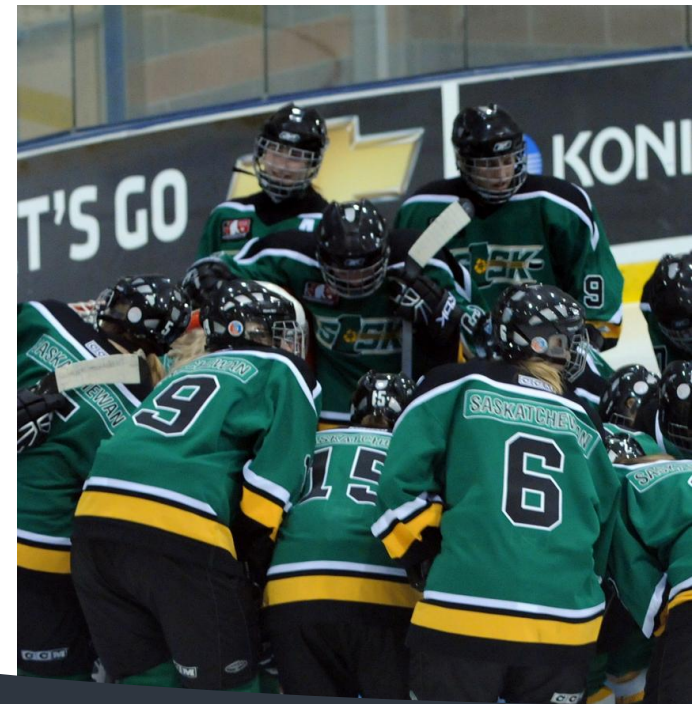




VOLUNTEERS

How do I get involved?

Volunteers and Hockey are words that should stand side by side in the dictionary. Many, if not all, Minor Hockey Associations are volunteer run right from the Association's Board Members, Coaches, Managers, Time Keepers, Gate Collectors, 50-50 sellers and more. Hockey Families are already part of the volunteer system often without realizing it. We understand and value the power of teamwork.



ROLE OF THE PARENT

- I will not force my child to participate in hockey.
- I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game.
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
- I will not ridicule or yell in a derogatory fashion at any player on either team, at game officials, team officials or any parent.
- I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will never question the game official's judgment or honesty in public or in front of my child.
- I will remember that officials are developing their skills similar to the players they are officiating.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from hockey games.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the efforts of coaching staff and team officials who volunteer their time for hockey for my child.
- I will act responsibly towards hockey facilities and with those involved in the game – players, coaches, officials, spectators and facilities staff.
- I will abide by my team's communication rules between coaches and parents.
- I will observe a 24-hour waiting period before contacting coaches, team or league officials after any incident.
- I will be responsible for my guests at my child's hockey games, encouraging them to respect and abide by these same rules.
- I will provide volunteer help, within reason, to the minor hockey association when it comes to raffles, work in the arena and other fundraising events.

Becoming a volunteer is easy. First ask yourself:

- What are your interests
- What are your strengths and weaknesses
- How do you feel you can contribute positively to the organization or team
- What resources are available

Sometimes the most effective volunteers are those who never played the game but bring a different skill set to the team.

Minor Hockey relies on volunteers and they are needed to keep the system and sport strong.



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WELCOME TO THE GAME!!

In order to help you better understand how the game works, we've produced this brochure to explain some of the major players involved and their roles in the game.

WELCOME TO THE GAME OF HOCKEY!!!

The game of hockey is a terrific sport that has deep roots in our province. Hockey is about having fun, building friendships and learning lessons about confidence, fair play, good sportsmanship and teamwork.

Your local minor hockey association is a great resource for you as you look for information about hockey locally. Use those contacts to get involved in our great game today!!



ROLE OF THE COACH

FAIR PLAY CODE FOR COACHES

1. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices remembering that young people have other interests and obligations.
2. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, opponents and teammates.
3. I will ensure *all* athletes receive equal instruction, discipline, support and appropriate, fair playing time.
4. I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
5. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athlete's ages and ability.
6. I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
7. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.

ROLE OF THE MANAGER

The Team Manager's role is crucial to the successful operation of the team's season. The Manager acts as a central source of communication by implementing a strong communication philosophy between themselves, the coach, parents, players and all participants.

While the Team Manager's role is one of in-depth involvement, there is no reason to become overwhelmed. The team is there to support and, through delegation, a 'divide and conquer' approach can be extremely efficient. Focus on the primary roles of organizing, planning and overseeing, take advantage of all available materials.

Duties include:

- Team Meetings
- Volunteers / Delegation
- Team Rules / Safety
- Record Keeping / Distribution
- Organizing Games
- Applying for Tournaments
- Organizing Travel
- Team Finances
- Team Activities, Fundraisers
- Coach Resources

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ROLE OF THE OFFICIAL

The basic role of the official can be broken down into two simple words --"safe" and "fair". By refereeing a hockey game with these two words in mind, an official should be able to call a game that is acceptable for all of the participants.

There is no good excuse for an official not to penalize any infraction that threatens the safety of another participant and Hockey Canada along with the Saskatchewan Hockey Association Referees Division calls upon all officials to strictly enforce these types of infractions.

If there is a consequence of any manner the appropriate penalty should be called. As officials develop, their officiating skills will improve and their "feel for the game" will improve also. An official should try to make sure the team/player that started the altercation is short handed.



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