



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

2024-2025 Hockey Season

February 2025

As we approach the conclusion of our regular hockey season, the excitement is palpable with several teams clinching banners in their respective flights and leagues! This season has been another resounding success for the Sunshine Coast Minor Hockey Association, truly a testament to the unwavering dedication of our coaches, volunteers, players, and families.

Hockey on the Sunshine Coast demands greater commitment than in other areas, thanks to the logistical challenges the ferry presents. We recognize that these long days and additional expenses can be difficult for families. However, it's precisely these unique circumstances that help foster stronger bonds within our teams, which has historically contributed to our success. After all, hockey is a team sport, and the close-knit relationships among players and families are what truly set us apart.

Did you know that we boast a higher retention of young players than many other organizations? As youth transition into their teenage years, it's not uncommon for other sports, jobs, or social influences to steer them elsewhere. However, at SCMHA, we have a proud history of keeping our youth engaged in hockey, thanks to the strong relationships they cultivate with their teammates and coaches—trusted adults who guide and inspire them.

As we celebrate over 50 years of hockey excellence here on the Sunshine Coast, we take pride not only in our accolades but also in the solid reputation our players and volunteers have earned within our community. As we enter the playoffs, we extend our best wishes to all our teams. **Let's Go Blues!**

Congratulations to Our U11 Female Blues Hockey Team!

What an extraordinary season! Competing in a league for the first time, these talented girls displayed incredible determination, teamwork, and heart. Their hard work and commitment paid off as they secured 1st place in their division and brought home the Banner! We are so proud of their accomplishments



PCAHA U18 Scholarship Tournament Highlights

Each year, the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association (PCAHA) conducts six special recognition events aimed at promoting the ideals of scholastic achievement and sportsmanship in conjunction with participation in Minor Hockey at the U18 and U21 levels. These events also serve as a fantastic platform to showcase the talents of players in these divisions.

One of the highlights of this initiative is the PCAHA Lions Gate League Jim Fryer Memorial U18 "C" Scholarship Tournament held in January. This year, we had the privilege of featuring several of our talented U18C players, demonstrating their skills on the ice.

To be eligible for this prestigious tournament, players must be 17 years old as of December 31, 2024, and registered on a U18 "C" Team within the Lions Gate "C" League. Coaches recommend players who exemplify the spirit of hockey through leadership and teamwork.

We are especially proud to announce that Ryder Hudrick from our U18C1 team has been awarded the U18 C Scholarship Bursary. Ryder's commitment to both the sport and his teammates truly embodies the values we strive to promote. Congratulations, Ryder!





Adverse Weather Conditions Reminder

As we enter the winter season, please be reminded of our travel requirements during adverse weather. Only travel advisories issued by the Police/RCMP, the municipality, or Environment Canada warrant postponements. Teams should check DriveBC for "essential travel only" advisories on their routes to/from games.

Expect winter driving conditions; we typically won't postpone games unless faced with blizzard or whiteout conditions. Decisions regarding game status will be made by the teams and their League Managers, taking into account the varying conditions across the Lower Mainland. Stay safe and informed!

Hockey Statistics Explained!

1. GP (Games Played): The total number of games a team has played in a season.
2. W (Wins): The number of games a team has won.
3. L (Losses): The number of games a team has lost.
4. T (Ties): The number of games that ended in a tie.
5. OTL (Overtime Losses): The number of games a team has lost in overtime.
6. SP (Sportsmanship Points): Points awarded for low penalty minutes, encouraging teams to demonstrate good sportsmanship and discipline on the ice.
7. PTS (Points): The total points a team has accumulated. Points are awarded based on wins (2 points), ties (1 point), and sporty (1 point).
8. PTS% (Points Percentage): This is a calculation that reflects a team's performance relative to the total possible points. It is calculated as $(PTS / (GP \times 2)) \times 100$. It shows the percentage of points earned out of the possible points in games played.
9. GF (Goals For): The total number of goals scored by a team.
10. GA (Goals Against): The total number of goals scored against a team.
11. DIFF (Goal Differential): This is the difference between goals scored (GF) and goals against (GA). It is calculated as $GF - GA$.
12. PIM (Penalty Minutes): The total number of penalty minutes accrued by a team.
13. GF/GP (Goals For per Game): This statistic indicates the average number of goals scored by a team per game.
14. GA/GP (Goals Against per Game): This measures the average number of goals scored against the team per game.
15. PIM/GP (Penalty Minutes per Game): This statistic reflects the average penalty minutes a team receives per game.

Demystifying "Sporty" Points in Minor Hockey

For each game, teams earn points as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. Additionally, there's an important element called the Sportsmanship Point. This (1) point is awarded to teams that demonstrate good sportsmanship by keeping their penalty minutes low during the game.

The criteria for earning the Sportsmanship Point vary by age group:

- U11 : 6 minutes or less
- U13 : 8 minutes or less
- U15 (non-body checking) : 10 minutes or less
- U15 (body checking) : 16 minutes or less
- U18 (non-body checking) : 12 minutes or less
- U18 (body checking) : 18 minutes or less

To qualify for the Sportsmanship Point, teams must also avoid any Major, Misconduct, Game Misconduct, Cross Misconduct, or Match penalties during the game.

Promoting sportsmanship not only serves to enhance the experience of all players but also reflects the core values of Minor Hockey. Let's continue to support our teams in playing hard and playing fair!

SCMHA Social Media Updates



We love showcasing our teams' stories and accomplishments on social media! Team managers are invited to share game outcomes, exciting events, tournaments, and notable achievements with Melissa Tripp from Ways and Means. To submit, please send a write-up along with accompanying pictures to 604-720-3698, capturing the essence of how you'd like your team stories to be shared.

Before publishing, Melissa reviews each post for grammatical accuracy and clarity. If your team hasn't been featured yet, don't hesitate to reach out to your team manager for more information or consider volunteering to enhance your team's social media presence! Together, we can keep our community connected and celebrate our players' successes!

A special shoutout to Kori Hudrick, who diligently creates all the game day posts for our social media. Managing this task for so many teams is no small feat, and we are immensely grateful to Kori for helping to communicate important updates to our fans! Thank you, Kori!



Congratulations to Our U18 Female Team!

We are thrilled to announce that our U18 Female team has clinched the banner in their flight for the season! This remarkable achievement is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and teamwork throughout the year. Their passion for the game and resilience on the ice have truly set them apart.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and families for their unwavering support!