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South Muskoka Minor Hockey Association Monthly Newsletter

Welcome Back to Hockey!

Welcome back to another exciting season of hockey! The anticipation is building, and we can hardly wait to see our players back in action. Whether you're a returning athlete or a fresh face to our association, we are thrilled to have you be a part of our hockey family. Together, we will strive for excellence, camaraderie, and the joy of the game.

To ensure you don't miss any crucial updates, important dates, or exciting events, we encourage you to subscribe to our website. Our online platform will be your go-to resource for all things related to our team. From practice schedules to game results, team news to special events, you'll find it all conveniently located in one place. As we prepare for an incredible season, let's remember that it's not just about the wins and losses, but also about the friendships forged, the memories created, and the personal growth that comes from being part of a team. Our commitment to sportsmanship, respect, and unity will guide us both on and off the ice.

Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and dedication to SMMHA. Let's lace up our skates and make this season one to remember!

Sincerely,

Jody Somerville

President

South Muskoka Minor Hockey



Need to Give Us Feedback?



Timekeepers and Game Sheet Volunteers

Do you enjoy being at the arena? Are you interested in volunteering your time with our association? SMMHA is looking for timekeepers and game sheet volunteers! Families are expected to volunteer for home games and tournaments hosted for their age division. At least one member of every family should know how to run the clock. Games cannot proceed without these vital roles! We rely on volunteers like you to ensure the season runs smoothly and is enjoyable for all players! Are you a high-school student looking for volunteer hours? This might also be an excellent opportunity for you. Please email volunteers.smmha@gmail.com to sign up!



Training for families on the clock and game sheets will begin once teams are formed, stay tuned for upcoming details on when you can join a training session.

RESPECT IN SPORT REMINDER



South Muskoka Minor Hockey Association strives to uphold the highest level of respect for its players, coaches, bench staff, officials, volunteers, parents and the community. Creating a healthy, respectful environment for our young players to achieve their best in both hockey and off the rink is a responsibility of each and every one of us. We don't need to reference statistics to know that instances of bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination still persist in the world of sport. Let's make a commitment to each other this year to hold our Association to the highest standard in this regard and be role models for our children. All players in SMMHA must have at least one parent or guardian complete the required 'Respect in Sport - Parent' Course as required from OMHA, HC and SMMHA. This is a one-time course, does not expire and is mandatory for participation in any minor hockey level. Please ensure you have this completed before your player starts the season.

SMMHA would also like to remind anyone interested in volunteering that a VSS required every other year, so if you are new to volunteering on the bench or as a manager, please visit our website and complete this ASAP.

Want to stay up to date on the SMMHA Calendar?

You can subscribe to the calendar and receive notifications on dates, times and changes in the schedule. Subscribing is EASY... simply go to our website, scroll to the very bottom of our page and click on SUBSCRIBE. You then have the choice to subscribe to our website and/or calendar. By selecting calendar, you will be prompted to pick which team you would like to get notifications for.