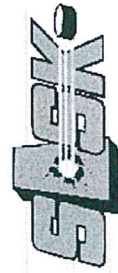




Saskatchewan Hockey Association

Zone Meetings

Fall, 2019





Agenda

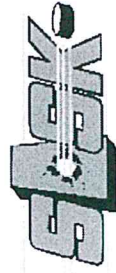
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 - Initiation/Novice Program Provincial Standard - Reminder
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- Hockey Day in Saskatchewan





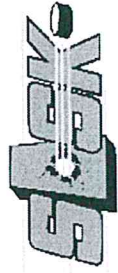
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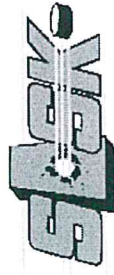
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- Initiation Program Provincial Standard – Reminder
- SHA Website has a specific page with Resources
 - Refer Coaches and Parents to the site
- **Regulations Concerning Initiation Program**
- NO IP exhibition Games, or Tournaments will be sanctioned until December 1st annually.
- All IP “play” until December 1 is practices.
- The maximum number of games an Initiation Program (IP) team can play is 35 per season.



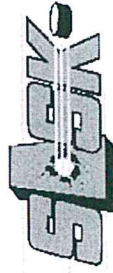
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- Novice Program Provincial Standard – Reminder
- SHA Website has a specific Page with Novice Resources
 - Novice Half-Ice Information Booklet was sent to your MHA to circulate to Novice Parents .
- Regulations Concerning Novice Hockey
- All Games till December 31
- Exhibition:
- Tournament Games:
- League Games:
- League Playoffs:
- Maximum Number of Games in a Season:45 games.



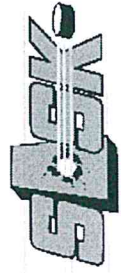
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- Atom Hockey Proposal (2020/21)
- **Hockey Canada Mandatory Elements of a Branch Atom Pathway**
- No tryouts/evaluations during the first week of school in September
- Must have a minimum of four skates/practices prior to formal evaluations starting
- Tryouts must be a minimum of three formal sessions – recommend one skill session, one small area game and one formal scrimmage
- There must be a development Phase following team selection and prior to the start of the Regular season
- Playoffs must be a tournament style versus elimination rounds



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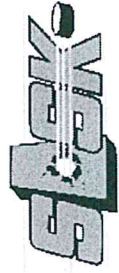
- Atom Hockey Proposal (2020/21) Continued
- **Creation of a Development Season**
- The goal of Hockey Canada is at the younger ages such as IP through to Atom and even Pee Wee is to “front load” the season with practices and “back load” the season with games.
- The creation of a “development” season should not be an issue if there are Regulations that dictate when teams can begin Exhibition Games, Tournament Games and League play.
- There must be significant education of coaches and parents as to why these Regulations would be in place and the resources available to coaches to develop practice plans with an emphasis on skill development and specifically skating skills.





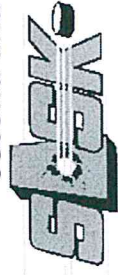
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- Atom Hockey Proposal (2020/21) Continued
- Start date for Exhibition Games, Tournaments and League Play is **November 15th**
- **Regulation on the Number of Games that an Atom Team Can Play?**
- Propose a **45-game** cap on Exhibition, Tournament and League Games
- **Use of Full Time Goalies**
- Yes, full time goalies would be permitted however all kids who wish to play should be encouraged to try goal.



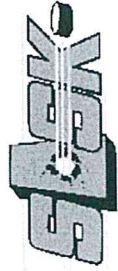
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- Atom Hockey Proposal (2020/21) Continued
- Novice/Atom Tiering/Carding
 - Geographic Sub-Divisions Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw are all closed from a League perspective. Teams from outside these Sub-Divisions are not allowed to compete within their Leagues.
 - Geographic Sub-Divisions Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw would be allowed to have three tiers of Hockey within the Novice and Atom age groups.
 - All other Minor Hockey Associations who choose to tier their Novice and Atom teams would be allowed a maximum of two tiers within the age groups and the following conditions would apply;
- **Players on Tier I/Carded Teams must be age appropriate**
- Players on the Tier I teams cannot be registered on carded teams.
- Players on the Tier I teams must be residents of the sponsoring centre of the team or their residence must be closer to the sponsoring center than any other Novice/Atom team.
- There must be a minimum of twelve players on the Tier I team(s).
- Evaluations/Tryouts for Tiered Novice/Atom teams will take place no earlier than the 3rd weekend in September.
- **All Novice/Atom League playoffs will be conducted in a tournament format over two weekends the second and third weekends of March.**



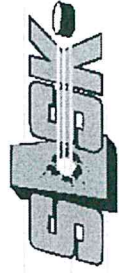
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- **Atom Hockey Proposal (2020/21) Continued**
- The following would apply to the carded teams in Novice/Atom annually;
- **On-Line Application for a carded team would be November 1st - 15th**
- **Deadline to finalize Registration of a carded team is December 1st to the SHA Office.**
- There would be four “carded” weekends through the season which would result in no League play scheduled for Novice/Atom throughout the province. The four weekends are;
- 2nd Weekend of December (for Novice this would require ½ ice tournaments/game play)
- 3rd weekend January
- 3rd weekend February
- **4th weekend of March**
- The maximum number of players that can be registered on a carded team is 19.
- There are no affiliations between Novice and Atom carded teams.
- All games players play in carded team play will not apply to the maximum game limit established for both age divisions.
- There are no exceptions to the carded weekends.



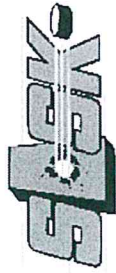
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- What type of Discipline Must be Imposed if any coach, team and/or a MHA is found to be non-compliant with the IP Format at anytime during the season; the Novice half-ice format prior to January 1; exceeding the seasonal Maximum game limits for IP and Novice; or any team officials not wearing helmets during on-ice activities
- Sanctions may include but are not limited to:
- Head coach suspension
- Minor Hockey Association (and members) not being able to enter SHA Provincial draws.
- Minor Hockey Association (and members) not being able to host any SHA sanctioned event
- Minor Hockey Association (and members) not being able to attend any SHA sanctioned event
- Minor Hockey Association's SHA membership reviewed



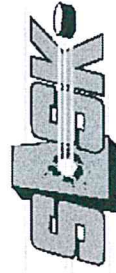
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- Other Topics
- Discussion on Age Appropriate for Registration of players;
 - Should it apply to all teams in all age groups?
 - Should it apply solely to carded/tiered Novice and Atoms teams along with AA Pee Wee, Bantam And Midget?
- Discussion on Minimum number of players from the AA sponsoring Center
 - History
 - Should AA Communities be allowed to have local restrictions of how many hometown players must be on a AA Roster?



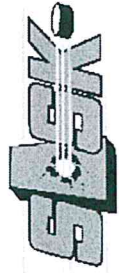
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- Other Topics (Continued)
- Player Acceleration Process
 - Six players, four males and two females applied seeking exceptional player status to play Midget AAA as fourteen-year old's in April 2019.
 - Two male players were approved, and the rest were denied
 - The date for application was amended to January 10th which then allows the SHA to undertake a more thorough Scouting process on the players who apply.
 - The Application form is contained within the MHA Toolbox on the SHA website
 - Decisions will be rendered by May 1st annually



SHA Minor/Female Development Committee

- Male Midget Proposal
- **Midget AAA**
- Changes to take place for the 2020/21 season
- All current teams are removed from the SMAAAHL
- Team wishing to host a Midget AAA team had to apply to the SHA by October 1, 2019
- The Committee will review applications and submit a recommendation to the SHA Board of Directors for up to a maximum of twelve teams. The SHA Board of Directors will review and approve the recommendations during a November 9 – 10 Meeting.
- The announcement will be made by November 15th.



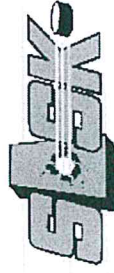
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- Male Midget Proposal (Continued)
- **Midget AA**
- Changes to take place for the 2020/21 season
- All current teams are removed from the SAA AHL
- Team wishing to host a Midget AA team had to apply to the SHA by October 1, 2019
- The Committee will review applications and submit a recommendation to the SHA Board of Directors for up to a maximum of twenty-five teams. The SHA Board of Directors will review and approve the recommendations during a November 9 – 10 Meeting.
- The announcement will be made by November 15th



SHA Registration Regulations - Amendments

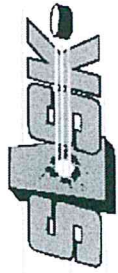
- **Highlights**
- Mandatory for All Team Officials to wear helmets on the ice during practices.
- All SHA Sanctioned games in Bantam AA and higher must use the four-person officiating system.
- All SHA Provincial Playoffs in all ages will use the four-person system.
- Modified Best of Three for all Minor/Female Provincial Playoff Series.
- Best of Three Series for all Senior Provincial Playoff Series.
- There have been some changes for affiliated players to Midget AAA and AA Male and Female





Non-Sanctioned Hockey Policy

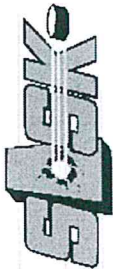
- Following Memo was sent to the SHA Membership in late June
- [Memo to Membership - Non-Sanctioned Hockey Programs.pdf](#)



Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

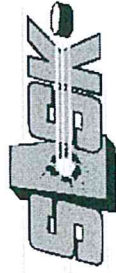
• The 2020 event will take place in Zone 7 in Hillmond on the weekend of January 17 – 19, 2020. Last year in Gull Lake the event raised \$128,963 for capital projects towards the arena in Gull Lake. The rotation for the next six years is:

•	2021	Zone 1	Deadline for Applications is April 1
•	2022	Zone 5	
•	2023	Zone 8	
•	2024	Zone 4	
•	2025	Zone 3	
•	2026	Zone 7	



SHA Programming Updates

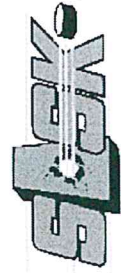
- **Grassroots Coaching Program**
- Refer to handout
- Program was implemented in an MHA in Nova Scotia and we have branded it for the SHA.
- If MHA's are interested everything is laid out for the MHA
- It is to encourage players in the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Age Groups to assist in the IP and Novice age practices and hopefully lay the ground-work to someday serving as an MHA Volunteer coach



SHA Programming (Continued)

• Sask First Programming Weekends

• Sask First Bantam	
• Regional Camps	November 28 – December 2
• North	Aberdeen
• South	Lumsden
• Top 160	December 27 – 29
• Regina	
• Top 80	February 14 – 16
• Balgonie	
• Sask First Midget	
• Regional Camps	January 30 – February 3
• North	Aberdeen
• South	Lumsden
• Tournament	April 16 – 19
• Regina	



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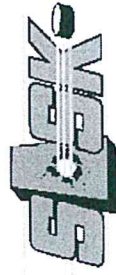
- **Sask First Female**

- Under 18 (2003/2004)
 - Regional Camp
 - Southey
- January 30 – February 3, 2020

- Under 16 (2005/2006)

- Regional Camps
 - North Dalmeny
 - South Avonlea
- January 30 – February 3, 2020

- Under 16/Under 18 Tournament
 - Regina
- April 9 – 12, 2020

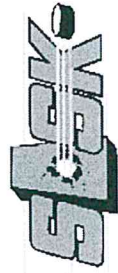


SHA Provincial Playoffs

- We would like to solicit your feedback on the following topics related to Provincial Playoffs;
- Entry Timelines
 - Register Online from November 1 to December 1
 - Late Online registration from December 2 to December 8
- Roster Deadlines
 - Female Rosters submitted by December 15th
 - Minor Rosters submitted by December 20th
 - Senior Rosters submitted by December 30th

Teams can begin play once their rosters have been submitted and approved by the SHA.

Be Aware – Suspensions must be served with the team the offense was committed with

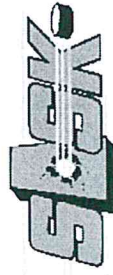




SHA Officiating

Grassroots Coaching Seminars

- Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 4-7pm in La Ronge – Location TBD
- Monday, Oct. 28 @ 6-9pm in Lanigan – Lanigan Skating Rink
- Thursday, Nov. 14 @ 7-10pm in Arcola – Prairie Place Hall



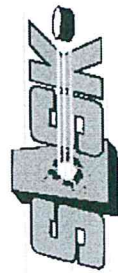


SHA Officiating

SHA Officiating Provincial Rate Chart

Refer to Handout

Currently this is simply recommended





Open Forum

Any other Questions

