

Schomberg Minor Hockey Association

2022/2023 Season

Welcome back Schomberg Redwings!! A lot has changed over the years, but rest assured your dedicated volunteers on the board are excited to provide you and your families with another great season of hometown hockey! We hope everyone had a safe and healthy summer and you are as excited as we are to get back to the great sport, we all love!

Our season will kick off on Sept 6 with all players (both rep and LL) hitting the ice throughout the week at various age groups to dust off the rust and get everyone moving on the ice again! Please watch the SMHA website for your age group's practice times. Times and dates are subject to change as the teams are formed and game schedules get loaded towards the end of September/early October. Please subscribe to your division/team calendar for up-to-date schedules and notifications of any changes. Although we try to remain as consistent as possible, the schedule is dynamic, and changes may be required. So please check regularly!

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers on the KING/SMHA/NKHA, who behind the scenes work tirelessly to provide a safe and fun experience for our membership! Our associations depend on its volunteers and without them we could not provide the experience we do. Thank you to all my fellow board members for all you do!

After the success of the new paid Jersey program last season, we will be continuing with the same model moving forward. New jerseys are not required every year, only as required for fitment issues. If your child's jersey still fits... you are good to go!

There is a significant change to team's operation this season. Unfortunately, due to various reasons over the past few years, our fundraising goals have not been met and we will be moving away from the association covering referee's and timekeeper's fees. We are the last association in the surrounding area to cover the game fees and with our fundraising goals not being met, we have no choice but to download these costs to the individual teams. What does this mean? Each team will need to create a budget and collect game fees to be paid to the ref's and TK's there will no longer be envelopes in your team's locker to cover the costs. Each team will have to collect from the parents or fundraise the game costs for each game. It will still be the managers of each team's responsibility to pay the game costs prior to each game. This was a difficult decision to come to, but unfortunately one we needed to make.

Which is a perfect segue into our 2022/23 fundraising program. Again, this year we will be doing monthly/special event online 50/50 again! Please watch for QR codes throughout the arena and please support if able. More details to follow!

Our official “Welcome Back BBQ” is Saturday September 10th and once again the Schomberg Lions will be providing food and refreshments from 11am-3pm or until supply runs out. All age groups will be on the ice Saturday to grab a burger or a hot dog and enjoy the time at the rink!

Once again, we pleased to have partnered with the Toronto Marlies! King Minor Hockey Day at Coca Cola Coliseum will be on Dec 4th! This is a very important fundraiser for the association and tickets will be distributed to each team to sell. Your support is greatly appreciated! The teams with the highest Ticket sales will be awarded various pregame fan experiences! And 2 lucky teams (1 SMHA and 1 NK LL team*) will be chosen to play and exhibition game at before the Marlies game at Coca Cola Coliseum! More details to follow! *Subject to change based upon availability

Local League Program

As in previous years, we will be fielding various teams across most divisions this season from U7IP all the way up to U18 - to battle it out within the Simcoe Region Local League. We are also excited to announce a league wide partnership with TeamSnap. For the upcoming season, we will be providing access to all teams – coaches, parents, and players. For those that aren't aware, TeamSnap provides real-time scheduling for games/practices, chat and email communication, photo sharing and much more. Your coach/manager will provide more details on access to this tool once teams are created.

King Rebellion Rep Program

We are also excited to kick off our rep program with our continued partnership with Schomberg, fielding various rep teams across all divisions. Teams and tryouts have already been created for U14, U15 and U16 divisions and we encourage those interested within U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 and U18 divisions to register for upcoming try outs which are beginning Sept.24th. Click Link below for more information and to register https://kingminorhockey.com/Pages/1171/Tryout_Registration_and_FAQ/

Development Programs

Providing skill development opportunities for our Local League Players continues to be an important priority for us. To help maximize the amount of development funding available to our players this year, we have once again worked cooperatively with our Local League Partner, Nobleking Minor Hockey, to create a cooperatively run skill development program that will ensure that all Local League players receive the same high quality development opportunities regardless of what King Township community they live in or where they are playing Local League. We will be partnering with Young Guns Hockey to provide professional skill instruction to our skaters, as well as with Tyler Bly who will be working with our Local League goalies.

At this point, our Local League Skill Development Program consists of the following primary initiatives:

(1) Development Clinics for U7 IP & U7 LL (Saturday Mornings)

- Sunday mornings will be the key development time for our U7 IP Redwings Timbits and U7 Local League teams. From September to the end of December, instructors from Young Guns Hockey will be working with our youngest Redwings to help them develop basic skating and hockey skills. - Please refer to the SMHA website for any updates throughout the season.

(2) Player Development for Skaters (Regular Thursday Night Skill Clinics)

- Local League players at age divisions from U8 to U13 will be eligible to participate in optional development clinics hosted on Thursday Nights from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Nobleton Arena - In order to maximize the amount of ice time available and ensure that these development clinics are provided for the entire regular season, these will be hosted out of the Nobleton Arena on a rotating basis. - This will help ensure consistent development clinics during most of the regular season, with both Schomberg and NobleKing Hockey Associations investing significant money into purchasing a consistent sheet of ice every week to allow for this. - Players attending will be asked to pay a modest \$10 fee for each session they attend. Most age divisions in this group will be offered rotating clinics as part of this program, with online registration for these clinics being available soon. Please register early before these clinics fill up!
- Clinics for the Thursday Development Nights will vary from week to week, focusing on different skill themes (e.g., Powerskating, Shooting, Puck Handling – as well as occasional Coaching Development for Local League Coaches). - Please refer to the SMHA website for dates and times.

(3) Free Goalie Clinics (Wednesday Nights)

- Goalie Clinics will return for all NKMH and SMHA Goalies, hosted Wednesday nights at the Trisan Centre from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Goalie instruction will be provided by Tyler Bly. Tyler will work with beginner and developing LL goalies to help them learn basic skills and techniques. These free clinics will be offered all season long, as developing local goaltending talent is a key priority for us. We have several sets of beginners goaltending equipment for young players available for loan, and we encourage any children interested in goaltending to come out and give it a try.

(4) Enhanced “Optional” LL Development – U7LL/U8 Only

- In addition to the regular IP Development Clinics on Saturday mornings, additional supplemental Skill Clinics will be hosted on Saturday mornings from 9-10am at the King City arena for both Schomberg and NobleKing LL players in the U7LL and U8 divisions. These supplemental clinics will be skill based, for advanced level players hoping to move into competitive level Rep hockey in future years. This enhanced program will offer approximately 26 weeks of skill development. Development costs will vary depending on the level of interest and the size of the group.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun season and I look forward to seeing you at the rink!

LET'S GO REDWINGS!

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