

WILDCATS RINKSIDE

June 2026

Opening Message

Warman Minor Hockey Membership,

Registration opened on June 1 and we're off and running, receiving more than 400 registrations in the first week alone.

Aside from that, the offseason will see all our plans for the season being put into action. For most families, May through August consists of following their children around in various outdoor activities, travelling, and spending time at the lake but behind the scenes in WMHA it's a different type of busy.

The budget for 2026-27 was approved and WMHA will now focus on ensuring that:

- Equipment orders are determined and placed
- Policies and bylaws are reviewed and updated as required
- Fundraising and sponsorship initiatives are put into action
- Tournament details are refined
- Player development plans are finalized
- 4 on 4, preseason, and evaluation schedules are developed and approved
- Coach and manager meeting presentation details are confirmed and adjusted

In this edition of Wildcats Rinkside:

- A reminder of **registration dates for 4 on 4 and AA Tryout Camps**
- A **U13 Administrator** is still needed!
- The annual **Saskatoon Blades exhibition game is announced** - Save the Date!
- WMHA is hosting an in-person **Development 1 Clinic** during August

★ **And more important than anything else, WMHA hits a milestone as 2026-27 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Association. Plans are being put in place to celebrate over the course of the season and details will be released over the course of the summer, so make sure you stay in touch with social media this offseason.** ★

On behalf of your 2026-27 Executive,



Rob Obrigewitch
Director of Hockey Operations



Joel Thon
Vice President

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Coach Development 1: IN-PERSON SESSION

- Hosted in Warman on August 15, 2026
- Interested individuals can register via Spordle, with instructions provided on the Hockey Saskatchewan website
- Online portion needs to be completed prior to the in-person session
- Development 1 is a requirement for:
 - All U13AA and U18AA head coaches
 - All U15AA, U16AA, and U18AA assistant coaches



Congratulations to all the graduating Warman Wildcats players and officials! We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors. Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and the positive impact you've had on our hockey community. Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat!

Fall 4 on 4 Program

- Registration opens on June 15
- Registration closes on July 30
- \$200.00 registration fee
- 8 game season
- Anticipated start date:
 - August 21
- Anticipated end date:
 - September 13, with U15 and U18 ending earlier due to the start of AA camps

AA Tryout Camps

- Registration opens on July 1
- Registration closes on August 27
- \$200.00 registration fee
- Open to players living within the closest centre boundaries as defined by Hockey Saskatchewan
- If moving within the boundaries for the season, families must be moved and living permanently at the address by July 1, 2026
- U13AA camps run from Sept. 17 to 27
- U15AA and U18AA camps run from Sept. 10 to 20

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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE EXECUTIVE?

WMHA is currently seeking a volunteer to fill the position of U13 Administrator on the Executive for the 2026-27 season. If you are interested in getting involved or would like more information about the role, please reach out to Rob Obrigewitch (director@warmanwildcats.com) or Joel Thon (vicepresident@warmanwildcats.com)

SAVE THE DATE!

The Saskatoon Blades are taking over the WHCC on September 5th for a preseason match-up with the rival Prince Albert Raiders! Tickets will go on sale in August.



MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROMOTE AND PROVIDE A HIGH QUALITY, ORGANIZED HOCKEY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL PLAYERS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FUN, SKILL DEVELOPMENT, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND TEAM CAMARADERIE

OBJECTIVES

- To foster personal excellence in each player, within all age divisions and programs
- To increase individual self-esteem and confidence of all participants
- To nurture the development of both life skills and hockey skills
- To create a fun environment with lasting memories

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Support Warman Minor Hockey: Become a Sponsor

WMHA continues to grow steadily each season, bringing more young athletes and families together through the game of hockey. In 2015-16, 432 players were registered in the Association and in the last 10 years that number has now grown to 835, which now includes a full female program and the AAA Wildcats. With the introduction of the U5 program this season, registrations are expected to climb over 860, and may potentially make us the third-largest minor hockey association in the province behind only Saskatoon and Regina.

As both our community and the hockey community expands, it brings financial challenges that cannot be solved by simply increasing registration fees each season. Minor sport is meant to be inclusive to everyone and our Association works hard to keep fees reasonable at all levels while not sacrificing programming options. We take pride in ensuring that regardless of the skill level, there is a place for everyone to play.

WMHA offers a variety of sponsorship opportunities designed to assist WMHA and to showcase your business to players, families, and fans throughout the community. From tournament sponsorships to arena advertising and event partnerships, there are many ways to get involved and make a meaningful impact. Supporting WMHA not only helps us provide a positive and enriching experience for our players, but also gives your business valuable exposure within a passionate and engaged local audience. We would love to have you join us in building the future of minor hockey in Warman!

To discuss sponsorship options, please reach out to our Fundraiser/Events Coordinator, Lindsey Beal at fundraising@warmanwildcats.com.

Hello
Summer

The WMHA Executive wishes everyone a wonderful and safe summer! We hope you get to enjoy some time away from the rink with family and friends.

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