

Schomberg Minor Hockey Association

2023/2024 Season

Welcome back Schomberg Redwings!! We 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 TOMORROW (Sept 5) 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 you 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 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 is our new 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>

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. A portion of the 50/50 will go directly to your child's registration fees for next season!

Our official “Welcome Back BBQ” is Saturday September 9th 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 to grab a burger or a hot dog and enjoy the time at the rink!

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, or any volunteer hours worked in the Red Wings Roost - 1 hour worked in the Snack bar + \$10 off your Gym Membership!

SMHA executive is also looking to fill out our board positions. We are currently looking for a Chief Timekeeper to schedule timekeeper shifts for games and tournaments and also assist with Snack Bar scheduling.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TIMEKEEPER? Please reach out to any board member and we will be happy to get you trained!

Local League Program

As in previous years, we will be fielding various teams across most divisions this season from U71P all the way up to U18 and potentially U21! - 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 Nobleking, fielding various rep teams across all divisions. Teams and tryouts have already been created for U10 -U16 divisions and we encourage those interested within U9 and U18 divisions to register for upcoming tryouts happening in late September via the website

https://kingminorchockey.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 (Sunday 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 (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 \$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

- Goalie Clinics will return for all NKMH and SMHA Goalies, Goalie instruction will be provided by Duane Croker. Duane and his team will work with beginner and developing LL goalies to help them learn basic skills and techniques. These free clinics will be offered Oct – Dec at KINGDEMERE ARENA in Portageville. 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, additional supplemental Skill Clinics will be hosted by KTMHA 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. Development costs will vary depending on the level of interest and the size of the group. Details to follow so stay tuned!

(5) NEW Rink Divider Half Boards – COMING SOON!

In the coming weeks we will have also replaced all foam rink dividers with new high quality rink half boards at Trisan, Nobleton and King City Arenas. We have also future proofed the dividers in King City

to be retrofitted into the new Township Wide Rec Centre. Big thanks to the Township of King who have fully subsidized this purchase for all arenas.

(6) LiveBarn Video:

In partnership with the Township of King, we have fully upgraded all King Township arenas with new video equipment to enable live streaming of all games played. LiveBarn is a subscription service that allows you to watch events Live or On Demand for 30 days. Your subscription allows you to watch streams from any LiveBarn-installed venue across the US & Canada. We have secured a discount code to provide each member with a 10% discount/promo code: "king-live" For more information visit www.livebarn.com

- Save and share 30-second highlights
- Download entire games/practices
- Tag highlights while watching live, in-venue

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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