



# Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League

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## **News Release - SJHL and Saskatoon Minor Hockey Form a New Partnership**

Saskatoon Minor Hockey (SMHA) and the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) are working collaboratively to support Saskatoon U15A minor hockey players. Beginning this season, the Saskatoon U15A teams in SMHA's U15A league will be using the names and color schemes from eight SJHL teams.

“ When Kelly Boes and SMHA approached our league about their interest in doing this we were tickled about the opportunity. As a league one of our long-term goals is to increase our Saskatchewan content. SMHA is one of the provinces leading producers of Saskatchewan talent,” said SJHL Commissioner Kyle McIntyre. “It’s a win-win for the SJHL and for SMHA.”

The SMHA is introducing a new City Wide U15A program for the 2022-23 hockey season that will see eight (8) SMHA U15A teams formed via a city-wide tryout and draft process. Like SMHA's city-wide AA program, the U15A teams will not be associated with any of the SMHA zones.

The eight new U15A SMHA teams will be using the names and jerseys of eight SJHL teams:

- Battlefords North Stars
- Flin Flon Bombers
- La Ronge Ice Wolves
- Kindersley Klippers
- Melfort Mustangs
- Melville Millionaires
- Nipawin Hawks
- Yorkton Terriers

Saskatoon Minor Hockey Executive Director Kelly Boes offered, “partnering with the SJHL for our U15A program ties in well with SMHA's mission statement of “Start with a dream; end up with a goal”. We hope that wearing the jerseys of the SJHL players will be exciting and inspiring for our players and also create increased awareness of the excellent junior A hockey league we have in Saskatchewan.”

This agreement will run for the 2022-23 season through the 2031-32 season.

SMHA U15A City Wide League & Team Logos:



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