

2023 – 2024 Season South Calgary Hockey House League

What is the 'South Calgary Hockey House League?'

The South Calgary Hockey House League (SCHHL) began in 2015-2016 and is a partnership of the following Hockey Associations, which are **sponsored by the Flames Community Hockey House League**:

- Bow Valley Hockey Society
- Knights Hockey Club
- Southwest Hockey Association
- Wolverines Hockey Club

What is the 'Flames Community Hockey House League'?

The **Flames Community Hockey House League** is a partnership between the Calgary Flames Organization, Hockey Calgary, and its member Associations. The goal is to provide recreational players the opportunity to play organized hockey that is; **affordable, fun** and **safe**, with **moderate, consistent**, time & location commitments; allowing for participation in other social, academic or recreational activities. It also provides players who have limited skills and knowledge; an introduction to the game in a less intimidating format. The program is regionally based, offering participants a chance to play the great game of hockey, with less time and travel commitments.



What Age Categories will this program be offered to?

For the **2023-2024** season, the SCHHL will be offered to players in the following Age Divisions;

Division	Birth Years	Age by Dec 31st
U9	2015 & 2016	7 & 8
U11	2013 & 2014	9 & 10

What are the Program Dates?

October 16, 2023 to March 3, 2024

NOTE: Pathway Skates & the Player Placement Skates are scheduled as per your 'home' Association **PRIOR to October 16th**. Refer to the 'Program Scheduling' for further details.

No activities will take place during the following dates:

- December 18 - 31, 2023 (Holiday Break)
- February 12 – 19, 2024 (Family Day Weekend)



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What's NEW this year?



- There will be two (2) 'Pathway Skates' scheduled prior to your 'Placement Skates'.
- Pathway Skates allow players to get back onto the ice in a less formal setting before the Placement Skates occur.
- While Pathway Skates are not mandatory; they are highly recommended.
- These will be scheduled by your 'home' Association.



- Hockey Calgary is excited to host a House League Jamboree, which is currently planned for February 2023.
- House League teams from all across the city are eligible to participate, in this fun "tournament like" event.

What are the differences between House League & Community Hockey?

Comparing	House League		Community	
Pathway Skates	Yes		Yes	
Player Placement	Teams are balanced		Players are tiered based on skill	
Set Schedules	Yes		No	
Cash Calls	No		Yes	
Volunteers Required for Program	YES		Yes	
Volunteer Bond	Determined by each Association		Yes	
Fundraising	No		Yes	
Full-Ice Practices	U9: No	U11: No	U9: No	U11: Some
Full-Ice Games	U9: No	U11: Yes	U9: No	U11: Yes
Purchase Additional Ice	Not permitted		Yes	
Exhibition Games Permitted	No		Yes	
Tournaments Permitted	No		Yes	
Eso Minor Hockey Week	No		Yes	
House League Jamboree	Yes. Hosted by Hockey Calgary only		No	
Playoffs Permitted	No		U9: No	U11: Yes
Police Checks for Coaches	Yes. Mandatory		Yes. Mandatory	
Coaching Requirements	Same in Both Leagues		Same in Both Leagues	

What Equipment is Required?

- Full equipment is **ALWAYS** required; as per Hockey Calgary Guidelines.
 - Equipment list; including sizing and care → <https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/resources/equipment-care>
 - **Mouth guards ARE mandatory**, as per the Hockey Calgary Regulations Handbook.
- Participants must have their own practice jersey and practice socks.
- Goalie gear will be provided to the U9 Age Division. If U11 teams require goalie gear, it will be provided by the League; on request.



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How will Team Compositions Look?

Participant assessments (**evaluated skates**) will be conducted within each 'home' Association to ensure teams are equally balanced with a variety of skill level.

Age Division	Team Composition Breakdown
U9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total of 8 teams in the SCHHL (2 teams per Association). ▪ Total of 19 roster spots, per team. ▪ Goalies do NOT specifically register for this position, in this division. ▪ All participants will rotate in the goalie position.
U11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total of 8 teams in the SCHHL (2 teams per Association). ▪ There is a total of 17 skaters & 2 goalie roster spots per team. ▪ Those interested in the goalie position, must specifically register for this position. Preference is given to goalies who have their own equipment.

House League Program Highlights:

- All teams must adhere to the Hockey Calgary (HCAL) Operations Guide.
- All SCHHL teams will be sanctioned by HCAL. All players and coaches must be properly registered.
- House League games for U9 & U11 will only be against other SCHHL teams.
- Team placement for participants is determined through a Participant Placement Process.
- **No previous hockey experience** is necessary, but basic skating IS required.
 - **This is NOT** a “learn to skate” program.
 - Participants should have the basic fundamentals of skating including; stopping, gliding, turning, moving backwards and proper technique for falling down and getting up.
- Games will be played in accordance with the Hockey Calgary Rules & Regulations.
- Statistics and standings will not be kept or publicly displayed.
- Official game reports for all games will be entered into the HCAL website for review purposes only.
- The score clock will never reflect a differential greater than 5 goals regardless of the actual score.
- A player is limited to 3 goals during any one game however may earn unlimited assists. If a player scores a 4th goal etc., the goal will not be recorded and a face off will occur at center ice.
- All player positions must be rotated equitably throughout the season in both the U9 & U11 divisions.
- The goalie position will be rotated in U9, and 'may' be rotated in U11; dependent on the registered goalies.
- Participants may be named Captain or Alternate Captain on a fair and rotating basis as per your home Association policy.
- Coaches are permitted to use up to 25% of their practice ice to scrimmage within their own team.
- **NO Affiliations** are permitted between House League and the Community/Regional Stream.

Is a Volunteer Bond Required?

This league also requires volunteers; in order for the program to operate efficiently.

- A Volunteer Bond Program is determined by your 'home' Association. check with your Association regarding additional commitment(s) that may be required of you.
- Specific volunteer duties may be required such as, but not limited to; game day roles, team level roles, (i.e., Coaches, Managers, Jersey Parent), Association level or League duty roles.



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What will the Program Scheduling be like?

- Games and practices will be scheduled for the duration of the season; according to the Program Scheduling notes within this document.
- Each teams' schedule will be posted to the Hockey Calgary website.
- Families can also access their schedule through TeamSnap; which is assigned per 'home' Association.
- There will be one (1) practice held during the week and one (1) game held **on either** Saturday or Sunday; with the exception of the weeks mentioned on Page 1.
- Program scheduling is completed per 'home' Association based on their ice availability.

NOTE: The **EARLIER** ice times noted for practices and games are the ones predominately scheduled.

The specific days of your team's practices and games **WILL NOT BE** communicated, in advance to your team placement.

Program Scheduling										
Pathway Skates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These <u>are NOT</u> evaluated skates. ▪ These particular skates allow participants to get back onto the ice in a less formal setting <i>before</i> the Placement Skates occur. ▪ While Pathway Skates are not mandatory; they are highly recommended!! 									
Placement Skates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These <u>ARE</u> evaluated skates. ▪ Placement Skates are used to assist with ensuring teams are balanced. ▪ Attendance <u>IS MANDATORY</u> to allow for proper team balancing. 									
Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total of 16 practices. ▪ All practices will be <u>shared ice</u>. ▪ All practices will be held in South Calgary. ▪ Practice days will be set days per team. ▪ Practice times will be between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. ▪ All ice times will be 1 hour. 									
Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total of 16 games. ▪ All games will be <u>HALF-ice for U9</u> and full-ice for U11. ▪ Game days will be Saturday OR Sunday. ▪ Game times will be between 7:30am and 8:00pm. ▪ All ice times will be 1 hour. ▪ U9 & U11 will play all games against other SCHHL teams. 									
Arenas	<p>The following facilities may be utilized for scheduling the SCHHL Program:</p> <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Acadia Rec Complex</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Cardel Rec South</td> <td style="width: 33%;">East Calgary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ernie Starr</td> <td>Frank McCool</td> <td>Great Plains</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lake Bonavista</td> <td>Oakridge</td> <td>Trico</td> </tr> </table>	Acadia Rec Complex	Cardel Rec South	East Calgary	Ernie Starr	Frank McCool	Great Plains	Lake Bonavista	Oakridge	Trico
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What are the Coaching Requirements?

Did you know...this program is run by volunteer Coaches FROM THE PARENT GROUP?

Interested Coaches need to register, and following the procedure as set out by your 'home' Association.

- Coaches **MUST** have completed **ALL** required course certifications as per the Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, Hockey Calgary & Association Rules & Regulations by the November 15th deadline.
- Safety Certification is mandatory for some Associations, but is **strongly recommended** for **ALL** coaches.
- U9 teams are required to have **two (2) individuals certified as a Head Coach**.
- **Coach Certification costs will be reimbursed 100%, by your 'home' Association.**

NOTE: Online courses **DO NOT** need to be completed in one sitting. **However, THEY DO** need to be completed as a pre-requisite to any in-person ice/classroom course.

Certification Course	Course Information	U9 Coach Requirements	U11 Coach Requirements
Respect in Sport (RIS) Activity Leader	<i>This is different than the Parent RIS online course.</i>	ALL Coaches <i>*See Note 1</i>	ALL Coaches <i>*See Note 1</i>
Police Information Check (PIC)	<i>Completed Online. <u>3 weeks to complete!</u> Don't delay in this task.</i>	ALL Coaches <i>Contact 'home' Association for instructions</i>	ALL Coaches <i>Contact 'home' Association for instructions</i>
Hockey Canada Safety	<i>This is a 4-Hour online course.</i>	2 Coaches per Team <i>**See Note 2</i>	1 Coach per Team <i>**See Note 2</i>
Hockey Canada Coach Level 1 & Coach Level 2	Part 1 <i>4-hour online course.</i>	Head Coach & 1 Assistant Coach	Head Coach Only
Hockey Canada Coach Level 1	Part 2 <i>In-person ice/classroom 5.5-hour course.</i>	Head Coach & 1 Assistant Coach <i>Need to complete Part 1</i>	Not Applicable
Hockey Canada Coach Level 2	Part 2 <i>In-person ice/classroom 5.5-hour course.</i>	Not Applicable	Head Coach Only
Hockey Canada Checking Skills	<i>Two-part online course.</i>	Not Applicable	Head Coach Only

NOTE #1: The RIS program **MUST be completed PRIOR** to a coach being added to a team roster. This certification **NEEDS** to be completed **BEFORE going on the ice**, in order to be covered by Hockey Canada Insurance.

NOTE #2: There **MUST BE** a Coach in attendance for **EVERY ice time**, who has the **Safety Certification**. 'Home Association Rules also apply.

Deadline to complete required "IN-PERSON" certifications is November 15, 2023



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What do I need to know about Registration?

- **SPACE IS LIMITED!! Register Early to avoid disappointment!**
- **Respect in Sport (RIS) Parent MUST** be completed by one (1) Parent/Guardian **BEFORE** the online registration is started.
 - A **completed** registration **MUST HAVE** the Respect in Sport Certification with a **valid expiration date**.
- Hockey fees for the House League are different than the Community Minor Hockey Program mainly due to the different ice requirements.
- All interested families are to contact their 'home' Association to register.
- **Registrants are only able to participate in one (1) League for the current hockey season.**

Program Registration Requirements	
Registration Fee	\$775.00 and is payable to your 'home' Association as per their payment options.
Registration Status	Registrations are based on 'First Come, <u>First COMPLETED</u> '.
Late Fee	\$150.00 per participant , applicable to RETURNING members only. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Effective SEP 1, 2023 at 12:01am
Game Jersey Deposit	Game Jersey deposits are determined by your 'home' Association. Please check with your Association regarding additional expectations that may be required of you.
Team Photo	A team SportsMate is included with registration.
Additional Requirement(s)	The following is also required, as determined by your 'home' Association: Parent 'Respect in Sport', Proof of Age, Proof of Residency .
Goalie Registration	<p>U9: The goalie position is not designated in this Age Division. All participants will take a turn at playing goal throughout the season.</p> <p>U11: During the registration process you will be able to indicate if your child would like to play goal. If a team does not have a goalie, then the players will take turn at playing goal. If there is more than one goalie per team, they will either split each game, or they will take turns in net, allowing them to play out for the games that they are not in net.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preference is given to goalies who have their own equipment.
Registration Receipts	<p>Receipts can <u>only</u> be obtained from your TeamSnap account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To print receipt(s) → Go to the "<u>My Registrations</u>" section of the My Clubs & Leagues Dashboard. <p>Completed registrations will remain under "My Registrations" for the <u>current</u> season. Registration receipts <u>cannot</u> be brought back after they expire!!</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><i>It is strongly advised to print receipts once payments have all been completed.</i></p>



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Are there Financial Assistance Opportunities?

There are programs available to assist families with the financial cost of registration. You must apply and qualify for these financial assistance programs. It's important for you to **register EARLY** so that you have full access to **ALL** the financial assistance opportunities. If you are not sure about something “please” contact your ‘home’ Association Registrar as soon as possible.



If your application is approved by Hockey Calgary then that automatically qualifies you for equipment assistance through the Calgary Flames Sports Bank. The information about the equipment bank will be provided to you on your approved application notice.

DON'T WAIT!

It's important for you to **REGISTER EARLY** so that you have full access to **ALL financial assistance opportunities**. If you're not sure about something “please” contact your ‘home’ Association Registrar ASAP. **Contact information is below.**

How do I Complete Registration and Apply for Financial Assistance?

STEP #1 → Complete the online registration in TeamSnap through your ‘home’ Association.

Option 1	Pay IN FULL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You are considered “fully registered” with Option 1. ▪ Be sure to complete Step 2 and fill out the online FESP application. ▪ You will receive notification of your application status from the Hockey Calgary Registrar. ▪ Your ‘home’ Registrar will also receive a copy of this notification email. ▪ If approved, the Registrar will apply a full refund to the account.
Option 2	Pay the Deposit & Choose Payment Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You are considered “fully registered” with Option 2. ▪ Be sure to complete Step 2 and fill out the online FESP application. ▪ You will receive notification of your application status from the Hockey Calgary Registrar. ▪ Your home Registrar will also receive a copy of this notification email. ▪ If approved and you are on a payment plan, then the credit will be applied, any applicable refund will be issued and future scheduled payments removed.
Option 3	“Off-Line Payment” → No funds received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verify with your ‘home’ association that they offer this option. ▪ Be sure to complete Step 2 and fill out the online FESP application. ▪ You will receive notification of your application status from the Hockey Calgary Registrar. ▪ Your home Registrar will also receive a copy of this notification email. ▪ A full refund of payments received will be issued with approved applications.



If Option 3 is chosen your participant(s) are NOT fully registered, if no payment has been received OR confirmation of an APPROVED Financial Assistance application. Complete Step #2 below



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STEP #2 → Fill out the online Flames Even Strength Program (FESP) Application.

- This is managed by Hockey Calgary.
- When you complete the online form, you will receive an auto email from Hockey Calgary.
 - **Be sure to check your 'junk mail' for the automated email.** Your 'home' Registrar will also receive an automated email.
- It is the **members' responsibility** to follow up with Hockey Calgary regarding the status of their application.
 - **Contact Pam Douglas (Hockey Calgary Registrar) at:** pam.douglas@hockeycalgary.com
- **Link to the FESP Application** can be found on the Hockey Calgary website: <https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/> or by using the following link:

<https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/registration/flames-even-strength-program>

Is there a Waiting List for Registration?

If your 'home' Association is full, you can work with them to be added to the waiting list. To be added to the waiting list **you MUST have a valid RIS Certification** on your account and have provided any required registration information to your 'home' Association such as, but not limited to; Proof of Residency and Proof of Age.

Is there a Withdrawal Policy?

The Withdrawal Policy will be based on the 'home' Association that you registered with. Please contact them directly for details.

NOTE: The SCHHL does reserve the right to cancel the House League Program, or reduce the number of teams if the SCHHL does not meet the minimum registration requirement.

Do You Have Further Resources?



Bow Valley Hockey Society – www.bvhs.ca
Registrar – Melinda at registrar@bvhs.ca

Knights Hockey Club – www.knightshc.ca
Registrar – Erin at admin@knightshc.ca

Southwest Hockey Association – www.southwesthockey.ca
Registrar – Christina at registrar@southwesthockey.ca

Wolverines Hockey Club – www.wolverineshockey.ca
Registrar – Erin at info@wolverineshockey.ca

