



HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

Membership Presentation

Thursday, April 30, 2026

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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:

- Minor Hockey Association (MHA) Matching Grant
- The Shift Forward
- Minor Hockey Association Development
- Registration
- Coaching Development
- Officiating Development Program
- Grassroots Programming
- Sask First (High-Performance Program)
- 2026 SHHOF Induction Dinner
- Fun Facts from the 2025-26 Season

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MHA Matching Grant

4th MHA Matching Grant Program is Closed For 2025-26 Season

Hockey Saskatchewan's Minor Hockey Association (MHA) Matching Grant Program is closed for the 2025-26 season. For the 2026-27 season, the Grant 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 a minimum of \$1,000.00. There have been changes to the grant program for next season that will provide additional funds for larger MHAs so watch for this in the fall.

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 2026.
- Power skating certification must be obtained by December 31, 2026.
- Online grant applications will open in Fall 2026.

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Hockey Canada | The Shift Forward

Hockey Canada has created a new online program, *The Shift Forward: Evolving Hockey Culture*, to replace the Respect in Sport Program that has been in place for several years.

This Program is a new home for national education and training courses for sanctioned hockey in Canada.

For the 2026-27 season courses will be available for new coaches, rostered staff, officials, parents and guardians.

As a new program to replace the Respect in Sport, Hockey Canada will continue to recognize existing certification from Respect in Sport and an equivalent as part of a multi-year phased-in approach before all participants engaging with hockey will be required to complete *The Shift Forward* beginning in the 2028-29 season.

The launch of *The Shift Forward* followed an extensive consultation process that included a training needs analysis to review national education and training courses, and this new platform will reflect the overwhelming feedback that the courses should be age-appropriate, modernized, engaging, specific to how participants engage with hockey, and be progressive as they go through their hockey journey, with content that seeks to change unhealthy behaviors on and off the ice.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks through the Hockey Saskatchewan website and social media!

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Minor Hockey Association Development

Minor Hockey Association & League Resources

Check out *Minor Association Toolbox* on our website! – [CLICK HERE](#)

1. [Safe Environments Intervention Planning](#)
2. [Tournament Host Resource Guide](#)
3. [In-Game Public Address Announcement Recordings](#)
4. [Guidelines for Smartphones and Social Media Use in Team Environments](#)
5. [Mental Health Resources](#)

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Minor Hockey Association Development

Building Resiliency in Today's Youth Through Sport

- Hockey Saskatchewan webinar series led by Kyle McDonald
- Designed for athletes, parents/guardians, coaches, officials, and sport administrators
- Focus on practical tools to manage stress, build confidence, and support positive sport experiences

Watch the full series here: [CLICK HERE](#)

Positive Coaching Alliance Resources

- Online courses and shareable resources for coaches, officials, parents/guardians, and athletes.
- Tips (parents, culture).
- Templates (team pledges, job descriptions).
- Guides (effective meetings, setting a positive culture).



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Registration

Registrations:

- Year-end Minor Hockey Association (MHA) reconciliation has been completed.
- Hockey Saskatchewan's year-end is this week, April 30th, so please pay any outstanding invoices by the end of this week.

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Registration Regulations

The Board of Directors have approved a number of Registration Regulation Changes. These will be distributed in the coming week; however, the following is a brief summary of the main Regulations that were amended:

General Regulations – Definitions

- A number of new definitions added including: Branch; Coach; Discipline; Ineligible Player; Manager; Minor Hockey; Off-Ice Officials; On-Ice Events; On-Ice Officials; Playing Season; Pre-Season Games.
- **Regulation 3.06.04** – some slight changes to some of the Officiating Rates.
- **Regulation 4.06.01/6.06.01 a) i)** – the Provincial Entry Fee has increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00.
- **Regulation 6.04.06 a)** – Teams in the AA category (U13, U15, U16, U18) must register a minimum of seventeen (17) players. Two (2) of the seventeen (17) must be goaltenders.
- **Regulation 6.04.05 U7/U9/U11**
 - Tournament and League Games for U9 and U11 can begin as of **November 1st**.

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Registration Regulations

- **Regulation 6.04.16 j)**
 - Regardless of the size of a Minor Hockey Association, if the Minor Hockey Association Tiers their U9 or U11 teams, the first Tier is considered Tier 1.
- **Regulation 6.05.01 – General**
 - The use of affiliates (APs) should be based upon a team's needs in supplementing a temporary incomplete roster. Affiliate players should come from the same age division and a lower category whenever possible.
- **Regulations 6.05.02 a) iii) and b) iii)**
 - The wording in both Regulations that restrict 2nd year U15 players to playing five (5) games only has been removed for 2nd year U15 players affiliated to U18 AAA and U18 AA.
- **Regulation 6.07.03 b) i)** – Tournament Sanction Fees have risen from \$25.00 to \$30.00 – the first increase in over thirty (30) years.
- **Regulation 6.07.04 b)** - A USA Travel Permit Fee has risen from \$25.00 to \$30.00.

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Registration Regulations

- **Regulations: 4.09.04 a); 5.09.04; 6.09.04 a)**
 - Suspensions associated with Playing Rule 11.5 offences which are offences against Officials have been amended from an “Indefinite Suspension” to the following:
 - 11.5 c) i) Physically Threatens or Intimidates without making contact. Minimum 30 days
 - 11.5 c) ii) Deliberate Physical Force with a Minimum to Moderate Degree of Violence without Causing Injury. Minimum 31 days to a Maximum of 90 days
 - 11.5 c) iii) Deliberate Physical Force with a High Degree of Violence or Causes Injury to an Official by way of Intentional Contact. Minimum of 91 days to a Maximum of 180 days

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Registration Regulations

- **Regulation 6.09.04 d)**
 - i) Not Obtaining a Hockey Saskatchewan Sanction for an On-Ice Event
 - Penalty
 - Minor Hockey Association/Team that fails to sanction an On-Ice Event as defined in the General Regulations
 - Suspension
 - Penalties to be imposed by the Coordinator of Discipline against the MHA at their discretion and/or the Head Coach of the Team is suspended for one (1) month.
 - ii) An On-Ice event involving a Registered Team/Players/Team Officials and a Non-Sanctioned Hockey Program/Team/Players/Team Officials
 - Penalty
 - Head Coach of the Registered Team
 - Suspension
 - One (1) month.

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Registration Regulations

- **Regulation 8.01.01 b) viii)**
 - Head Coaches in U15 AA, U16 AA, U18 AAA and Sport Academies must be High Performance 1 certified. Head Coaches in U13 AA and U18 AA must be Developmental 1 certified.

- **Regulation 8.01.01 d)**
 - Respect in Sport is now the Shift Forward Program
 - If someone currently has the Respect in Sport – Activity Leader Qualification on their Hockey Profile in the Hockey Canada Registry, it will be accepted for the next two hockey seasons, expiring on June 1, 2028.
 - The charge to complete the online Shift Forward Program is a \$22.00, paid to Hockey Saskatchewan and then passed on to Hockey Canada.

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Registration Regulations

- **Non-Sanctioned Winter Policy**

- The following wording has been added to the Policy

- Teams

Teams registered with Hockey Saskatchewan cannot participate in On-Ice Events with Teams not registered with Hockey Saskatchewan in any capacity during the season whether the On-Ice Event is sanctioned or not.

The participation in On-Ice Events against Non-Sanctioned Teams creates considerable risk to Hockey Saskatchewan, its member Associations, Leagues and Participants along with Hockey Canada. Minor Hockey Associations and/or Head Coaches of registered Teams will be held accountable in the event of a violation of this procedure and disciplinary action will be levied by the Hockey Saskatchewan Coordinator of Discipline.

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Coaching Development

SHIFT FORWARD

This is the new Hockey Canada course that will be replacing Respect in Sport as of April 1, 2026.

Any current Respect in Sport Activity Leader that is on hockey profile qualifications will be recognized for two more years, until the end of the 2027-28 season and then retired.

On June 1, 2026, we will open the new course on Hockey Saskatchewan coaching clinic webpage.

Coach High Performance 1 (HP1)

2026 HP1 Seminar Schedule:

- May 20 – Virtual orientation & group session
- May 22 to 24 – HP1 national virtual weekend
- June 5 to 7 – HP1 in-person seminar in Regina

INFORMATION: <https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/clinics/high-performance-1-certification-program>

Development 1 Clinics for the 2026-27 Season

- Locations will be confirmed and advertised in May 2026.

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Officiating Development Program

End of Season:

Thanks to everyone involved with assigning and administering referees and linespersons this season!

We want to congratulate all officials for their work this season, especially those selected to work, league, provincial, regional, national and international finals.

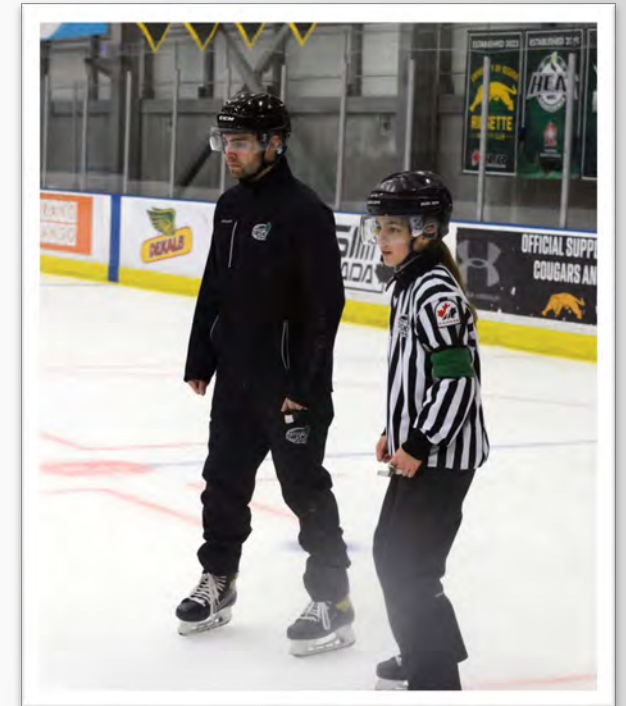
Certificates for those who worked a provincial final will also be going out soon to those officials.

Looking ahead to next season:

Officials' rates will be adjusted for the 2026-27 season so please go to this Hockey Saskatchewan webpage: <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/resources/officiating---officials-rates>

Please take note for your budget planning for next season.

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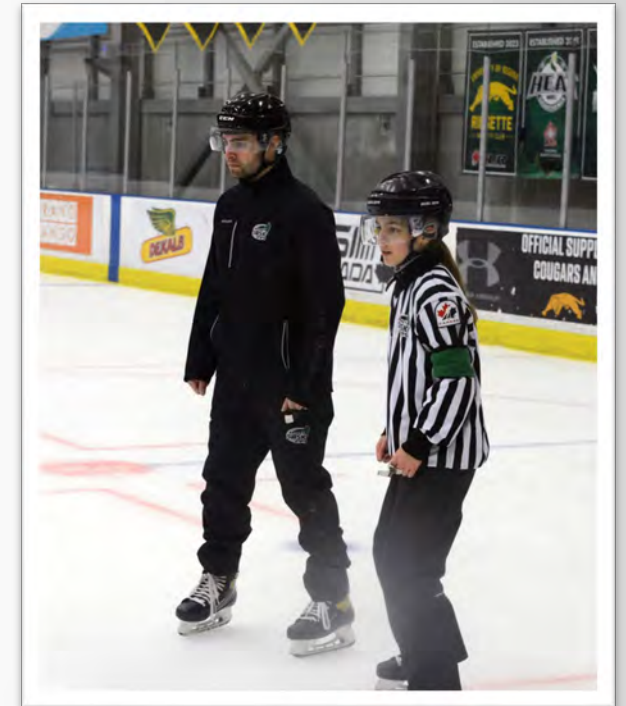


Officiating Development Program

As far as assigning, we want to do an inventory of how all officials are assigned and hopefully help ease the process to ensure that each organization has one central assignor instead of several team managers as well as help organizations find efficient programs to help them assign their officials.

Right now, all Minor Hockey Associations who are scheduled to host a clinic next season have been contacted and we have received about 1/3 of those applications already. The deadline is August 1, 2026, to apply to host a clinic. Please get those in as soon as possible so they are ready to launch when we open registration in August 2026. If you haven't received any information or have questions, you can contact Hocke Saskatchewan' Officiating Coordinator, Austin Penner, at AustinP@hockeysask.ca

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Officiating Development Program

The Hockey Saskatchewan Officiating Development Program (ODP) plans to expand on some of current programs for the 2026-27 season, including:

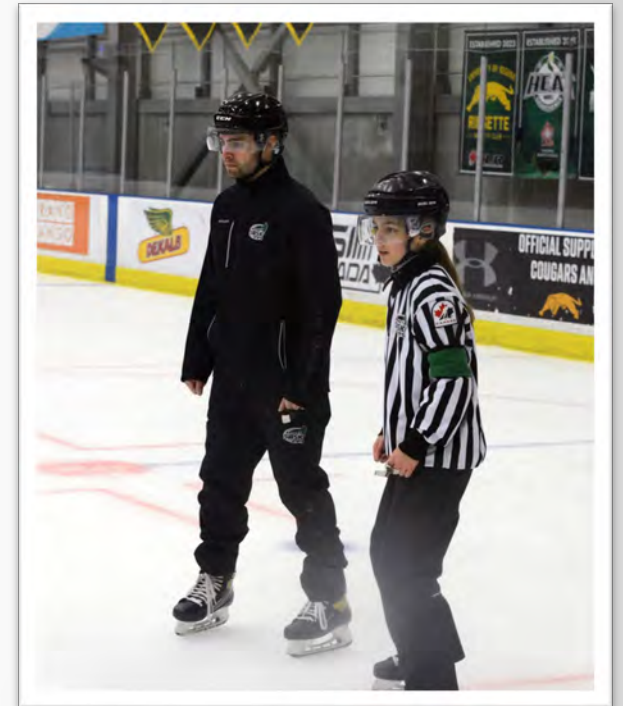
- 5th Official Program
- Officiating Buddy Program
- #ThanksStripes Weekend
- Try Officiating Days
- Official Coaching
- Sask First Camps
- And more...

For more information you can keep an eye on the official's tab on the Hockey Saskatchewan website.

Finally, we will also have a pre-season meeting with all local assignors, referee-in-chiefs and directors of officials to help lay out the plans and expectations for the next season.

If you have questions, please reach out to the ODP's Austin Penner or Trent Cey in the office.

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Grassroots Programming

Under-7 Cross-Ice Jamboree/ Under-9 Half-Ice Celebrations

- Request-to-host forms for both programs are open on the Hockey Saskatchewan website for the 2026-27 season.

(Under-13) Female Futures

- Camp: April 24-26, 2026 (Regina) - COMPLETED
- Tournament: May 8-10, 2026 (Regina)

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Grassroots Programming

NEW: Male Under-13 Prospects

A brand-new grassroots program began in the spring of 2026. Male U13 Prospects mirrors the Female Futures program with a camp and tournament weekend.

- Registration for this program was full.

Dates:

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

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

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Sask First (High Performance)

Sask First Programming Dates For 2026-27 Season

Please mark in your calendars the following Sask First Programming dates for the 2026-27 season. Minor leagues, please note for the following weekends there are no games to be scheduled in their respective age groups:

Under-15 Male	December 4 - 6, 2026
Under-16 Female	February 5 - 7, 2027
Under-18 Male and Female (Non-AAA)	February 5 - 7, 2027

September 2026

September 3, 2026 – Sask First Registrations open for all Regional Camp programs for the 2025-26 season for players, coaches and officials.

- September 3-6, 2026
 - Female U16 (2011 & 2012) Team Saskatchewan Top 40 Fall Camp - Swift Current, Sask.
- September 10-13, 2026
 - Male U16 (2011) Team Saskatchewan Top 34 Fall Camp - Wilcox/Regina, Sask.
- September 17-20, 2026
 - Female U18 (2009 & 2010) Team Saskatchewan Top 32 Fall Camp - Saskatoon, Sask.

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Sask First (High Performance)

Registration Deadline for Male Under-15: November 20th - \$150.00.

Registration Deadline with late fee for Male Under-15: November 27th - \$200.00

December 2026

- December 4-6, 2026
 - Sask First Male U15 (2012) Sask First Regional Camps - Lumsden & Aberdeen, Sask.
- December 21-22, 2026
 - Team Saskatchewan Exhibition Games vs Team Manitoba Men's and Women's Hockey teams
- December 28-30, 2026
 - Sask First Male U15 (2012) Sask First Top 160 Tournament - Regina, Sask.

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Sask First (High Performance)

January 2027

Registration Deadline for Male U18, Female U16/U18: January 15th - \$150.00.

Registration Deadline with late fee for Male U18, Female U16/U18: January 22nd - \$200.00

February 2027

- February 5-7, 2027
 - Sask First Male U18 (2011, 2010, 2009) Sask First Regional Camps - Lumsden & Aberdeen, Sask.
- February 5-7, 2027
 - Sask First Female U18 (2010/2011) Sask First Provincial Camp - Southey, Sask.
- February 5-7, 2027
 - Sask First Female U16 (2012/2013) Sask First Regional Camps - Pense & Dalmeny, Sask.
- February 12-14, 2027
 - Sask First Male U15 (2012) Sask First Top 80 Tournament - TBD
- February 24 - March 7, 2027
 - Team Saskatchewan Male U16 at Canada Winter Games for Week 1 - Quebec City, Que.

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Sask First (High Performance)

March 2027

- March 5-15, 2027
 - Team Saskatchewan Female U18 at Canada Winter Games for Week 2 – Quebec City, Que.

April 2027

- April 2-4, 2027
 - Sask First Female U16 (2012/2013) Top 136 Tournament - Regina, Sask.
- April 9-11, 2027
 - Sask First Female U18 (2010/2011) Top 80 Tournament - Balgonie, Sask.
- April 9-11, 2027
 - Sask First Male U18 (2011, 2010, 2009) Top 160 Tournament - Regina, Sask.

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Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame

The 2026 Ted Knight Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Dinner will be hosted in Moose Jaw at Temple Gardens Centre (Curling Rink) on June 19, 2026.

The hosting partner for this year's banquet is the Moose Jaw Warriors.

CLASS OF 2026 SHHOF INDUCTEES

Player Category:

Edward "Ed" Staniowski

Brenden Morrow

Kelly Bechard

Douglas "Doug" Smail

Official Category:

William "Kent" Stuart*

Team Category:

1984-85 Moose Jaw Generals (Senior AA)

Grassroots Category:

Jim Large

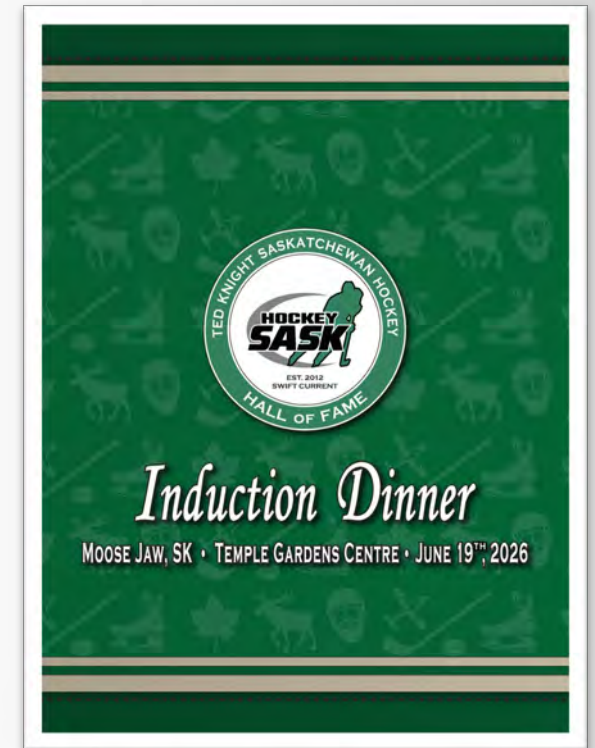
(*Denotes inductee is deceased)

Ticket Information

- Table of Eight: \$1,000.00 + processing fees
- Single Ticket: \$125.00 + processing fees

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Cross Ice Jamborees x SaskMilk


The 2025-26 U7 Cross-Ice Jamboree season has concluded — another big win for grassroots hockey!

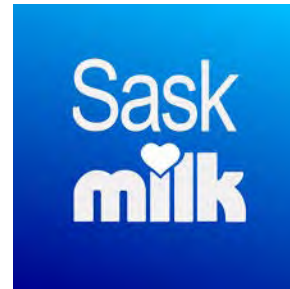
With the support of our Minor Hockey Associations and partner **SaskMilk**, young players across Saskatchewan had the opportunity to learn, play, and fall in love with the game. 🏒

Season Highlights

 46 Jamborees hosted

 2,734 participants

 2,000+ milks donated



Thank You!

A sincere thank you to Saskatchewan's dairy farmers for their continued support in growing the game at the Under-7 level.

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Fun Facts From the 2025-26 Season

Tournaments Sanctioned

- Co-ed 719
- Female 130

Exhibition Games Sanctioned

- Co-ed 2510
- Female 232
- Other 67

Travel Permits

- Out-of-Province 411
- Out-of-Country 92

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Fun Facts From the 2025-26 Season

Discipline

- 11.4 Offences: 46 Suspensions; 26 Unsubstantiated; 11 with Sask Sport or Hockey Canada
- 11.5 c/e: 21
- Suspensions submitted on the Hockey Sask Suspension site: 1,598

Officiating Supervisions Submitted

- Saskatchewan Officiating Development Model: 812
- Grassroots: 925
- Senior / Junior C / Under-18: 202

Coach Mentorship Visits

- Under-7: 338
- Under-9: 132
- Under-11: 27

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Fun Facts From the 2025-26 Season

Development 1 Coaching Clinic Attendees

- 9 In-person Clinics with 151 attendees
- Exams Marked: 110
- Field Assessments Completed: 98

Online Coaching Modules

- Safety: 808
- Coach 1: 995
- Coach 2: 829
- D1: 494
- Skating 1: 1,128
- Skills 1: 939
- Goaltending: 551
- Checking: 1,449

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Fun Facts for the 2025-26 Season

U7 Cross-Ice Jamborees

- 46 held with 2,734 players attending

Growing Goaltending PD Camps

- 10 held with 81 attending

Sask First Camp Registrations

- U15 Male: 305
- U18 Male: 326
- U16 Female: 220
- U18 Female: 115

U9 Half-Ice Celebrations

- 27 held with 1,675 players attending

Developing Defence PD Camps

- 22 held with 434 attending

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