

Salmon Arm Minor Hockey Association would like to welcome you to the 2025/2026 hockey season! We are excited to welcome back our players, coaches, volunteers, and families. For those of you who are new to the community and/or joining us for the first time, welcome! We hope you are excited to begin a new journey with us here in Salmon Arm!

You're receiving this information because you have registered a player for U11 Development Tryouts this upcoming season.

In this document you will find information regarding staff updates at the association, startup and season scheduling, team selections, coach selections, and some information about roles we still need to fill on the board.

### **Staff updates**

As a Board, we have identified a few key areas of operational improvement from seasons past and have made an adjustment to the staff structure to support facilitating those improvements.

It was decided by our board in March that SAMHA would create a new position of Executive Director for the Association. The role was established to provide more support for the important off-ice work of strengthening relationships with Sponsors, Donors, the Rec Society, City Hall, local Arena schedulers, our board, volunteers, and to bolster the operational structure of the Association which will improve the delivery of hockey programming for our members.

We are pleased to formally announce the hiring of Jason Brown who has been working in the role since April. Jason has been a volunteer coach and board member who is entering his fourth season with Salmon Arm Minor Hockey. We believe that the addition of Jason as a leader among our staff will improve the product both on and off the ice.

This move was made with the intention of maintaining the position of Manager of Hockey Operations, and the responsibilities of that role will become much more heavily focused on player and coach development both on and off the ice.

Many of you will have had the pleasure of working with our Manager of Hockey Operations, Cole Slaney for the past two seasons. Throughout his time with us, Cole was always very forthright in his desire to pursue other career opportunities as they arose, and in May the decision was made that Cole would be moving on from his role as Manager of Hockey Operations.

We would like to thank Cole for the years of dedicated service to Minor Hockey here in Salmon Arm and recognize the contributions he's made along the way for the many families, and players who he's worked with during his tenure.

Of course, with change comes opportunity, and we are excited to be actively working to hire a replacement for the work Cole was handling. We are currently interviewing a short list of very highly qualified and experienced candidates for the part-time role of Director of Hockey Development.

We will have more information to come regarding that hire soon!

## **Startup & Season Schedule**

One of the main points of feedback we've received from members is the desire to have more forward scheduling, and better communication so that our families can make their plans for the season. We recognize that as a key part of the satisfaction of our membership and have made a concerted effort to improve in this area.

The season schedule is broken into three categories: Startup, Regular Season Practice, and Games (Tournaments included).

**Today, you are receiving the Startup portion of our schedule which runs between September 8 and September 28.** Please look below for the division that applies to your player(s). Outlined in this document are ALL sessions for each age category. Players will be broken into groups for pre-evaluations and evaluations, and your groups will be assigned at least 1 week prior to your age category starting up.

You will receive information on which group your player(s) will be a part of from the Division Manager in your division, and that individual will be your main point of contact with the Association for the season.

\*All divisions times and dates are listed below\*

## **Team and Coach Selections**

Tryout dates and times are listed below and will run September 5-7 in Salmon Arm. Final reassignments will be made no later than September 21, with the intention of finalizing the roster the weekend prior to that. We'd like to leave some room for discretion, so that explains the extended timeframe.

There was a competitive coach selection process for this team and Jordan Schaubroeck has been named U11 Development Head Coach for the upcoming season! Jordan is an experienced Head Coach from his time in Lillooet, and we are fortunate to have him support our U11 Development team this upcoming season. Congratulations Jordan!

## **Volunteer Board Positions**

If you are interested in joining the board as a volunteer, we are currently looking for volunteers to assist with the following positions:

U13 Division Manager

U7 Division Manager

If you or anyone you know would like to be a part of our volunteer group please contact our Executive Director, Jason Brown at [executivedirector@salmonarmminorhockey.com](mailto:executivedirector@salmonarmminorhockey.com)

### **U11 Development Pre-Tryout Schedule**

August 29: 3:00 – 4:00pm (Pre-Tryout skate Group 1) Hucul

August 29: 4:15 – 5:15pm (Pre-Tryout skate Group 2) Hucul

September 4: 4:00 – 5:00pm (Pre-Tryout skate Group 1) Spectator

September 4: 5:15 – 6:15pm (Pre-Tryout skate Group 2) Spectator

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### **U11 Development Tryout Schedule**

#### **Friday September 5**

- Goalie Session: 4:00 – 5:00pm Hucul

#### **Saturday September 6**

- Team 1 vs. Team 2: 8:45 – 9:45am Hucul
- Team 3 vs. Team 1: 12:15 – 1:15pm Hucul
- Team 2 vs. Team 3: 3:45 – 4:45pm Hucul

#### **Sunday Sept 7**

- Team 1 vs. Team 2: 8:45 – 9:45am Hucul
- Team 3 vs. Team 1: 12:15 – 1:15pm Hucul

**Top 30 Game: 3:45 – 5:00pm Spectator**

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### **U11 Development Pre-Season Schedule**

September 8: 4:00 – 5:00pm (Top 25 Practice #1) Hucul

September 10: 4:00 – 5:00pm (Top 25 Practice #2) Hucul

September 13: 1:00 – 2:30pm NHL MacArthur Island Park (Exhibition Game #1 @ Kamloops)

September 14: 8:00 – 9:30am Kal-Tire Place North (Exhibition Game # 2 @ Vernon)

September 15: 4:00 – 5:00pm (Practice #3) Spectator

September 17: 3:45 – 4:45pm (Practice #4) Hucul

**September 19 – 21: Tiering Weekend KAMLOOPS**

September 22: 4:00 – 5:00pm (Practice #5) Spectator

September 24: 3:45 – 4:45pm (Practice #6) Hucul

September 27: **POSSIBLE EXHIBITION GAME TBD**

September 28: **POSSIBLE EXHIBITION GAME TBD**

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**REGULAR SEASON PRACTICE SCHEDULE BEGINS**

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