



HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN

Membership Virtual Meeting

February 11, 2025

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



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 Saulteaux peoples, as well as homeland of the Métis.



Hockey Saskatchewan

Vision:

- Shaping Character for Life... More Than A Game.

Mission:

- To Lead, Develop and Promote Positive Hockey Experiences for All.

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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.
- **Passion**
 - A love for the game leads to the discovery of identity, pride, belonging, and character building.

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Agenda

- **Hockey Canada**
 - Hockey Canada Per Participant Fees – Increase for the 2025/26 season - Reminder
- **Hockey Saskatchewan**
 - Where Fun Wins!
 - Partnership with Positive Coaching Alliance
 - Values Webinar Series
 - MHA Matching Grant Program for 2024/25
 - U7/U9 Hockey
 - Video Review Policy
- **Registration**
- **Officiating Programs**
- **Coaching Programs**
- **Development Programs**
- **Hockey Day in Saskatchewan**
- **Other**

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Hockey Canada

Hockey Saskatchewan/Hockey Canada Per Participant Fees

As we have been reporting since September, Hockey Canada has been in discussion/negotiations with the thirteen Branches of Hockey Canada of 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

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| 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.**

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Where Fun Wins

A Grassroots Initiative

- **Fostering Youth Participation**
 - Targeting U7, U9, and U11 divisions
 - Emphasizing the joy of hockey through grassroots development
- **Inclusive and Welcoming Environment**
 - Focus on ensuring every child feels welcomed, valued, and excited to participate
- **Progressive Ice Surfaces for Skill Development**
 - U7: Cross-ice games for more puck touches and engagement
 - U9: Half-ice games for intermediate skill development
 - U11: Full-ice games to apply learned skills
- **Physical and Personal Growth**
 - Hockey promotes lifelong physical fitness, teamwork, and personal development
- **Comprehensive Resources for Players, Parents, and Officials**
 - Website offers guides and resources to enhance enjoyment and participation in hockey

U7: [VIDEO LINK](#)

U9: [VIDEO LINK](#)

U11: [VIDEO LINK](#)



VISIT:

www.HockeySask.ca/Where-Fun-Wins

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Values Webinar Series

Educational Webinar Series based in Hockey Saskatchewan Values will be held each month. Please join us and help encourage your members to join as well.

Up next:

February 20th, 6:30pm – Inclusivity

Gender Inclusion in Hockey with Kai Scott

This webinar is specifically for League and Association Leaders



Pre-registration for all webinars will be required

Previous webinar recordings can be found on our website in the Events section

March and April Webinars to be announced soon!

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MHA Matching Grant Program – 2024/25

The Board of Directors have approved another MHA Matching Grant Program for the 2024/25 season in support of MHA's across the Province in the 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.

- One application per MHA will be accepted and the MHA must match the Grant received.
- Power Skating services must be targeted towards the U7 to U13 age groups within an MHA and must have occurred from September 2024 to December 2024.
- Power Skating Certification must be obtained by December 31, 2024.
- Online Applications can be submitted now and up till February 28, 2025
- Power Skating instructors must possess the following certification in order for an MHA to qualify for the Matching Grant.

*****1st round of payments will be processed this week.**

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Required Training

1. Respect in Sport Activity Leader

Plus **1 (one)** of the **5 (five)** designations below:

a) Hockey Canada Certified Skills Coach (Level 3)

- Delivered by Hockey Canada
- Topics include: Skating, Skills, Defenseman, 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 defenseman, goaltending.
- Attend a Hockey Sask Professional Development Training Session

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c) CanPower Skate - Delivered by Skate Canada

d) Hockey Saskatchewan Skills Coach Level

e) Hockey Sask Skating Coach – November 2 in Caronport (First Clinic held in August in Saskatoon with 27 people in attendance)

- Course material is 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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Hockey Saskatchewan – Handbook – Governance (Website/App)

All Bylaws Regulations, Policies and Procedures are now housed on the Website/App under the Members tab and Governance

<https://hockeysask.ca/members/governance>

Please circulate the following documents to all Team Officials in your Association as these areas are where we receive the most inquiries at this time of the year.

Casebooks for Affiliation and Suspensions – Reminder

<https://hockeysask.ca/members/mha-toolbox>

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Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs

Follow the Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs through the following link:



www.hockeysask.ca/events/provincials/provincial-brackets



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Hockey Saskatchewan U7 and U9 Hockey

Reminder of the following! This is the Note following Hockey Saskatchewan Regulation 6.04.14

NOTE: Any coach, team and/or association found to be non-compliant with the U7 Cross-Ice format at any time during the season; or the U9 Half-Ice format; or the seasonal maximum game limits for U7, U9 and U11, will be subject to sanctions from both the Minor Hockey Association and/or Hockey Saskatchewan.

- Sanctions may include but are not limited to:

Head Coach suspension

Minor Hockey Association (and members) not being able to enter Hockey Saskatchewan Provincial Playoffs.

Minor Hockey Association (and members) not being able to host any Hockey Saskatchewan sanctioned event.

Minor Hockey Association (and members) not being able to attend any Hockey Saskatchewan sanctioned event.

Minor Hockey Association's Hockey Saskatchewan membership reviewed.

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Hockey Saskatchewan Registration Deadlines

February 10th

- Final date for ALL Registration (Hockey Canada Registry is locked)
- Any player released prior to January 10th from their current team...OR...a player that has not yet been registered on a team this season can still be registered on a team up until February 10th...PROVIDED...the team the player is being registered on has an open roster spot

Reconciliation of Registration

Hockey Saskatchewan staff will be starting the reconciliation of Registration therefore watch for either a refund for your Association registration or an invoice for additional fees owed.

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Officiating Programs

Officiating

Thanks Stripes Weekend

- Thanks to all the communities who took part in the #Thanks Stripes weekend in January by showing support for officials and participating in the Social Media campaign.

2025 Clinics

- Emails will be sent out in the following weeks for communities to apply to host Level 1 Officiating Clinics and ice sessions along with Level 2 ice sessions for next season. The Clinic season runs from the middle of September till early December.

Registration Numbers

- Hockey Saskatchewan is excited to report record high numbers of officials registered this season with more than 3,665 officials certified this season that is up from 3,300 officials' last season and represents the most ever!. That being said there is still a turnover of 1/3 of officials, and we all need to do our part to retain and keep the officials interested and provide positive experiences moving forward.
- Please confirm certification through the master contact list at:
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NPjP5yhpO2wYr9wgzEQ_hF6llk4k1ldz7qAYrH_SnbQ/edit?usp=sharing

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Officiating Programs

Discipline/Video Review

- If there is any request made to alter a call that was made during a game or to video review a situation that occurred, nothing can be amended/changed without the approval of the Hockey Saskatchewan Coordinator Discipline.
- The following is a link to the Hockey Saskatchewan Video Review Policy
→ <https://hockeysask.ca/members/governance/video-review-policy>
- A memo has been sent out to Leagues and MHA's to help clarify the process. The MHA President must sign off on the video submission – we strongly recommend the President reviewing the video before submitting it to ensure it is a legitimate request.
- **The expense is \$100 to submit the video and if a call is altered, \$50 is returned.**

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Officiating Program

Game Sheets

- It is becoming more difficult to read and decipher game sheets that come into the office. We need to ensure that off-ice officials review the Off-ice officials Manual.
- <https://hockeysask.ca/officials/resources>

11.4 Maltreatment Awareness

- Everyone needs to do a better job of understanding what is not appropriate in the arena. Times are changing and players, coaches, officials and fans need to understand guidelines, consequences and expectations. Information was shared and posted here:
- <https://hockeysask.ca/safe-sport/maltreatment-investigation-process/maltreatment-investigator/rule-11---maltreatment/maltreatment-awareness-day>

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Coaching Program

Missing Qualifications: (coaching fines)

- We are working on Missing qualifications report, it will be sent to Minor Hockey Associations this week.
- MHA's have until February 26th to review.
- In March a final report and invoice will be sent out with payment due by April 30th.

Provincial Playoff Regulations

- **6.06.01**
- k) All Team Officials registered on a Provincial Team Roster must have the [appropriate Team Official/Coaching certification/requirements](#).
- This includes the AA/AAA leagues, these are provincial leagues and as such coaches must have the correct certifications to be rostered after December 20
- We notified all coaches who are missing Development 1 certification, a final DEV 1 clinic has been added on Jan 26 in Warman.
- Our Coaching Requirements page has all the information <https://hockeysask.ca/coaches/certification-requirements>

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Coaching Program

MENTORSHIP:

- 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 Sask formula for payment example, (# 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
- Mentor 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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Coaching Program

Western Branch U11 Newsletter

The Western Branches of Hockey Canada – BC Hockey, Hockey Alberta, Hockey Saskatchewan, Hockey Manitoba, and Hockey North – are excited to bring you the first newsletter of our 2024-2025 U11 Development Support Program!

We hope you'll find the resources we share with you with this season useful as you deliver U11 hockey in your region and help your first-year U11 players successfully transition from half-ice to full-ice.

Two more issues will be available: February 28 and March 31

→ <https://hockeysask.ca/where-fun-wins/under-11/under-11-resources>

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Coaching Program

High Performance 1 2025:

Application window will be opened on February 15, 2025.

Seminar dates are:

May 23 to 25 National Virtual Weekend

June 6 to 8 in-person weekend in Regina

Hockey Sask Skills Coach Level 2:

Dates are set for June 13 to 15 in Saskatoon

Details and application will open in February.

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Grassroots Programming

Goalie PD Sessions

Below are the sessions currently booked. There could be more dates and locations added.

- March 10th Indian Head
 - U11-U18 Registration Link: <https://hockeysask.ca/programs/development-programs/goaltending>
 - U9 Registration Link: <https://hockeysask.ca/form-payment/grassroots---u9-only---goalie-pd-camps-2021-22>

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Grassroots Programming

U13 Female Futures

This is a U13 Spring Program.

There are two weekends involved in this Program.

Camp Weekend: April 25-27th, 2025 Regina (Co-Operators Centre)

Tournament Weekend: May 9-11th, 2025 Regina (Co-Operators Centre)

****REGISTRATION Portal is Open**

To date 96 Registrations have been received. Program Maximum number of participants is 128

→ www.hockeysask.ca/programs/female-programs/female-futures

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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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Sask First

February 2025

- February 14-16, 2025 – Male U15 (2010) Sask First Top 80 Tournament Balgonie, Sk.

April 2025

- April 4-6, 2025 – Sask First **Female** U16 (2010/2011) Top 136 Tournament – Regina, Sk.
- April 11-13, 2025, - Sask First **Female** U18 (2008/2009) Top 80 Tournament – Balgonie, Sk.
- April 11-13, 2025 – Sask First **Male** U18 (2009, 2008, 2007) Top 160 Tournament – Regina, Sk.



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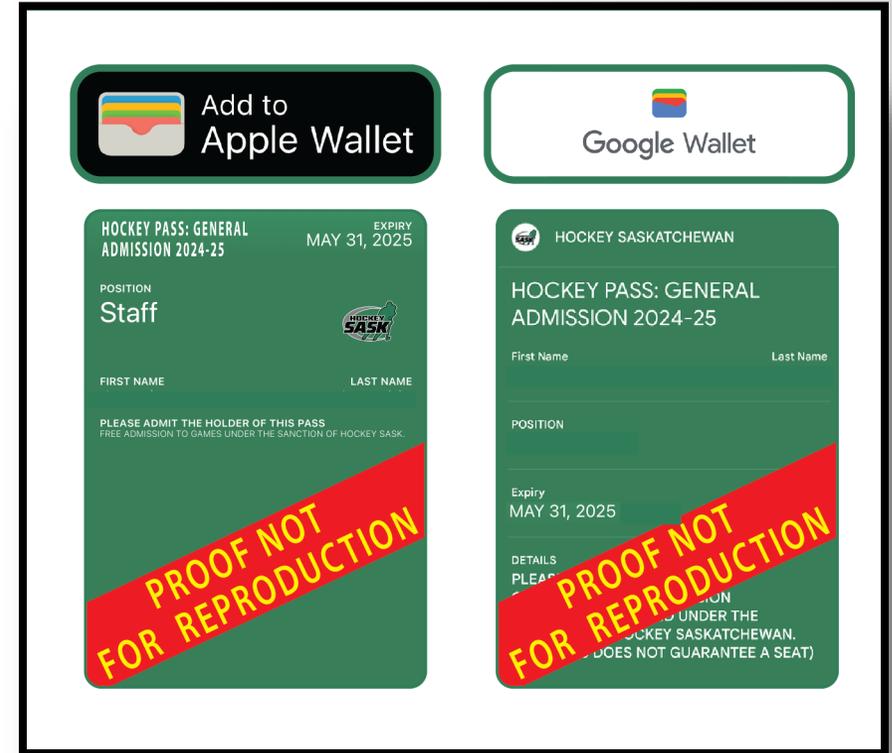


New Digital Hockey Pass

- **NEW digital hockey pass for 2024-25 season**
 - Staff of Hockey Saskatchewan
 - Board of Directors of Hockey Saskatchewan
 - 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.
- Pass does not guarantee a seat.



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Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

- **Hockey Day in Saskatchewan**

Canora served as the Host of the 2025 Hockey Day in Saskatchewan event that was held the weekend of January 14 – 19, 2025. The event raised over \$160,000 that will go towards a new arena within a new Community Centre Project in Canora.



- The rotation is as follows:

- 2025/26 Zone 3 Call for Applications will be made in February 2025 with an April 1 deadline.
- 2026/27 Zone 7
- 2027/28 Zone 1
- 2028/29 Zone 5
- 2029/30 Zone 8
- 2030/31 Zone 4