

South Muskoka Minor Hockey Association

# Monthly Newsletter



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**June 2023**



## Congrats Coaches!

The South Muskoka Minor Hockey Association was thrilled to see the interest in coaching positions for the upcoming 2023/24 season. The level of interest shown in taking on these leadership positions in the association shows the true dedication and commitment to our players and the association. We would like to extend our congrats to the following coaches selected for next season and wish them the best of luck next season- *Go Bears Go!*

[U11 B] Ryan Lewis

[U13 B] Darren Budd

[U15 B] Chris Hogue

[U18 C] Curtis Livingstone

[U18 B] Mike Carlson

U11 C, U13 C, and U15 C positions will be posted in the fall along with our Local League positions. We thank all those who applied and encourage you to continue to volunteer.

**Need to give us some Feedback?**



# Registration for 2023/24 Season NOW OPEN!

Mark your calendars! Registration for the upcoming 2023/24 Season with the South Muskoka Minor Hockey Association started on Monday, June 5, 2023. Register during the Early Bird period (till July 15, 2023) and SAVE as applicable fees will increase by \$100 (apart from the U5 division).

Fees collected for the season allow our association to continue bringing fun and exciting hockey to South Muskoka. Your fees are vital to our operation and go towards the booking of ice times for practices and games, paying referee fees, socks and jerseys, and the development of our players.

NEW this season for U9 PLAYERS! The [U9 Expansion Program](#) will include one extra ice time a week for an additional fee of \$250 with a maximum capacity of 36 players. Families choosing this option must be prepared to travel to arenas that may include; Bala, Port Carling or Baysville for regular scheduled ice times.

Visit our website to register or check out the [Registration FAQ](#) page for more details.

## A Message from SMMHA's President

Dear South Muskoka Minor Hockey Members,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. It is with great pleasure and a deep sense of honour that I introduce myself as the newly elected President of South Muskoka Minor Hockey. As we embark on a new chapter together, I would like to take this opportunity to share a few words about myself and my vision for our organization.

First and foremost, let me express my heartfelt gratitude to the members who have entrusted me with the responsibility of leading this esteemed organization. It is a privilege to serve you all and contribute to the development of our young athletes. I understand the rich history and legacy of South Muskoka Minor Hockey, and I am committed to upholding its values while fostering growth and excellence.

For those who may not know me, I have been an active member of this hockey community for many years. I have been involved as a board member, a parent, and a dedicated supporter of our teams. I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that hockey can have on the lives of our children, teaching them valuable life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. I believe in the power of sports to shape character and build a strong foundation for success both on and off the ice.

As the President, my primary focus will be on creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all of our members. I am committed to fostering an atmosphere where every player, coach, volunteer, and parent feels valued, respected, and heard. Open lines of communication and transparency will be of utmost importance as we work together to enhance the overall experience for our athletes. In addition, I recognize the importance of continuous improvement in our organization. I am dedicated to collaborating with our committed board members, coaches, and volunteers to implement innovative programs and initiatives that enhance the development of our players and our association. We will strive to provide quality coaching, promote skill development, and offer opportunities for competitive play while prioritizing the safety and well-being of our athletes.

In conclusion, I am honoured to lead South Muskoka Minor Hockey and excited about the journey that lies ahead. Together, we will build upon our rich traditions and create an even brighter future for our young athletes. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you, working together, and making this upcoming season a memorable one.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Warm regards,



Jody Somerville  
President  
South Muskoka Minor Hockey

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