



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

2024-2025 Hockey Season

November 2024

After a successful month of placement, Sunshine Coast Minor Hockey Association is gearing up for exciting regular season games. With a total of 18 teams spanning across all divisions, this season marks the largest number of teams in SCMHA history. The dedication of our coaching staff and player development programs has truly paid off, as our teams saw great success during placement rounds.

In an effort to improve communication with our membership, the SCMHA board has decided to introduce a membership update. This update will provide important news, and information to keep our members informed and engaged throughout the season. LETS GO BLUES!

Passing on the Love of the Game

The U18A team has embarked on a heartwarming mentorship program with the U7 division, showing just how important it is to pass on the love of the game to our youngest players. On October 17th, the U18A team hosted a special big buddy dinner with the U7s, where they shared stories about hockey and discussed their favourite things about the sport. This event marked the beginning of a season-long mentorship program, where the older players will continue to support and guide the younger ones through their early hockey days.

It's truly inspiring to see our oldest players take on the role of mentors for the youngest players, teaching them not just the skills of the game, but also sharing what hockey truly represents - teamwork, sportsmanship, and, above all, fun.

Exciting News: Team Development Funds for the 2024-2025 Season!

We are thrilled to announce that Sunshine Coast Minor Hockey Association will be offering team development funds for the upcoming 2024-2025 hockey season. Every team, from U7 to U18, will have access to \$440.00 each to put towards on-ice skills development opportunities.

We are excited about the positive impact this initiative will have on our teams and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success on the ice!



Creating a Positive Atmosphere

As we gear up for action-packed regular season games, we want to take a moment to remind all spectators about the importance of showing respect and sportsmanship at SCMHA events. This includes being mindful of your behaviour towards all players, coaches, and on-ice officials. Let's cheer on our teams with positivity and encouragement, creating a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone involved. Remember, we're all here to support our players and celebrate the love of the game together! Thank you for being great fans and ambassadors of SCMHA.

Empowering Growth: U9 Female Program Thrives

We're thrilled to announce that our U9 female program has doubled in size since the beginning of September! It's incredible to watch our female hockey programs flourish within our association, driven by the dedication of volunteers.

For decades, female hockey was often overlooked and under-resourced, living on the margins of the game. Today, the landscape of female hockey has expanded from grassroots to high performance, offering new opportunities for females to pursue their dreams. In the midst of this transformation, a strong and supportive community has emerged.

The voices of women and girls in hockey are creating a powerful sense of empowerment, fostering a positive and inclusive environment for all. We are thrilled to witness the growth and success of our female hockey program and look forward to the bright future ahead.



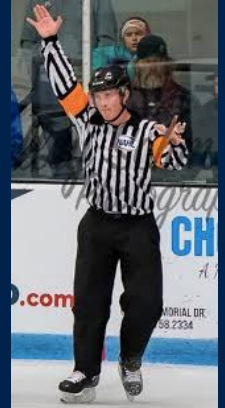
ON-ICE OFFICIAL SPOTLIGHT

We are proud to introduce three of our dedicated on-ice officials who are key players in ensuring the success of our games. Meet Gavin Bezaire and Ryder Hudrick, both third-year U18 players who have played with SCMHA since 2012, and go above and beyond by refereeing games nearly every weekend in addition to their own team commitments. We are thrilled to also welcome Tsunami player Anthony Domagola to our team of officials this season, thanks to the positive relationship between our organizations. Through this collaboration, we have been able to train six Tsunami players to assist in our referee and linesman roles. Our referees are the unsung heroes of the game, ensuring fair play and a safe environment for all players.



Demystifying the Offside Call

Hey there, hockey enthusiasts! Ever found yourself scratching your head when the ref blows that whistle for an offside call? Don't worry, you're not alone! Let's break it down: Offside in hockey is like trying to sneak a peek at your Christmas presents before the big day - you've gotta wait until the right moment! In essence, a player is considered offside when they enter the opposing team's zone before the puck does.



Stay Connected: Where to Find Important Information

Looking for reliable information about practice and game schedules for all SCMHA teams, along with policies and procedures, program details, volunteer opportunities, board meeting minutes, and upcoming event information? Look no further! Visit our SCMHA website and check out our dedicated Information section for all the details you need to stay in the know and make the most of your hockey experience.



Upcoming Events:

- November 29-December 1st
U11C & U13C Tournament

SUNSHINE COAST MINOR HOCKEY
WELCOMES IRISH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY NOV 3
AT GIBSONS ARENA

Blues 1801 1245

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SUNSHINE COAST MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION IS EXCITED TO HOST IRISH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FOR 2 GAMES. COME DOWN AND CHEER ON YOUR BLUES!

Do you have a passion for hockey and a story to share?

We want to hear from you!

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Sunshine Coast Celebrates 50 Years of Hockey History

This year marks a special milestone as we celebrate 50 years of hockey on the Sunshine Coast. On November 2, 1974, a historic moment unfolded as the very first group of children donned hockey gear and stepped onto the ice, marking the inception of youth ice hockey on the Sunshine Coast and laying the foundation for a beloved tradition that continues to thrive today.

In honour of this historic occasion, Sunshine Coast Minor Hockey Association, in collaboration with other hockey user groups, will be co-hosting a series of events throughout the season to commemorate this momentous milestone. As part of the celebrations, a dedicated group of volunteers from various organizations is actively seeking artifacts to help build a rich historical hockey archive, complete with pictures and stories spanning over the past five decades.

Join us in celebrating 50 years of hockey history on the Sunshine Coast as we come together to honour the past, present, and future of this beloved sport in our community. For more information please email Stu Frizzell at President@scjhs.ca.