

St. James Assiniboia Minor Hockey Association

Assiniboia West, Bordaire, Bourkevale, Deer Lodge, Heritage Victoria, Kirkfield Westwood, Sturgeon Heights, Woodhaven, Burton Cummings, R.A.Steen, Tyndall Park, Valour, Weston Memorial

Welcome to the 2017-18 hockey season for the boys and girls of St. James.

The St. James Assiniboia Minor Hockey Association (SJAMHA) is committed to providing a positive and respectful hockey experience for all participants – players, coaches, officials, spectators and volunteers – in a safe and sportsmanlike environment. For this reason, the SJAMHA has adopted an Inappropriate Behaviour Policy. This policy clearly defines:

- inappropriate behavior (abuse, discrimination, harassment and bullying);
- outlines the SJAMHA's response to reports of inappropriate behaviour; and
- identifies consequences for offenders and repeat offenders.

An important component of this policy is the selection of a Parent Liaison for each team. In short, a team's Parent Liaison plays an important role in ensuring that his or her fellow parents don't become over-exuberant when cheering on their child's team. Please consider allowing your name to stand when it comes time for your team to select a Parent Liaison. For additional information on the SJAMHA's Inappropriate Behaviour Policy and/or the duties of the Parent Liaison please visit www.sjamha.ca or e-mail conductandleadership@sjamha.ca. Have a great season!

5 to 8 Year House League

We will continue our policy of providing indoor ice for all house league games. There will be a Hockey Initiation program (IP) for all House League players starting September 16th. This is a CHA (Canadian Hockey Association) developed program and teaches the basic skills required by our young players. If you wish to volunteer, please indicate on IP Form & contact Greg McDonald via e-mail at ip@sjamha.ca or Murray Sedleski houseleague@sjamha.ca

Novice A (7&8)

Players born 2009 & 2010 trying out for the "optional" Novice A (7&8) team, Please indicate on registration form & contact via e-mail Nick Hook at sjmhahockey@gmail.com or 204-218-7999 for further information about tryouts

Tryout Process

For players trying out for Novice A (7&8) born in 2010 & 2009 and also players born in 2008 & 2007, tryouts will commence September 9th 2017

You will be contacted with your first tryout date and time after registrations have been completed. Tryout dates for players born in 2006 or earlier will start after cuts have been made from “AA” “AAA” & High School. A group of qualified evaluators will conduct evaluations of all players from Novice upwards. These individuals have affiliation with community clubs & have coached & have knowledge of the players within St. James.

St. James Canadians AA

Registration for AA tryouts – Minor Peewee, Peewee, Minor Bantam, Bantam and Midget will be done online thru the www.stjamescanadiansaahockey.com

Please note that you must be registered for Hockey online thru the www.sjamha.ca website, prior to registering for AA tryouts.

Female Hockey

For information on the Female hockey program for Girls Novice (a newer program) for Girls born 2009 & younger. Plus Atom or older, please contact Linda Chivers (204) 633-3071 or e-mail landrchivers@gmail.com

Recreation League

The Recreation League located in River Heights is a non-hitting, occasional practice, no tournaments, no play-offs, no cutting, just for fun program for those players 9 years of age and older that just want a few games in the winter without the structure and competitiveness of our other programs. For further information, please contact Tara at tabbott@corydoncc.com (204) 488-7000.

Jack Rabbits

Jack Rabbits is an informal setting to learn the fundamentals of hockey for kids 4 years old and up, beginner skating skill are a pre-requisite. Registration is mid-November at most CC's including Heritage Victoria, Sturgeon Heights & R.A Steen CC, please phone your local CC for more information.

OFFICIALS & TIMEKEEPING

If you are age 13 to adult and enjoy the game of hockey, then consider Officiating or Time Keeping as a part-time job (13 year olds may become officials for the 7/8 House League provided they are registered players). You must be conscientious, reliable and a good skater as well as having a responsible attitude and a good knowledge of the game. We provide flexible hours around work or school and a good salary. With the ever increasing participation in Female Hockey, it is encouraged that females consider this great opportunity.

All first year officials will receive, at minimum, one on-ice mentorship in his or her first game as well as a second off-ice mentorship later in the season. All officials not in his or her first year will receive minimum two off-ice mentorships per season. All mentors are level 3 officials with experience officiating for Hockey Manitoba.

For further information on Refereeing contact Spencer Brason
Apsj.ric@gmail.com 204-250-9697

for Time Keeping contact Lou Mulvenna
lou_mulvenna@hotmail.com 204-803-8004

Hockey Winnipeg Respectful Hockey and Coach's Fair Play Policies

Our Association is also proud to endorse Hockey Winnipeg's Respectful Hockey and SJAMHA's Coach's Fair Play policies. These policies provide guidelines for acceptable conduct for Players, Parents, and Coaches alike. They also include mentorship, leadership development, a parent's approach, team session, conduct codes for all participants, and other safety and responsibility initiatives. To learn more please visit www.sjamha.ca. & click on conduct tab at the top of home page

Team Selection and Your Child's Performance

Tryouts and evaluations can be a nerve-wracking time for both players and their parents. Players may become anxious and sometimes focus on the possibility that they may not be selected for a particular team. It is important as a parent that you remind them to focus on their own performance. Worrying about what the evaluators are thinking of them, or comparing themselves to other players will not increase their chances of being successful. Their focus should be on their own performance and achieving their own daily goals during the evaluations. Parents can help children realize that their self-worth is not on line during this period.

The bottom line is that your child will be playing hockey this season and the SJAMHA is committed to providing an enjoyable and beneficial season. Remember that Darren Helm was cut from the Selkirk Steelers Junior Team before playing on the Canada National Junior Team & winning the Stanley Cup in 2007-08 & Dustin Penner was cut from every team he tried out for until he attended College hockey in the USA & has now won 2 Stanley Cups

St. James Canucks

The St. James Junior Canucks are celebrating their 40th year in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League. The team was started by founders Tom Miller (past-VP of the SJAMHA) & Carl Wullum (past-President of the SJAMHA).

As they have done every year, the Canucks continue to be a strong supporter of minor hockey in St. James. All registered players under 14 are admitted into the Canucks home games free and players from our 7/8 year old teams participate in a fun shootout between periods. The players receive a Canucks hat, T shirt, puck, medallion & drink. At Canuck fan appreciation night they have draws for 2 Canucks jerseys, sticks & t shirts.

Any Community Club hosting a tournament, feel free to contact the Canucks & ask what they can do for you. As they support us, so should we support them.

KidSport

The KidSport Fund is a national charity created to assist children from financially disadvantaged families. With respect to community club hockey programs, they may help defray equipment costs. For further information call (204)925-5737.

Please visit our website at www.sjamha.ca

**FOR INFORMATION ON HOUSE LEAGUE HOCKEY & THE IP PROGRAM
click on the House League tab at the top of the home page**