

Saskatchewan Hockey Association

Zone Meetings

Fall, 2018



Agenda

- SHA Minor/Female Development Committee
- SHA IP Cross Ice
- Hockey Canada Novice Initiative
- Hockey Canada/SHA Atom Seasonal Plan
- SHA IP Jamborees/Novice Festivals
- SHA Female Programming
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SHA Minor/Female Development Committee

SHA – Divisional Value Statements

Initiation

“Fun and fair for everyone, Initiation players will focus on introductory individual skills in a group setting with little to no focus on competitive games.”

Novice

“Through a learn through fun environment, Novice players will focus on the development of fundamental skills with the introduction of individual tactics and team play at all positions.”



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Atom

“Improved skill by improving self-confidence, Atom players will focus on the development and refinement of fundamental skills while introducing team concepts.”

Peewee

“Progressive and inclusive, Peewee 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.”



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Bantam

“Through consistency and commitment, Bantam players will focus on skill development & reinforcement as well as team tactics and how the role as an individual plays a part in team success. Programs are designed for recreational and competitive league play.”

Midget

“All encompassing, Midget players will focus on skill reinforcement and utilizing individual strength for the success of the team. A culture of teamwork, work ethic, and competition is paramount while balancing the need for recreational, competitive and elite league play to ensure a sustainable program.”



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Terms for context:

Recreational - Priority is placed on participation and enjoying all playing & social aspects the game/team offers.

Competitive - Priority is directed toward player/team development and advancing to the next level.

Elite - Priority is focused on a full hockey program experience including billets and education considerations. Intended for players with both the skills and desire to continue to advance within hockey.



SHA Minor/Female Development Committee

Sask AA Hockey League/Sask Female Hockey League

- Both Leagues held their inaugural Annual General Meetings in Regina, June 9, 2018
- The SHA hosted the Meetings and provided two presentations for all the delegates attending
- The meetings went very well and the feedback was positive from everyone
- The SHA plans to host the event annually for the Leagues and in the future possibly include the Midget AAA Annual Meetings at the same time



SHA Minor/Female Development Committee

Sask Female Development Model

- A standardized province wide system of hockey that provides the opportunity for female players to develop and progress from Grassroots hockey through to Elite hockey and up.
- Defined criteria determining the appropriate number of teams within each Category of Midget AAA, Midget AA and Bantam AA. The number of teams listed below Midget AAA could be altered based on applications and Registration numbers.



SHA Minor/Female Development Committee

- The Model will provide a Bantam environment that includes all Bantam aged only players through the creation a Provincial League for those top-level Bantams. Bantam aged players will only be able to tryout and register for Midget hockey at the AAA Level and only through approval within the proposed Accelerated player application process.



SHA Minor/Female Development Committee

- Players playing in their age appropriate Divisions. Bantam in Bantam, Midget in Midget.
- A Committee of the SHA will select the communities based upon the criteria listed and an examination of Female Registration numbers throughout the Province.
- The vision is to one day include the Pee Wee division within the Model.



SHA Minor/Female Development Committee

A task team of the Committee will be reviewing all the applications and develop recommendations regarding the location of teams and the number of teams. The recommendations will be delivered to the SHA Board of Directors for their Board Meeting on November 10 and 11th.

It is expected the approved recommendations will be made public by November 15th.



SHA Cross Ice Initiation Program

- The SHA would like to create a standardized structure for Cross Ice IP throughout the Province. We want your feedback in order to create a proposal to present in March for final feedback. The SHA Board of Directors would make a final decision at their April Board of Directors Meeting for implementation in the Fall of 2019.
- Some of the items we want feedback on are;
- Length of Game; Length of Shifts; Faceoffs; Officials; Number of Players; Use of Benches; Size of Nets; Blue Pucks
- In addition; potential Regulations around the start date for Exhibition games and start date for Tournaments



SHA Half Ice Novice Program

- Hockey Canada has mandated that Novice Hockey be half ice for the 2019/20 season. Presently in the West BC, Alberta and Manitoba are either playing half ice now all season or will be in 2019/20.
- The SHA, based on feedback last year, is looking for the transition from half ice to full ice to take place as of January 1.
- Some of the items we want feedback on are;
- Length of Game; ½ ice for the entire season; Length of Shifts; Faceoffs; # of Officials; # of Players; Use of Benches; Size of Nets; Blue Pucks; Full time Goalies; Line Matching
- In addition; potential Regulations around the start date for Exhibition games; start date for Tournaments; and the number of players to be registered on a team



SHA Atom Program

- Hockey Canada will be making it mandatory that each Branch (SHA for example) have a Seasonal Plan for Atom Hockey for the 2020/21.
- There are some items that must be included in the seasonal plan;
 - No tryouts/evaluations for the first week of school in September
 - Must have a minimum of four skates/practices prior to formal evaluations starting
 - Tryouts (if applicable) must be a minimum of three formal tryout/evaluation sessions – recommend one skill sessions, one small area games session 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 tournament style versus elimination rounds
 - Fair/Equal ice time (goalies must rotate for equal number of games)



SHA Atom Program

- There are some additional recommendations
 - Allow two seasonal breaks – Christmas/another long weekend
 - Limit position specific specialization (except goalies – recommend goalie not playing plays out as a skater) rotate all skaters through all positions
 - Recommend a maximum of 45 games per year (including tournaments and playoffs)
 - Station based practices/Small area games



SHA Atom Program

- Refer to the handout regarding an Atom Seasonal Plan for the SHA
- Some additional items to consider and want feedback on;
 - Regulations for start dates for exhibition games and tournaments
 - Regulation for game limits (Hockey Canada is recommending 45 in total – includes all exhibition/tournament/league/playoff games)
 - Promotion for the emphasis on skill development – focus on Skating and puck skills
 - Tiering or no tiering? Where and when is tiering allowed? Carded teams?



SHA IP Jamborees/Novice Festivals

- IP Jamborees
 - Currently there are 41 booked throughout the province
 - Last season 54 were held with over 2800 players attending
- Novice Half Ice Events
 - The goal is host six throughout the province and a number of communities have expressed interest.
- If you are interested in hosting an event please contact Matt Miller at mattm@sha.sk.ca



SHA Female Programming

- Female Festivals (Novice/Atom)
 - One event already held in Regina with 160 young ladies attending
 - October 20/21 in North Battleford
 - November 3/4 in Shellbrook
 - March 30/31 in Warman
- Female Festivals (Pee Wee) Maximum Registrations of 80 in North and 80 in South
 - Skills Weekend
 - April 26 – 28 in Aberdeen (North) and Regina (South)
 - Tournament
 - May 10 – 12 in Saskatoon at the Jemini



SHA Officiating Coaching Initiative

- THE SHA Referee's Division wish to undertake an initiative to train more Officials "Coaches" to coach young grassroots officials in and around their communities as well as possibly getting involved in "coaching" Officials during Provincial Playoffs.
- There has been a shift to the term "coaching" officials from "supervising" Officials
- There will be a series of training sessions, one per zone;
 - Zone 1 Monday, December 3, 2018 7 pm, Poplar Tree Inn, Stoughton
 - Zone 2
 - Zone 3 Wednesday, November 14, 2018 7 pm, Gravelbourg
 - Zone 4 Thursday, December 6, 2018 7 pm, Gallagher Centre, Yorkton
 - Zone 5 Thursday, November 15, 2018 7 pm, Manitou Springs, Manitou Beach
 - Zone 6 Sunday, November 18, 2018 7 pm, Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon
 - Zone 7 Tuesday, November 20, 2018 7 pm, Don Ross 108, N. Battleford
 - Zone 8 Monday, November 19, 2018 7 pm, Kerry Vickar Centre, Melfort



Sask First Program Dates

- Male
- Sask First Bantam
 - Regional Camps November 30 – December 2 Lumsden/Aberdeen
 - Top 160 Tournament December 28 – 30 Regina
 - Top 80 Tournament February 15 – 17 Saskatoon

Sask First Midget

Regional Camps	February 1 – 3	Lumsden/Aberdeen
Top 160 Tournament	April 18 – 21	Regina



Sask First Program Dates

- Female

- Under 18

- Provincial Camp February 1 – 3 Southey
- Top 80 Tournament April 11 – 14 Regina

Under 16

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| Regional Camps | February 1 – 3 | Avonlea/Dalmeny |
| Top 136 Tournament | April 11 – 14 | Regina |



Hockey Canada Insurance Rates

- The overall increase in Hockey Canada Insurance Rates is \$5.15 per person beginning in the 2018/19 season
- The rates have been consistent over the past 17 years
- Some of the reasons for the increase are;
 - The Directors and officer Liability Insurance coverage for all MHA's and Leagues have been previously paid by Hockey Canada however due to the increased amount of claims right across Canada, the per participant amount is being passed on. That amount is approximately \$2 per participant
 - Changes in Insurance Markets – Events such as hurricanes, fires, floods all negatively impact the rates in all areas



Hockey Canada Insurance Rates

- There were some increases in coverage;
 - Paralysis – increase from \$1 million to \$1.5 million
 - Loss of sight – different amounts for Participants Under 25/Over 25
 - Increase in the Major Medical Dental – increase in benefits covered
- What does this mean for the SHA Per Participant Fee?
- Last season the Fee increased \$2 due to the Provincial Government adding PST to the Insurance portion. With the recent announcement that PST will not be charged of certain aspects of Insurance and with the \$5.15 increase from Hockey Canada we are looking at potentially a \$47/48 per participant fee – this will be finalized once Hockey Canada receives final feedback from the Province of Saskatchewan on the PST issue



Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

- This years event will take place in Zone 3 in Gull Lake on the weekend of January 18 – 20, 2019. The rotation for the next six years is:
 - 2020 Zone 7 Deadline for Applications is April 1
 - 2021 Zone 1
 - 2022 Zone 5
 - 2023 Zone 8
 - 2024 Zone 4
 - 2025 Zone 3



Open Forum

- Age Appropriate
 - Last spring in Zone Meetings there was an initial discussion about players only being able to be registered and played in their appropriate Age Category.
 - Within the responses received there were more positive feedback than negative.
 - Should this concept be applied to all age groups in all hockey or only applied to specific age groups and divisions?
- Example
 - Male – Pee Wee AA, Bantam AA and Midget AA/AAA
 - Female Bantam AA, Midget AA/AAA



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- Future SHA involvement in the Saskatchewan Winter Games
 - The past two Sask Winter Games has see a Male first Year Bantam Program and a Female U16 Program
 - The SHA would like to possibly move the involvement from a “Sask First” program to a “Club” competition involving Male and Female Bantam Teams (Non-AA). The SHA would host Zone Tournaments to determine representatives from each Zone to participate in the event
 - Thoughts?
- IP Coach Mentorship
 - IP Coach Mentors are required for the following areas
 - Hillmond, Neilburg, Lashburn, Maidstone, Paradise Hill
 - Kindersley, Kerrobert, Dodsland, Luseland



Open Forum

- Statistical Facts
- Exhibition Games – these must be sanctioned through the SHA website and a game sheet forwarded to the SHA. Last season the number of Exhibition Games sanctioned were;
 - IP 472
 - Novice 341
 - Atom 249
 - Pee Wee 162
 - Bantam 80
 - Midget 64
 - Junior 1
 - Senior 16
 - Total 1385



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- Statistical Facts
- Tournaments– these must be sanctioned through the SHA website and a game sheets forwarded to the SHA. Last season the number of Tournaments sanctioned were;
 - IP 143
 - Novice 234
 - Atom 215
 - Pee Wee 116
 - Bantam 52
 - Midget 25
 - Total 785



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- Statistical Facts
- SHA Website
 - Unique Page Views from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 was
 - 931,461
- SHA Social Media
 - Social Media Following
 - Twitter 9225
 - Facebook 4712
 - Instagram 1488



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- 2017/18 Midget AAA Player Registrations by Zones

• Male		Female	
• Zone 1	43	Zone 1	24
• Zone 2	26	Zone 2	13
• Zone 3	12	Zone 3	13
• Zone 4	18	Zone 4	13
• Zone 5	27	Zone 5	17
• Zone 6	56	Zone 6	30
• Zone 7	17	Zone 7	9
• Zone 8	21	Zone 8	15
• Out of Province	20	Out of Province	9



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- 2017/18 Male Midget AAA Registration Statistics
 - Number of 15 year old's – 60 or 25%
 - Number of 16 year old's – 96 or 40%
 - Number of 17 year old's – 84 or 35% - 30 or 36% of the 17 year old's were in their first year; 12 or 14% were in their third year



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- SJHL 2018/18
- From the final February 10th rosters
 - Number of 20 year old's 73 or 27%
 - Number of 19 year old's 95 or 35%
 - Number of 18 year old's 91 or 33%
 - Number of 17 year old's 13 or 5%
- Number of Sask Born Players on SJHL Rosters 123 or 45



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- The number of Saskatchewan Players playing in the WHL typically looks like this;

• 2013 – 14	89	
• 2014 – 15	95	
• 2015 – 16	91	
• 2016 – 17	72	
• 2017 – 18	71	This represents 14% of the players in the League

- During the 2016 and 2017 Drafts there were 41 Saskatchewan players taken in the WHL Draft. There were 42 taken in the 2018 Draft.
- For the 2018 Draft there were approximately 245 second year Bantam AA players eligible to be drafted therefore approximately 17% were taken in the draft.



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- WHL Scholarship Program
- Last season there were 74 Saskatchewan players that had their post-secondary education covered under the WHL Scholarship Program
- At the U of S there were 38 former WHL players receiving scholarships and 19 at the U of R



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Any other Questions

