



HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

Membership Presentation

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

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Land Acknowledgement

Before we begin, Hockey Saskatchewan wants to start by acknowledging that we have attendees 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 Sauteaux peoples, as well as homeland of the Métis.

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Presentation Agenda

Hockey Canada

- Hockey Canada Per Participant Fees → Increase for the 2025-26 season (Reminder)

Hockey Saskatchewan

- **NEW** Hockey Saskatchewan Strategic Plan 2025-2028
- Hockey Saskatchewan MHA Matching Grant
- Phase 2 of the 'Where Fun Wins' Initiative
- Culture & Inclusion Initiatives
- Registration
- Coaching Certification
- Officiating Development Program
- Grassroots Programming
- Sask First (High Performance Program)
- U7 Cross-Ice Jamboree / SaskMilk Reimbursement Program
- Hockey Saskatchewan Online Store

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Hockey Saskatchewan/Hockey Canada Per Participant Fees - REMINDER

As we have been reporting since September 2024, Hockey Canada has been in discussion/negotiations with its 13 Branches about what the Hockey Canada Per Participant Fees will be for the **2025-26 season.**

A decision was made by the Hockey Canada Board of Directors to increase the Per Participant Rate from the Current \$3 per Participant to \$10.00.

Hockey Canada:

Insurance	\$23.79
Assessment	\$10.00
Sport Safety	\$4.50
HCR Fee	\$3.12
Taxes	<u>\$1.02</u> (PST on Liability and D&O Insurance)
	\$42.43 (previously \$30.75)

As a result, we are projecting that the Per Participant Rate for 2025-26 will be \$67.00.





Hockey Saskatchewan

A New Strategic Plan for 2025-2028 has been created by
Hockey Saskatchewan

Vision:

- Provincial Leader in Sport Excellence

Mission:

- Advancing Hockey Through Innovation, Engagement and Participation

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Hockey Saskatchewan

Values:

Fun

- We develop, grow, and compete with the joy of play while building lifelong bonds of friendship.

Safety

- We understand, honor, and promote the rules in a spirit that leads to the well-being of hockey participants.

Community

- Our game gives us the gift of togetherness and belonging. In this space, we support one another, collectively benefit from our shared pride, and strengthen Saskatchewan.

Respect

- Our game is honored through goodwill, leadership, and dignity.

Inclusivity

- Hockey can be for everyone, and this is demonstrated through a welcoming environment.

(NEW)→ Wellness

- Through hockey we enjoy the benefits of active lifestyles, social connections, and personal growth.

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Hockey Saskatchewan

Strategic Objectives:

Grow the Game:

- Programming
- Removing Barriers
- Registration

Inspire & Serve Membership:

- Promote Positive Hockey Experiences
- Organizational Support for Our Game
- Celebrating the Game

Building Capacity of Hockey:

- Financial Stability
- Good Governance
- Competencies & Knowledge

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4th Edition of 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 applications to be received between December 1, 2025, and February 28, 2026.

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4th Edition of MHA Matching Grant

Power Skating instructors must possess the following certification in order for an MHA to qualify for the Matching 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, Defenceman, 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 defenceman, goaltending.

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4th Edition of MHA Matching Grant

c) CanPower Skate - Delivered by Skate Canada

d) Hockey Saskatchewan Skills Coach Level

e) Hockey Saskatchewan Skating Coach

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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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

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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.



Culture & Inclusion

New and Updated Policies

- Screening & Compliance Policy
- Concussion Policy
- Anti-Racism Policy
- Safe Sport Policies (pending board approval)

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Culture & Inclusion

Welcoming Environment Intervention Action Plans

- Each MHA should have an Intervention Action Plan addressed and in place
- Process template forthcoming
- Support with planning meetings available

Tournament Hosting Package

- Sent out with each sanction approval
- Will be available on website
- Includes...sanctioning requirements, formats, safety, contingency planning, important resource links and planning resources.
- Additions and suggestions are encouraged and welcomed!

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Registration for MHAs

Registration

- Important Dates: <https://hockeysask.ca/members/governance/important-dates>
 - **September 15** – Final date for all Minor Hockey Associations to complete their local registration. To be able to tell their members if they will have teams for them or not.
 - **October 15** – Final date for all Minor Hockey Associations to register with Hockey Saskatchewan. By submitting the Association Registration Form and submitting all teams for approval on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).
- Insurance Payments/Invoicing
 - Invoice will be sent by email after the Association Registration Form is received. Payment can be accepted via credit card or cheque to the Hockey Saskatchewan office (#2 – 575 Park Street, Regina SK, S4N5B2).

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Coaching

COACHING CLINICS:

- Coach 1, Coach 2 & Goaltending 1 **do not have an on-ice session**, these courses are delivered online
- ***New This Year*** The Checking Course is Online Only!
- The Development 1 course has two training components;
 1. Online modules & attend in-person session.
 2. Development 1 is the required certification for head coaches in U13 AA, U18 AA & assistant coaches in U15 AA, U16 AA U18 AA & U18 AAA.
- All links are on the Hockey Saskatchewan website via <https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/clinics>
- Coach 1, Coach 2 & Development 1 have pre-requisites and must be completed in the training steps order as listed
 - EXAMPLE: COACH 1
 - Skating 1 is the pre-requisite to take Hockey Canada Coach 1 online.

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Respect in Sport (RIS) Program:

There are changes this year for registering to take the RIS Activity Leader course (for coaches, managers, trainers) or the RIS Parent course. You will be asked during the registration to enter your Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) number.

If you have been registered in hockey before as a player, official, coach or team staff you will have an HCR number.

If you are new to hockey and need an HCR number:

- The HCR number is a unique identifier used by Hockey Canada and its Members for managing registrations, rosters, player profiles, and much more.

Follow this link for more information & access your HCR number:

www.HockeySask.ca/safe-sport/respect-in-sport

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Coaching

AA/AAA Coaching Certifications:

Reminder these are provincial leagues and as such, coaches & team officials must have the correct certifications to be rostered after **December 20th.**

The Hockey Saskatchewan Coaching Requirements page has all the information on the following link:

- www.hockeysask.ca/coaches/certification-requirements

Hockey Saskatchewan's Power Skating Coaching Courses:

There will be courses in Saskatoon (September 27) & Caronport (October 4).

The registration link is on clinic page: www.hockeysask.ca/coaches/clinics

This is one of the recognized courses for instructors to have to be eligible for the MHA Matching Grant Program.

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Coaching

Mentorship Program:

We are looking to support Associations who operate their own mentorship program with training, resources & finances. We have expanded our mentorship to include U7, U9 & U11.

Hockey Saskatchewan will support your Mentor 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 Network App code to each of your U7 team's head coaches.
- Mentor Training:
 - In these areas: Hockey Canada Skating 1, Skills 1, Hockey Network APP, planning, Facilitator, CanPowerSkate, communication skills, coach evaluation, National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Mentorship.

Hockey Canada Registry (HRC) Coaching Report:

Hockey Canada is creating a reporting tool called "Power Bi." One of the many reports it can create is a Qualifications Deficiency. It will be able to produce an MHA report of the deficiencies that all Team Officials within an Association have. We will notify every MHA when this is available.

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Officiating Development Program

All Officiating Registrations are NOW OPEN!

- www.HockeySask.ca/officials/registration

Officiating registration numbers reached a record high again last season; however, retention remains a challenge, with only about two-thirds of officials returning each year.

We need to focus on the overall experience with officials and ensure more officials want to come back!

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Officiating Development Program

- In early October, there will be a virtual call with all local Referee-in-Chiefs to review the plan and expectations for the season.
- New Officiating Development Task Team Members and Assignors can be found online via the Hockey Saskatchewan website.
- Game fees and travel rates remain the same. Mileage rate increased to \$0.50 /km this season.
- Pre-recorded Rink Announcements will be available this season.
- Green Armband Initiative will be going once again this season.
- Referee and Linesperson coaching is key – Will introduce a new ‘Buddy System’ and encourage anyone who is willing to get out and supervise/mentor young officials.

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Officiating Development Program

- 5th Official Program – Partnered with Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) and U-Sports teams
- Thanks Stripes Weekend – **January 3 & 4, 2026**
- Concussion Waiver and Return to Action for Officials
- Points of Emphasis for the Hockey Season:
 - Maltreatment
 - Points of emphasis for all involved is protective equipment and illegal equipment
 - Neck guards, helmets and ‘cage hang’

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Digital Hockey Pass

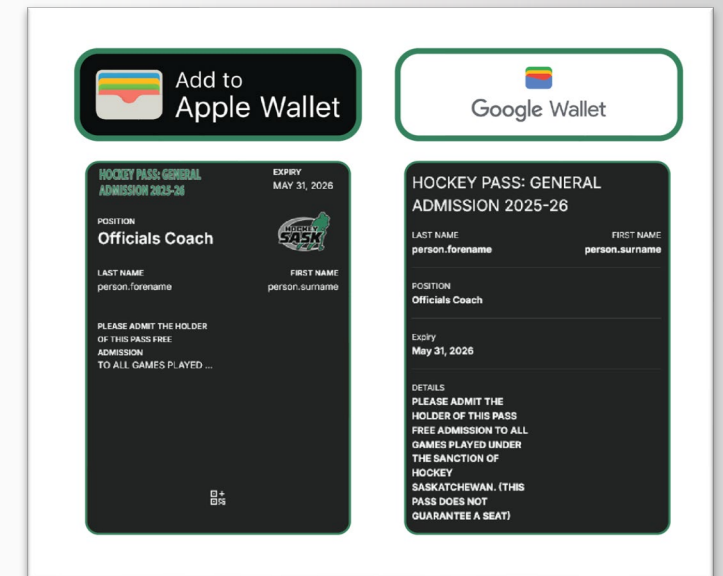
NEW digital hockey pass for 2025-26 season

- Staff of Hockey Saskatchewan
- Hockey Saskatchewan Board of Directors
- Officiating Coaches/Supervisors

*This is in place of the laminated card that was used in past seasons.

- Please admit the holder of the digital pass, free admission to all games under sanction of Hockey Saskatchewan.
- The online pass does not guarantee a seat.

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Grassroots Programming

Developing Defence Program

- Upcoming Professional Development (PD) Day in Saskatoon
- Registration will be available later this week
- Will take place on September 30th at Merlis Belsher Place

Additionally, Hockey Saskatchewan is looking for motivated individuals to join our team of instructors and evaluators!

We are seeking people who are:

- ✓ Energetic and enthusiastic about developing young players
- ✓ Comfortable leading on-ice skill sessions—independently or with others
- ✓ Reliable and professional

REGISTER HERE: HockeySask.ca/programs/development-programs/developing-defencemen

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Grassroots Programming

Grassroots Coach Instructor opportunities include:

On-Ice Instruction: U7 Cross-Ice Jamborees, U9 Half-Ice Celebrations, Female Festivals, Developing Defence, and Growing Goaltending sessions.

Evaluating: Supporting Minor Hockey Associations across the province during fall evaluations (MHA schedules/availability available upon request).

Why join us as a Grassroots Coach Instructor?

Help shape the development of young players across Saskatchewan.

Gain valuable experience working in grassroots programming.

Receive compensation for your time and expertise.

If you are interested in becoming an instructor or evaluator, please contact Hockey Saskatchewan's Grassroots Coordinator Matt Miller (mattm@hockeysask.ca).

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Sask First (High Performance)

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Sask First Programming Dates for 2025-26 Season

September 2025

- **September 2025 – Sask First registrations open for all regional camp programs for the 2025-26 season for players, coaches and officials.**
- September 11-14, 2025 – Team Saskatchewan Male U16 Top 34 Fall Camp in Wilcox/Regina.
- September 18-21, 2025 – Team Saskatchewan Female U18 Top 32 Fall Camp in Saskatoon.

October 2025

- October 19-26, 2025 – Team Saskatchewan Male U16 at WHL Cup in Red Deer, Alta.

November 2025

- October 31 – November 10, 2025 – Team Saskatchewan Female U18 at U18 Women's National Championship in St. Johns, N.F.L.
- **November 21st – Registration Deadline for Male U15 (\$150.00.)**
- **November 28th – Registration Deadline for Male U15 with late fee (\$200.00)**





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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 Program Camp in Outlook.
- December 28-30, 2025 – Male U15 (born 2011) Top 160 Tournament in Regina.

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)

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.





Sask First (High Performance)

Sask First Programming Dates for 2025-26 Season

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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Cross-Ice Jamborees – SaskMilk Program



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Sask**milk**

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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- Officiating Crests
- Game Sheets
- Accessories & More!

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