

SOUTH DUNDAS



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FOR COACHES
2023/2024 Season

South Dundas Minor Hockey Association would like to welcome you to your role as Head Coach and/or Assistant Coach. These roles are critical members of any hockey team, and we want to thank you in advance for donating your valuable time to service your team to this capacity. You play an integral part in organizing the team and helping ensure that the players have an enjoyable season.



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Dispute Resolution

The purpose of this guideline is to provide a positive and productive forum for parents/guardians to express a grievance.

Step 1

SDMHA strictly enforces a 24 hour “cooling off” period before any action can be taken. Parents/Guardians will not approach team officials immediately after an issue to air a grievance. To prevent further escalation and poor communication, parents and team officials must observe the 24 hour “cooling off” period.

Step 2

After 24 hours, discussion should take place at the team level (e.g. coach-parent-player or parent rep and coach, etc.) If coach is not comfortable having this discussion, an Executive member will be appointed to sit in and support.

Step 3

If no resolution after Step 2, the complainant will discuss with the Rules and Discipline

Note: if the complaint deals with a coaching problem, the Coach Mentor will be involved and a discussion will take place with the head coach, assistant coach, or manager to see if a solution can be made

Step 4

If after Step 3 has been followed and no resolution has been made, a written complaint via email to Rules and Discipline. Complaint must be dealt with in less than seven (7) days.

Step 5

If no resolution after Step 4, submit a written complaint to SDMHA President. Complaint must be dealt with in less than seven (7) days.

Note: There will be no action taken unless the proper procedures as stated above are followed. It is strongly suggested that all grievances are accurately documents in a timely fashion. Grievance documents should include:

- Description of the incident
- Names of those involved including witnesses
- Date, time and other relevant information

Team Information

SportsHeadz

All team communication and scheduling is done through SportsHeadz app. Coaches have the ability to manage their roster through the App. The link below provides some guidance on the functionality provided. Please engage the Ice Scheduler for assistance as required

<https://support.sportsheadz.com/article/86-help-doc-coaches>

Scheduling

Scheduling of team events, exhibition games, etc. will be done by Team Manager. League game changes will be done by UCMHL Convenors. Any questions pertaining to ice scheduling should come through the Head Coach or Manager to the Ice Scheduler

Jerseys/Socks

Jerseys are loaned to all players from U9-U18 and are proprietary to South Dundas Minor Hockey.

- ❖ Each player will receive one home and one away jersey
- ❖ Each player will receive one pair of home socks and one pair of away socks to show uniformity within SDMHA. It is the bench staff's responsibility to encourage uniformity including matching socks (no one blue, and one white)
- ❖ Jerseys are carefully inspected upon distribution by Equipment Manager and upon receipt at the end of season. Any jerseys that are received

damaged (does not include normal wear and tear) or lost will incur a charge to the player's family of \$75.00 per jersey

- ❖ Name Bars may be used and loose stitched onto jersey and must be carefully removed at the end of the season

Puck Bags

Puck Bags will be issued to all coaches for their respective teams. Pucks are to not be removed from the Equipment Room going forward.

Team Safety

Dressing Room Etiquette

RULE OF TWO

As per Hockey Canada:

Rule of Two

To best ensure safety for all participants, all minor hockey programs sanctioned by Hockey Canada and its Members are required to implement the 'Rule of Two' for all dressing rooms. The 'Rule of Two' requires two trained and screened adults to be present in the dressing room or immediately outside the dressing room with the door propped open to monitor the environment and ensure it is free of any discrimination, harassment, bullying, or other forms of maltreatment. The Rule of Two remains in place when showers are in use.

CELL PHONES IN DRESSING ROOMS

As per Hockey Canada:

Prohibition on Recording in Dressing Rooms or Dressing Environments

To respect the privacy of participants, no videos, still photos, or voice recordings of any kind may be taken using any device with recording capabilities in a dressing room or dressing environment. Cell phones are only permitted to be used in a dressing room or dressing environment for the purposes of controlling music played in those spaces.