is where you search for your hockey profile
 - Common issues
 - A. Did not do the step 2
 - B. When viewing the Members page within Spordle, it shows two accounts, one is the login account the other is your hockey profile
 - C. Unable to find my profile – name is misspelled, maiden name, wrong birthdate, never registered in hockey before

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Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching Clinics

CLINICS:

Reminder of the training steps as we have moved the clinic classroom into an online/recorded session, the link to access is found on clinic page and is called; Hockey Sask Coach 1 Classroom (online).

- These are hosted on a third-party platform called Moodle, so all new users must create a profile
- We track the completions of these and eventually these will be posted into the new HCR 3.0

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Hockey Saskatchewan Coach Mentor Opportunities

U7 MENTORSHIP:

- We are looking to support associations who operate their own U7 Mentorship program with training, resources & finances.
- Hockey Saskatchewan will support your U7 Mentor program in the following ways:
 - Financial support: Hockey Sask formula for payment is, (# 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
 - 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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Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating Clinics

- Officials Certification Continues – More ice session will be added. Officials certified last season can work up to December 7 but will need to recertify to continue past that date.

To ensure everyone gets certified please go to this link:

<https://hockeysask.ca/officials/registration>

- A contact list for officials has been shared with Minor Hockey Associations and should be shared with your assignors to see who is certified and eligible to work games and who is not:

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

Also, if you have inquiries about officiating and please reach out to your area liaison as their contact information can be found here: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/officiating-development-program/officiating-development-committee-contact-list>

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Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs

- Applications for Provincial Playoffs are now being received up till December 1st through the MHA Portal for Minor Hockey.
- There is a late fee deadline of December 8th however please do not wait.
- Reminder that all Participants in Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs must be fully vaccinated by annuary 10th, 2022

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U7/U9/U11 and Carded Hockey

- **Carded Hockey**

- This is for U9 and U11 teams outside Geographic Subdivisions 2 – 6
- Carded teams can begin registering online November 1st until 5:00 pm November 15th
- Once application is approved a team registration form must be completed by 5:00 pm December 1st
- Carded Teams are allowed to start practicing once per week on December 1st provided it does not conflict with their regular team
- Carded teams' games do not count towards the maximum number of games allowed per season within an age group.
- 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 rd weekend in January | January 14 – 16, 2022 |
| • 3 rd weekend in February | February 18 – 20, 2022 |
| • 4 th weekend in March | March 25 – 27, 2022 |

- **These weekends are not just for carded hockey only! All teams can practice, play exhibition or tournament games. Only League games are prohibited on these weekends!**

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Female U13 AA Proposal

- **Provincial Female U13 AA League Proposal**
- The following is a summary of the proposal that has been approved by the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors:
 - A League consisting of twelve (12) to sixteen (16) teams province wide.
 - There would be North and South Divisions and League play would take place only within those divisions. Following playoffs, the North and South Division winners would play for the Provincial Championship.
 - During the 2020/21 season there were 862 U13 Female Players registered in the Province along with 985 U11 Female players.
 - Regina and Saskatoon will still be closed geographic sub-divisions.



Female U13 AA Proposal

- This season there are twenty-three (23) teams registered in the U13 A Division of the Sask Female Hockey League which doesn't include those registered in Regina and Saskatoon.
- Outside Regina and Saskatoon, players at the U13 AA level would follow the same rules for U15 or U18 AA. They must try out at the nearest U13 AA center to their physical residence. If they are unsuccessful at that location, they would obtain a release from that U13 AA center and proceed to the next nearest U13 AA center location.
- U13 AA Centers would be expected to commit to the following requirements:
 - Development 1 trained head coach.
 - Coaching staff to be from the sponsoring center including a Female Head Coach or Assistant Coach
 - Commitment to multiple practices per week



Female U13 AA Proposal

- Process for Applications
 - Notification to all MHA's will be forwarded on November 15th
 - Deadline Date to Receive Applications will be 5:00 pm, December 15th
 - A Committee comprised of Hockey Sask Board, Sask Female Hockey League Executive and Hockey Sask Staff will review the applications and make recommendations to the Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors.
 - An announcement of the U13 AA Locations will be made by January 10th.
- Criteria to be considered will be:
 - Review of existing Female Registration Numbers within the applicants MHA and surrounding areas
 - Existence of AA Programming currently in the applicant MHA and surrounding area
 - Quality of Application and commitment to the recruitment , development of both players and the long term plan of the appointment of Female coaching staffs.

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Hockey Saskatchewan Female Futures Program

- This program is for U13 Females Only
- Registration Portal on the Hockey Sask Website will open January 3rd
- There are two weekends involved in the Program
 - April 22 – 24, 2022 for on-ice skills; off-ice session; multi-sport sessions; mini-scrimmage for evaluations
 - May 6 – 8, 2022 for games (Girls will be divided into teams based on the evaluations)
- Both weekends are in Saskatoon
- The Maximum Registrations accepted are 136 broken down as follows and on a first come, first serve basis:
 - Forwards 72 (9 per team)
 - Defense 48 (6 per team)
 - Goalies 16 (2 per team)

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Other

- Sask First
 - Registration is now open for all four Sask First Programs (U16 and U18 Female; 14 and U18 Male)
 - Call for applications for Sask First Coaching Positions is open.
 - Call for applications for Sask First Officiating. SaskFirst Registration has opened for officials 15 and over and can be found here: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/programs/sask-first-officiating>
- MHA Matching Grant Program
 - 146 MHA's took part with a total of \$144,891.17 being distributed.
- A reminder that all information will be posted on the Hockey Saskatchewan website for you to share with your members.
- We will also have a short survey that will be sent out to all attendees to provide feedback.

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