



Schomberg Minor Hockey Association

2024/2025 Season

If you are a new parent with our organization, a sincere and warm welcome to the Schomberg Minor Hockey Family! If you are a parent of one of our veteran players, welcome back for another exciting 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 next week 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 games schedules get loaded towards the end of September. [Please subscribe to your 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 of KTMHA/SMHA/NKHA, who behind the scenes work tirelessly to provide a safe and fun experience for our membership! Our associations depend on their volunteers and without them we could not provide the experience we do.

Welcome Back BBQ

Our official "Welcome Back BBQ" is **Saturday September 7th** and once again the Schomberg Lions and SMHA executive will be providing food and refreshments from 11am-3pm or until supply runs out. All age groups will be on the ice Saturday and can grab a FREE burger or a hot dog and enjoy the time at the rink!

Also at the BBQ this year, Sports Guards by NataLee Birks RDH, will be offering a Mouth Guard clinic for you to purchase custom fit Mouth Guards! These will be made right on site in about an hour.



Ice schedule for the Welcome Back BBQ - Saturday September 7th

- U5 + U7 – 10:30am -11:30am
- U8 + U9 – 11:30-12:30pm
- U11 – 12:30pm-1:30pm
- U13 – 1:30pm-2:30pm
- U15 – 2:30pm-3:45pm
- U18 – 3:45pm-5:00pm

Hockey Jerseys

After the success of the new paid jersey program over the past few seasons, we will be continuing with the same model moving forward. New jerseys are not required every year, only as required for fitment issues. If you child's jersey still fits... you are good to go! BARDOWN in partnership with Hockey Lion (Richmond Hill) is our jersey and apparel provider for all our apparel needs. They have published a wide selection of apparel options to choose from.

IF YOU NEED A NEW JERSEY, PLEASE ORDER ASAP! Any delays and the jersey may not be ready for season start!

ORDER JERSEY AND APPAREL HERE!! <https://www.hockeylion.ca/collections/schomberg-red-wings-team-wear>

Local League Program

As in previous years, we will be fielding teams across most divisions this season from U7 all the way up to U21, to battle it out within the Simcoe Region Local League. This is an addition to our U5 Timbits "Introductory Program".

Learn to Skate Program

New this year, Schomberg Minor Hockey is pleased to offer a "Learn to Skate for Hockey" program for new skaters registering for hockey in Schomberg this year! This 4-week supplemental program is aimed at players aged 4-10 who want to get a jumpstart in learning how to skate and the basics of hockey. If your player is new to skating and hockey, and you haven't signed up already, you can do so, and get more information at the following link:

https://kingminorhockey.com/Categories/1000/Pages/7853/Learn_to_Skate_Program/

Red & White Tournaments

Our SMHA Red & White 1-day tournaments have been scheduled for this upcoming season. Families can pencil the following Tournament dates into their calendars:

- U11LL – December 14th, 2024
- U13LL – December 15th, 2024
- U15LL – December 28th, 2024
- U18LL – December 29th, 2024
- U7 Jamboree – December 30th, 2024
- U9LL – Family Day, February 17th, 2025

King Rebellion Rep Program

We are also excited to kick off our rep program with our continued partnership with Nobleking Minor Hockey, fielding various rep teams across all divisions. Teams and tryouts have already been created for U10 -U16 divisions and we encourage those interested within U8, U9 and U18 divisions to register for upcoming try outs happening later in September via the following link:

https://kingminorhockey.com/Pages/1171/Tryout_Registration_and_FAQ/

New this year the Competitive Pathway Program (CPP) is a YSMHL rebrand of Select for U7 and U9 Teams. This will act as an extension of Local League and is available to all registered U7 and U9 players on an evaluation (tryout) basis. The Schomberg Local League team would be the player's main team, with this King Rebellion CPP team providing additional training and development.

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 U5 IP & U7 LL (Sunday Mornings)

Sunday mornings will be the key development time for our U5 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 (Weeknight Skill Clinics)

Local League players at age divisions from U8 to U13 will be eligible to participate in optional development clinics Time and location TBD - 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 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) Goalie Clinics

Goalie Clinics will return for all NKM and SMHA Goalies, Goalie instruction will be provided by Duane Croker from The Goalie School. Duane and his team will work with beginner and developing LL goalies to help them learn basic skills and techniques. These clinics will be offered Oct – Dec. 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.

TeamSnap

We will also be continuing our league wide partnership with TeamSnap. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SMHA needs you! We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with the snack bar operations. Once again, The Township of King has offered their traditional Gym membership discount, for any volunteer hours worked in the Red Wings Roost - 1 hour worked in the Snack bar = \$10 off your Gym Membership!

There are also many other ways you can help too and the SMHA executive is always looking for help with programs and events. Please reach out to any board member and we will be happy to let you know how you can help!

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

LET'S GO REDWINGS!

Sincerely,

**Schomberg Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors**

