

HUGH FOSTER

2022-23 SMHA Distinguished Service Award Recipient

SMHA thanks outgoing Board of Directors member, Hugh Foster for his excellent contribution to Saskatoon Minor Hockey in his time on the SMHA Board.

It is always bittersweet to acknowledge an individual with the Distinguished Service Award because it means we get to formally thank an incredible volunteer who is moving on from the SMHA Board of Directors.

Hugh Foster joined the SMHA Board of Directors in 2016 in the role of Bobcats Zone Commissioner. Prior to becoming Bobcats Commissioner, Hugh served on the Bobcats zone board from 2013-2016.

Hugh was on the SMHA Board as Bobcats Commissioner until 2019 when he was elected to the SMHA Board as Goaltending Development Chairperson. Hugh has remained in this important role until tonight!

Hugh has done a fabulous job in his role as Goaltender Development Chairperson. He has overseen the implementation of the following:

- City Wide goalie evaluations for U13A, B & C and U15A, B & C hockey
- Communication between zones with respect to movement of goaltenders in all age groups where required to assist zones to fill their nets properly and for goalies to get the opportunity as much as possible to play at the level they are supposed to play at.
- A series of seven SMHA Try Goalie Days each season where SMHA has been able to introduce 100's of young hockey players to the goaltender position;

Hugh has also brought a thoughtful approach to the SMHA Board along with a solid, broad base of knowledge about minor hockey that has made him a tremendous asset to have around the Board table.

On behalf of your fellow Board of Directors members, SMHA staff and the entire SMHA, thank you Hugh. We wish you the best moving forward and SMHA will always have an open door for you to return should you ever wish to.

Congratulations Hugh – 2022-23 SMHA Distinguished Service Award Recipient