

# 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 South Calgary Hockey House League is a partnership of the following Hockey Associations and we are **sponsored by the Flames Community House Hockey League:**

- Blackfoot Hockey Association
- Bow Valley Hockey Society
- Lake Bonavista Hockey Association
- Mavericks Hockey
- Southwest Hockey Association

## What is the 'Flames Community House Hockey League'?

The **Flames Community House Hockey 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 and location commitments allowing for participation in other social, academic or recreational activities. It also provides players with 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.



HOCKEY CALGARY



The Calgary Flames continue to sponsor House League hockey by providing game jerseys and socks. The Flames jerseys will be provided in a variety of colors and will provide the House League with their own identity within the Hockey Calgary program. Jerseys have been provided on a 2-year rotation. There will be a new batch of jersey and socks for the 2019-20 season and therefore players will be returning jerseys at the conclusion of the season.

***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.

## What Age Categories will this program be offered to?

For the 2019-2020 season the SCHHL will be offered to players in the following age divisions;

Division	Birth Years	Age by Dec 31st
Novice	2012 & 2011	7 & 8
Atom	2010 & 2009	9 & 10




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## House League vs Community Hockey

	House League	Community
Player Placement	Balanced teams will be created within each league	Players are tiered based on skill.
Set Schedules	Yes	No
Cash Calls	No	Yes
Volunteer Bond	<b>No. However without volunteers the league will be unable to operate</b>	Yes - Volunteer Bonds are determined by each Association
Full Ice Practices	No	Possibly
Full Ice Games	Novice - No Atom - Yes	Novice - No Atom - Yes
Fundraising	No	Yes - Fundraising guidelines are set by each Association.
Purchasing of additional ice	Not permitted	Yes
Participate in Exhibition Games	No	Yes
Participate in Tournaments	No	Yes
Participate in Esso Minor Hockey Week	No	Yes
Participate in Playoffs	No	Novice - No Atom - Yes
Police Checks	Mandatory	Mandatory
Coaching Requirements – Novice <i>** 2 individuals will need to be certified to be Head Coach **</i>	Same in both leagues	Same in both leagues
Coaching Requirements – Atom	All Coaches require: RIS Activity Leader (Coach).	Additional requirements are required for this division in the community league.
	Head Coaches require Coach Level 2 but they do not require Checking	
	Safety is strongly recommended for ALL coaches	

### What's NEW this year?



**COACHES** – “Respect in Sport – **Activity Leader**” (RIS) Re-Certification

- In 2018 Hockey Alberta instituted a re-certification of the RIS program for ALL Coaches with the goal of continuing to educate our leaders
- **IMPORTANT** – this is a different RIS Course than the “PARENT” program
- Re-certification is required every 4 seasons
- This online program **MUST be completed PRIOR** to a coach being able to register on a team (which means needs to be completed **BEFORE going on the ice** with your team to be covered by Hockey Canada Insurance).

Coaches can check their certifications by logging into your e-hockey account or RIS account



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## Future Initiatives?

Hockey Calgary is working with all Leagues operating under the 'Flames Community House Hockey 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 House Hockey League' Jamboree/Celebration to conclude the hockey season

## Equipment Required

Full equipment is required always; as per Hockey Calgary guidelines. Players must have their own practice jersey and practice socks.

**Note: Mouth guards are mandatory as per section 11(a) in the Hockey Calgary Regulations Handbook.**

For a complete listing of required equipment including sizing and care visit ----->

<https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/resources/equipment-care>

Goalie gear for the Novice Age Category teams will be provided. If an Atom team requires goalie gear it will be provided by the league.

## Volunteering

While there is no volunteer bond associated with the SCHHL, like all minor hockey programs in Calgary, **volunteers are the back bone of our program.** House League is designed to be an option for families who have other commitments, or busy schedules, however, the SCHHL requires volunteers to make the program operate efficiently. You may be asked to take on specific association, league, and/or game day volunteering roles. Please understand that like all minor hockey programs, without good, passionate volunteers from participants, our programs cannot sustain themselves.

## Program Dates

October 21, 2019 – March 1, 2020

No activities will take place during the following dates:

- November 5 – 11, 2019 (Remembrance Day Weekend)
- December 16, 2019 – January 5, 2020 (Holiday Break)
- February 10 – 17, 2020 (Family Day Weekend)



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## Program Details

Players from all 5 associations will be evaluated together within your age category. Player assessments will be conducted to ensure teams are equally balanced with a variety of skill level.

	NOVICE	ATOM
<b># of Teams</b>	8	8
<b>Team Composition</b>	19 Total Roster Spots	19 Total Roster Spots
<b>Goalies</b>	Goalies are not registered in this division. All players rotate in this position	Those interested in playing goal will be able to indicate this at time of registration

The SCHHL will be offered in addition to the traditional Community Hockey Novice & Atom Leagues. Some of the highlights of the House League program include:

- All teams must adhere to the HCAL Operations Guide
- All SCHHL teams will be sanctioned by HCAL. All players and coaches must be properly registered.
- House League games will only be against other SCHHL teams.
- Games will be played in accordance with the Hockey Calgary regulations.
- Games for the Novice division are all played half-ice
- Games for the Atom 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 positions must be rotated equitably throughout the season in Novice & Atom
- 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 won't 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 specific days for practices and games will not be determined until September and will not be communicated in advance of your team placement.*

<b><u>Practices</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of <b>14</b> practices</li> <li>• All practices will be <u>shared ice</u></li> <li>• All practices will be held in South Calgary</li> <li>• Practices days will be Tuesday, Wednesday <b>or</b> Thursdays</li> <li>• Practice times will be between 4:00pm and 8:00pm</li> <li>• All ice times will be <b>1 hour</b></li> </ul>
<b><u>Games</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of <b>14</b> games</li> <li>• All games will be <u>half-ice for Novice</u> and <u>full-ice for Atom</u></li> <li>• Game days will be Saturday <b>or</b> Sunday</li> <li>• Game times will be between 7:30am and 8:00pm</li> <li>• All ice times will be <b>1 hour</b></li> </ul>
<b><u>Schedules</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedules will be posted on the Hockey Calgary website at the start of the season for the year.</li> <li>• Once the Associations has secured all ice contracts for the season, the games and practices will be scheduled according to the <u>Program Scheduling</u> noted above.</li> <li>• Once the ice availability has been reviewed, <b>every effort will be made to have set practice schedules each week for the duration of the House League season.</b></li> <li>• Note that earlier ice times are predominately scheduled</li> </ul>
<b><u>Arenas</u></b>	<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"> <li>• Cardel Rec South</li> <li>• East Calgary</li> <li>• Frank McCool</li> <li>• Great Plains</li> <li>• Lake Bonavista</li> <li>• Oakridge</li> <li>• Trico</li> </ul>
<b><u>Final Game</u></b>	<p>During their final game, the following <b>may</b> be planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing of 'Oh Canada' with player introductions at the start of the game.</li> <li>• Ice time could be extended to 1.25 hours in length</li> <li>• Playing music during the stoppage of play</li> <li>• Players may receive a year end token at their last game.</li> </ul>



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## COACHING

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

All interested Coaches will need to follow the procedure to register to coach, as set out by your “home” Association.

- All Coaches must have completed all the required course certifications as per the Hockey Canada/Hockey Alberta/Hockey Calgary/Association Rules & Regulations by the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline each season
- Novice teams will require that 2 individuals be certified as a Head Coach.
- Safety is mandatory with some Associations but is ***strongly recommended*** for ALL coaches
- Coach **certification costs will be 100% reimbursed.** Contact your home Association.

### **2019-20 Coaching Requirements – Deadline to complete is November 15, 2019**

**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.**

	<b><u>RIS Activity Leader</u></b> <i>This is different than the Parent course (online course)</i>	<b><u>Police Information Check</u></b> (Completed online. Contact your home association for instructions & letter)	<b><u>Hockey Canada Safety</u></b> (This is a 4-hour online course)	<b><u>Hockey Canada Coach 1 &amp; 2</u></b> (Part 1 is a 4-hour online course)	<b><u>Hockey Canada Coach Level 1</u></b> (Part 2 is an <u>in-person ice/classroom</u> 5.5-hour course)	<b><u>Hockey Canada Coach Level 2</u></b> (Part 2 is an <u>in-person ice/classroom</u> 5.5-hour course)	<b><u>Hockey Canada Checking Skills</u></b> (Part 1 is a 1.5-hour online course)	<b><u>Hockey Canada Checking Skills</u></b> (Part 2 is an <u>in-person ice/classroom</u> 6.5-hour course)
<b><u>Novice</u></b>	All Coaches *see note	All Coaches – Takes 3 weeks to complete so don't delay!	2 Coaches per team. Home Association rules apply. **see note	Head Coach and 1 Assistant Coach	Head Coach and 1 Assistant Coach (need part 1)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<b><u>Atom</u></b>	All Coaches *see note	All Coaches – Takes 3 weeks to complete so don't delay!	1 Coach per team. Home Association rules apply. **see note	Head Coach Only	Not Applicable	Head Coach Only	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

\* This RIS program **MUST be completed PRIOR** to a coach being able to register on a team (which means needs to be completed **BEFORE going on the ice** with your team to be covered by Hockey Canada Insurance).

\*\*There must be a Coach in attendance for **every ice time** that has the Safety certification. To relieve the burden on the volunteers we strongly recommend that every Coach complete this certification!!



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## REGISTRATION

**IMPORTANT**

**SPACE IS LIMITED!!**

**Register Early to  
avoid  
disappointment!**

Hockey fees for the House League are different than the community mainly due to the different ice requirements.

- \$700 for all SCHHL divisions.
- There is no late fee in this league but note there are limited spaces available.

Registration Fees will be payable to the Association you register with. Payment options are specific to each Association. Team Pictures are included.



This course must be completed by 1 parent. Please note that a completed registration must have the Respect in Sport certification with a valid expiration date.

You will need to follow all your 'home' Associations' Registration processes; such as, but not limited to:

- Parent 'Respect in Sport'
- Proof of Age
- Proof of Residency

Registration will be based on a 'first come first **completed** registration basis'. All interested players are to contact their 'Home' Association to register. Players are only able to participate in one (1) League for the current hockey season.

## Goalie Registration

**Novice** – the goalie position is not designated in this age division. All players will take a turn at playing goal throughout the season.

**Atom** – 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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## Waiting List for Registration

If the program is full you can work with your home association to get 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 proof of residency and proof of age. **There is one waiting list for the SCHHL.** Only completed accounts from the waitlist will be contacted if space becomes available.

## Withdrawal Policy

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

*Note: \*\*We do reserve the right to cancel the House League Program, reduce the number of teams if we do not meet the minimum registration requirement. Players would have the option to move to Community hockey or 100% of the fees paid to date will be refunded if we are unable to offer placement.*



Blackfoot – [www.blackfoothockey.com](http://www.blackfoothockey.com)

Bow Valley – [www.bvhs.ca](http://www.bvhs.ca)

Lake Bonavista – [www.lbbreakershockey.ca](http://www.lbbreakershockey.ca)

Mavericks – [www.maverickshockey.ca](http://www.maverickshockey.ca)

Southwest – [www.southwesthockey.ca](http://www.southwesthockey.ca)

