



Schomberg Minor Hockey Association

2025/2026 Season

Welcome back Schomberg Redwings!! Hard to believe that the summer break has come and gone! 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 players hitting the ice throughout the weekend at various age groups to dust off the rust and get everyone 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/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!

If you require a new jersey for this season, please order ASAP. The official deadline for ordering has passed but we will do our best to get you your jerseys in a timely manner. U5 and U7 kids do not need to purchase jerseys they will be provided and so will socks.

Our official "Welcome Back BBQ" is Saturday September 13th and once again the Schomberg Lions will be providing food and refreshments from 12 noon until supplies run out. All age groups will be on the ice Saturday so come by and enjoy the time at the rink!

Local League Program

As in previous years, we will be fielding various teams across most divisions this season from U7LL all the way up to U21 (except for U9/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. (* U9/U18 players have been moved to Nobleking due to low registration)

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 The Goalie School, who will be working with our Local league and Rep goalies

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

(1) Development Clinics for U5IP & U7 LL (Sunday Mornings)

- Sunday mornings will be the key development time for our U5 IP Redwings Timbits and U7 Local League teams. From October through 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. In order to maximize the amount of ice time available and ensure that these development clinics are provided through January, 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 \$25 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 (Sunday Mornings)

- Goalie Clinics will return for all goalies, hosted SUNDAY MORNINGS at the Trisan Centre at 8:30 am. Goalie instruction will be provided by The Goalie School. Duane and team will work with beginner and developing LL goalies to help them learn basic skills and techniques. Priority will be given to our LL goaltenders and if space is available, representative goalies may request to attend. These free clinics will be offered October to end of January, 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) LEARN TO SKATE Program returning this year!

- We are happy to announce that based on the success of last years "Learn to Skate" program for our newest hockey player, the program will be returning for 25/26! Learn to Skate will begin this coming THURSDAY. Please contact VP LL Chris Glassow (chris.glassow@kingminorhockey.com) or Technical Director Don Smith (don.smith@kingminorhockey.com) for details and how to join

Thursday September 4 5:00 p.m.

Saturday September 6 1:00 p.m.

Saturday September 20 1:00 p.m.

Saturday September 27 1:00 p.m.

We are please to announce the Schomberg Redwing coaches for the upcoming season!

U5 – Jess Hunt

U7 Red – Chris Glassow

U7 White – Steve Brown

U11 – Randy Crane

U13 – Richard McKeon

U15 – Dan Bender

U21 – TBD

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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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