

2020 – 2021 Season South Calgary Hockey House League

What is the 'South Calgary Hockey House League'?

The South Calgary Hockey House League (SCHHL) began in 2015-2016 and the purpose of the SCHHL is to provide players the opportunity to play organized hockey that is affordable, fun, and with moderate, consistent commitments allowing for participation in other social, academic or recreational activities.

The SCHHL is a partnership of the following Hockey Associations, which are **sponsored by the Flames Community Hockey House League**:

- Blackfoot Hockey Association
- Bow Valley Hockey Society
- Knights Hockey Club
- Southwest Hockey Association

What is the 'Flames Community Hockey House League'?

The **Flames Community Hockey House League** is a partnership between the Calgary Flames Organization, Hockey Calgary, and its member Associations. The goal is to provide recreational players the opportunity to play organized hockey that is; **affordable, fun and safe**, with **moderate, consistent**, time & location commitments; allowing for participation in other social, academic or recreational activities. It also provides players who have limited skills and knowledge; an introduction to the game in a less intimidating format. The program is regionally based, offering participants a chance to play the great game of hockey, with less time and travel commitments.



What Age Categories will this program be offered to?

For the **2020-2021** season, the SCHHL will be offered to players in the following Age Divisions;

Division	Birth Years	Age by Dec 31st
U9	2012 & 2013	7 & 8
U11	2010 & 2011	9 & 10
U13	2008 & 2009	11 & 12

NOTE: This is **NOT** a “learn to skate” program. Players should have the basic fundamentals of skating including; stopping, gliding, turning, moving backwards and the proper technique for falling down and getting up.

Important Message!

**PLEASE READ:
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MESSAGE**

Please know that we are working very hard on the Return to Play protocols in alignment with Alberta Health and our governing bodies. There may be slight changes to the program to start, and as we progress back to regular programming. We will do our best to communicate as things progress through the phases and the return to play.

If we are required to create smaller playing groups when the season commences, we will work together to accommodate families close to home. Associations may partner up between; Blackfoot & Bow Valley and then the Knights & Southwest.



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What's NEW this year?



Introducing the U13 Division as a pilot program for the 2020-2021 season.
The U13 division will play games against the other SCHHL U13 teams and the U13 teams from the West House League which is made up of players from Glenlake, Springbank and Trails West.

Are there Future Initiatives?

Hockey Calgary is working with all Leagues operating under the Flames Community Hockey House League to help improve our programs. As with any initiative, there are a lot of moving parts, and things take time.

However, the following are a couple of the initiatives being worked on:

- Increased consistency of ice times, days of the week, and arena locations.
- City-wide Flames Community Hockey House League Jamboree/Celebration to conclude the hockey season.

What are the differences between House League & Community Hockey?

Comparing	House League		Community	
Player Placement	Teams are balanced		Players are tiered based on skill	
Set Schedules	Yes		No	
Cash Calls	No		Yes	
Volunteers Needed to operate Program	YES		Yes	
Volunteer Bond	Determined by each Association		Yes	
Fundraising	No		Yes	
Full-Ice Practices	No		Possibly	
Full-Ice Games	U9: No	U11 & U13: Yes	U9: No	U11 & U13: Yes
Purchase Additional Ice	Not permitted		Yes	
Exhibition Games Permitted	No		Yes	
Tournaments Permitted	No		Yes	
Esso Minor Hockey Week	No		Yes	
Playoffs Permitted	No		U9: No	U11 & U13: Yes
Police Checks	Yes. Mandatory		Yes. Mandatory	
Coaching Requirements	Same in Both Leagues		Same in Both Leagues	

What are the Program Dates? This section will be updated upon Return to Play decisions

Dates to be announced

No activities will take place during the following dates:

- November X – XX, 2020 (Remembrance Day Weekend)
- December XX, 2020 – January X, 2021 (Holiday Break)
- February XX – XX, 2021 (Family Day Weekend)



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What Equipment is Required?

- Full equipment is **ALWAYS** required; as per Hockey Calgary Guidelines.
- Players must have their own practice jersey and practice socks.
- **Mouth guards ARE mandatory**, as per Section 11(a), of the Hockey Calgary Regulations Handbook.
- Full equipment list; including sizing and care → <https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/resources/equipment-care>
- Goalie gear will be provided to the U9 Age Division. If any U11 teams require goalie gear, it will be provided by the League; on request.
- **\$100.00 Jersey Deposit IS required.** The amount and process for collection and distribution is determined by your 'home' Association. You will need to provide a post-dated cheque made payable to your 'home' Association

Is Volunteering Required?

The House League Program is designed as an alternative choice for families who feel the Minor Hockey Community Program is not a good fit for them. **The SCHHL still requires volunteers; in order for the program to operate efficiently.**

A Volunteer Bond Program is determined by your 'home' Association. Please check with your Association regarding additional commitment(s) that may be required of you.

There are specific volunteer duties required such as, but not limited to; game day roles, team level roles, (e.g. Coaches & Managers), Association level or League duty roles.



Volunteers are needed, and are the back bone of every program. Programs cannot sustain themselves alone; without helpful, dedicated and passionate volunteers!

How will Team Compositions Look?

Player assessments will be conducted to ensure teams are equally balanced with a variety of skill level.

Age Division	Team Composition Breakdown
U9	Total of 8 teams in the SCHHL. Total of 19 roster spots, per team. Goalies do not specifically register for this position. All players will rotate in the goalie position.
U11	There is a total of 8 teams in the SCHHL. There is a total of 17 skaters & 2 goalie roster spots per team. Goalies must specifically register for this position, if they are interested in the goalie position.
U13	There is a total of 4 teams in the SCHHL There is a total of 17 skaters & 2 goalie roster spots per team. Goalies must specifically register for this position, if they are interested in the goalie position.



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What are the Highlights of the House League Program?

The SCHHL will be offered in addition to the traditional Community Minor Hockey in U9, U11 & U13 Leagues. Some of the highlights of the House League Program include:

- All teams must adhere to the Hockey Calgary (HCAL) Operations Guide.
- All SCHHL teams will be sanctioned by HCAL. All players and coaches must be properly registered.
- House League games for U9 & U11 will only be against other SCHHL teams.
- House League games for U13 will be against the other SCHHL teams & U13 West House League teams.
- Games will be played in accordance with the Hockey Calgary Rules & Regulations.
- Games for the U9 Division are all played half-ice.
- Games for the U11 & U13 division are all played full-ice.
- Statistics and standings will not be kept or publicly displayed.
- Official game reports for all games will be entered into the HCAL website for review purposes only.
- The score clock will never reflect a differential greater than 5 goals regardless of the actual score.
- A player is limited to 3 goals during any one game however may earn unlimited assists. If a player scores a 4th goal etc., the goal will not be recorded and a face off will occur at center ice.
- ***Player placement will be determined during ice sessions prior to the start of the season.***
 - **Attendance is mandatory during placement sessions to allow for proper team balancing.**
 - **No previous hockey experience** is necessary, but skating basics are important.
- All player positions must be rotated equitably throughout the season in all divisions.
- The goalie position will be rotated in U9.
- The goalie position 'may' be rotated in U11 & U13. It is dependent on the registered goalies.
- Players may be named Captain or Alternate Captain on a fair and rotating basis.
- Coaches are permitted to use up to 25% of their practice ice to scrimmage within their own team.
- **NO Affiliations** are permitted between House League and the Community/Regional Stream.
- There will not be Playoffs, Exhibition or Tournament games. This includes Esso Minor Hockey Week.
- Teams will not be permitted to purchase any additional practice or game ice.



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Program Scheduling

Please note that the specific days for your team's practices and games will not be determined, and will not be communicated, in advance of your team placement.

Ice Scheduling	
Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total of 14 practices. ▪ All practices will be <u>shared ice</u>. ▪ All practices will be held in South Calgary. ▪ Practices days will be set days per team. ▪ Practice times will be between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. ▪ All ice times will be 1 hour
Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total of 14 games. ▪ All games will be half-ice for U9 and full-ice for U11 & U13. ▪ Game days will be Saturday or Sunday. ▪ Game times will be between 7:30am and 8:00pm. ▪ All ice times will be 1 hour. ▪ U9 & U11 will only play all games against other SCHHL teams. ▪ U13 will play games against the other SCHHL U13 teams and the U13 teams from the West House League which is made up of players from Glenlake, Springbank and Trails West.
Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schedules will be posted on the Hockey Calgary website at the start of the season for the entire season. ▪ Once the Associations have secured all ice contracts for the season, the games and practices will be scheduled according to the <u>Program Scheduling</u> noted above. ▪ Once the ice availability has been reviewed, set practice schedules for each team will be done for the duration of the House League season. ▪ NOTE: Earlier ice times are predominately scheduled.
Arenas	<p>The following arenas can be used in the scheduling of all games and practices for House League:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acadia ▪ Cardel Rec South ▪ East Calgary ▪ Frank McCool ▪ Great Plains ▪ Lake Bonavista ▪ Oakridge ▪ Trico <p>NOTE: "U13 Games" can also be played at Optimist, George Blunden & Flames Community Arena.</p>



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What are the 2020-2021 Coaching Requirements?

Did you know...This program is run by Volunteer Coaches from the parent group?

All interested Coaches will need to register, following the procedure as set out by your 'home' Association.

- All Coaches **MUST** have completed **ALL** required course certifications as per the Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, Hockey Calgary & Association Rules & Regulations by the November 15th deadline.
- Safety is mandatory with some Associations, however is **strongly recommended** for **ALL** coaches.
- U9 teams will be required to have **two (2) individuals certified as a Head Coach**.
- **Coach Certification costs will be 100% reimbursed.** Contact your home Association for the process.

Deadline to complete required certifications is November 15, 2020

NOTE: Online courses **DO NOT** need to be completed in one sitting. However, **THEY DO** need to be completed as a pre-requisite to any in-person ice/classroom course.

Coach Certification	U9 Requirements	U11 & U13 Requirements
RIS Activity Leader <i>This is different than the Parent online course.</i>	All Coaches *See Note 1	All Coaches *See Note 1
Police Information Check (PIC) <i>Completed online. Must contact 'home' Association for instructions.</i>	All Coaches <i>Takes 3 weeks to complete, so don't delay in completing this task.</i>	All Coaches <i>Takes 3 weeks to complete, so don't delay in completing this task.</i>
Hockey Canada Safety <i>This is a 4-Hour online course.</i>	2 Coaches per Team **See Note 2, as 'home' Association rules also apply.	1 Coach per Team **See Note 2, as 'home' Association rules also apply.
Hockey Canada Coach Level 1 & Coach Level 2 <i>Part 1 is a 4-hour online course.</i>	Head Coach & 1 Assistant Coach	Head Coach Only
Hockey Canada Coach Level 1 <i>Part 2, is an in-person ice/classroom 5.5-hour course.</i>	Head Coach & 1 Assistant Coach <i>Need to complete Part 1.</i>	Not Applicable
Hockey Canada Coach Level 2 <i>Part 2, is an in-person ice/classroom 5.5-hour course.</i>	Not Applicable	Head Coach Only
Hockey Canada Checking Skills <i>Two-part online course.</i>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

NOTE: The RIS program **MUST be completed PRIOR** to a coach being added to a team roster. Which means this needs to be completed **BEFORE going on the ice** with your team, in order to be covered by Hockey Canada Insurance.

NOTE: There must be a Coach in attendance for **EVERY ice time**, who has the Safety Certification.



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What you need to know about Registration!

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**SPACE IS LIMITED!!
Register Early to avoid disappointment!**



This course **MUST** be completed by one (1) parent **BEFORE** registration.

NOTE: A **completed** registration **MUST HAVE** the Respect in Sport Certification with a **valid expiration date**.

Hockey fees for the House League are different than the Community Minor Hockey Program mainly due to the different ice requirements. All interested players are to contact their 'home' Association to register.

Registrants are only able to participate in one (1) League for the current hockey season.

Program Registration Requirements	
Registration Fee	Registration Fees are \$700.00 (all SCHHL divisions) Payable to your 'home' Association. Payment Options are specific to each Association. Reminder: Limited Spaces are Available and registrations are based on a 'First Come, First COMPLETED' basis.
Late Fees	Late Fee amount is determined by your 'home' Association. Late Fees are applicable to returning members.
Jersey Deposits	Jersey Deposit amount is \$100.00. Collection and distribution process are determined by your 'home' Association. Post dated cheque are made payable to your 'home' Association.
Team Picture	Is included with registration.
Additional Requirement(s)	The following is also required, as determined by your 'home' Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent 'Respect in Sport' ▪ Proof of Age ▪ Proof of Residency

Goalie Registration

- U9:** The goalie position is not designated in this Age Division. All players will take a turn at playing goalie throughout the season.
- U11:** During the registration process you will be able to indicate if your child would like to play goal.
- If a team does not have a goalie then the players will take turn at playing goal.
 - If there is more than one goalie per team, they will either split each game, or they will take turns in net, allowing them to play out for the games that they are not in net.
- U13:** During the registration process you will be able to indicate if your child would like to play goal.
- If a team does not have a goalie then the players will take turn at playing goal.
 - If there is more than one goalie per team, they will either split each game, or they will take turns in net, allowing them to play out for the games that they are not in net.



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Is there a Waiting List for Registration?

If your 'home' Association is full, you can work with them to be added to the waiting list.

To be added to the waiting list **you MUST have a valid** RIS Certification on your account and have provided any required registration information such as, but not limited to; Proof of Residency and Proof of Age.

Is there a Withdrawal Policy?

The withdrawal policy will be based on the 'home' Association that you registered with. Please contact them directly for details.

NOTE: The SCHHL does reserve the right to cancel the House League Program, or reduce the number of teams if the SCHHL does not meet the minimum registration requirement.

Do you have Further Resources?



Blackfoot Hockey Association – www.blackfoothockey.com

Bow Valley Hockey Society – www.bvhs.ca

Knights Hockey Club – www.knightshc.ca

Southwest Hockey Association – www.southwesthockey.ca

