

Female Director – Lisa Magera

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Lisa Magera and I am excited for the possible opportunity to represent our female teams as Female Director of the St. Albert Minor Hockey Association. My husband and I have 2 daughters who both play hockey for SAMHA on all female teams. Our older daughter is in her fifth year and our younger daughter is in her second year. Playing hockey with SAMHA has been a great experience for us as a family and I am looking forward to giving back to the organization. I have been a teacher for over 16 years, and I am currently in my 7th year as a school administrator at École Citadelle in Legal. Working with students, and especially student-athletes, is my passion. I am an avid hockey fan, something all my students know about me. I never had the opportunity to play hockey growing up as it wasn't very common for girls to do so; therefore it was important to me that our girls have the opportunity to play if they wanted to and they both love the game.

I have served on many different boards; 7 years as president of our town fair, 3 years as vice-president of our local minor ball association and 5 years with our daughters' Ukrainian dancing school. I served for 3 years as town councillor with 2 of those as mayor. I enjoy volunteering and building community spirit.

I have 3 main goals I would like to focus on if I am given the opportunity to serve as Female Director.

1. Continue to grow, develop, and promote the female game. We are doing great things here in St. Albert for female hockey and we need to promote that. I would like for the female program to continue to build its positive reputation. A few of the ways I would like to accomplish this are;
 - Showcase our city, our facilities, and our athletes by hosting an all-female tournament that includes all age groups.
 - Create mentorship opportunities within our association
 - Increase our visibility of the female program
2. Encourage and empower our female alumni to stay involved with SAMHA.
 - Explore the possibility of sponsorships and scholarships for our female alumni who continue to contribute to our organization.
 - Create opportunities for our female alumni to give back

3. Foster a close working relationship with the Development Director to ensure initiatives that provide a specific focus on developing female athletes.
 - Provide a platform for our coaches within the club to share thoughts and ideas
 - Provide our coaches with resources including technical skills, tactical & physical skills, and the latest trends in hockey with a focus on successful strategies designed for the female athlete.
 - Provide speaker series, and interactive feedback for our coaches.
 - Provide our female athletes with best-in-class development

In conclusion, I am excited to work with the board and all the stakeholders to ensure we are giving our young athletes an enjoyable and successful experience in sport.