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2022-2023
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the **2022-2023** SEAC Season

SEAC is committed to offering a quality program with a strong coaching staff and effective support services. Our priority is for the continued development and growth of our players on and off the ice; ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for players, team staff and families.

In this information package it will provide you further details on what the program has to offer.

We also appreciate all the community support around the SEAC program, the sponsors, Medicine Hat Tigers, Medicine Hat Hockey Hounds, local media, volunteers, and the many dedicated hockey fans.

We hope this year will be a GREAT year for all our players.

Enjoy the season!

Warmest Regards,
SEAC Board of Directors

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A team is a group of people that trust each other”***



SEAC HISTORY, MISSION STATEMENT, AND VALUES

HISTORY

The SEAC Board is comprised of individual members with experience in the various fields of knowledge necessary to ensure the proper stewardship of high-performance hockey in Southeastern Alberta. These fields include, but are not limited to academia, ethics, law, education, sport, policy development, corporate management, and governance. The group does not represent any one group or sector. Rather, it is a Board comprised of a variety of people that reflect the diversity in backgrounds in hockey and our community.

Through thoughtful exchanges on shared values SEAC continues to work on meaningful competition and player development. SEAC, with the support of various supporting bodies that conduct work in and around sport, will work to develop and elevate the culture and conscience of hockey in our community.

SEAC will be guided in principle by the use of ethical debate to create an environment for meaningful dialogue around the future of high-performance hockey, based on commonly agreed principles of right and wrong. SEAC will also strive to shape public understanding of how we should behave and train when we compete. **Adapted from Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive

President	Jason Van Mulligen
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Secretary	Mark Parsons
Director	Jerrid Sauer
Director	Murray Price
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The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. – Vince Lombardi



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide hockey players with high performance resources to promote lifelong success.

VALUES

- INTEGRITY:** the association and its volunteers to be honest, fair, consistent, and ethical when dealing with members and their families.
- TEAMWORK:** working together to achieve common goals for the association's overall success and excellence.
- RESPONSIVENESS:** timely, honest, and frequent communication.
- PREPAREDNESS:** providing accurate and up-to-date information.
- FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:** development and adherence to financial accountability.
- RESPECT:** create a climate of mutual respect and diversity by recognizing all members' contributions to the SEAC program.
- COMMUNITY:** seeking opportunities to unite the community we live in and develop prospects of ethical citizenship.
- COMMITMENT:** continuous improvement and value hard work and a growth mindset in the pursuit of excellence.

***Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress,
and working together is success. – Henry Ford***



2022-23 SEAC COACHING STAFF

U17AAA HEAD COACH

KEVIN RIEHL

From starting his first strides in the small-town rink of Richmond, Saskatchewan, Kevin was able to pursue his love of the game further by joining the Medicine Hat minor hockey system. Those years helped propel him to advance to the WHL and play 4 seasons for the hometown Tigers. Kevin still holds the record for the most goals scored by a Medicine Hat Tiger at 199. Being drafted by the New Jersey Devils in 1991, Kevin went onto play 14 years of professional hockey in North America and Europe. After his playing career wrapped up, he returned to Medicine Hat with his family where he has coached for 15 years in our minor hockey system. A provincial championship at the U18 AA level has highlighted many successful years at that level and Kevin is determined to move the inaugural season of the U17 AAA in that same direction.

ASSISTANT COACHES

JD GAETAN

JD was born and raised in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia where he played AAA hockey through to U18. He went on to play short stints in the Maritime Junior League and Collegiate hockey while attending the University of South Florida. After moving to Medicine Hat in 2007, JD was a part of SEAC's inaugural 2013/14 season as an assistant coach with what was then named the Midget 15 AAA team that captured provincial silver. From 2014-16 he was an assistant with the then named Midget 15 AAA team. In 2016 JD moved on to become head coach of the Medicine Hat Cubs for 4 seasons. Most recently, JD has worked alongside Kevin Riehl as an assistant coach with the U18AA program.

JOSEF HOLUBOWICH

Josef was born and raised in Fairview, Alberta before moving to Medicine Hat when he was 13 years old. He played 3 years in the SEAC program, one season at the then named Midget 15 AAA level and the following 2 seasons at the then named Midget AAA level. Following his minor hockey career, Josef stepped away from the game to pursue a career in golf course management and currently works as the assistant superintendent at the Medicine Hat Golf and Country Club. He returned back to hockey as an assistant coach with the U18AA program working alongside Kevin Riehl for the 2021-22 season.



CODY RIEHL

Cody was born in Bracknell, England but was raised in Medicine Hat where he played his minor rep hockey until his graduation year. Following graduation Cody attended the University of Lethbridge and completed his degree while playing one season for the Coaldale Copperheads and Medicine Hat Cubs. Cody is also starting his new career as a professional Kinesiologist for CBI Health. Cody is excited to jump back into the hockey scene with his first season of coaching with the SEAC U17AAA program.

MEGAN SEHN – ATHLETIC THERAPIST

Megan was born and raised in Medicine Hat playing Volleyball and Fastball competitively. She began her BScKin with a minor in Human Psychology at MHC, transferring to University of Saskatchewan to complete her degree. As a University of Saskatchewan student, Megan began training, working with a variety of Huskie Athletic teams and acting as a mentor when she was accepted into the School of Physical Therapy. That year she was recognized by the CIS for her contribution to sport while maintaining Great Distinction in her academia. Since returning home, Megan has worked at Excel Physical Therapy and The Ridge Spine and Sport for a combination of 5 years in private practice before her current position with AHS. Megan also instructs in the Therapist Assistant Program at the MHC while providing sport medical coverage for the Rattler teams from 2016-19. Megan became certified as a Sport First Responder and maintains that designation, working with a variety of teams, including the past 2 seasons with the U18AA program with Kevin Riehl.

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U15 AAA HEAD COACH

MIKE MUELLER

Mike has come to Medicine Hat in his new position at South Country Co-op as the Vice President - Agro Division. He also brings with him a wealth of hockey experience, as a player and coach that he would like to share with his new community.

Mike's coaching experience ranges from AAA level hockey, Alberta Cup, World Under 17s through to the AJHL, with successful appearances at the provincial levels.

ASSISTANT COACHES

QUINTEN KARG

Quinten played his minor hockey throughout Hanna, Coronation/Castor and Brooks, finishing in Medicine Hat playing three years for the SEAC then named Midget 15 AAA and Midget AAA teams. He went on to play three seasons of junior hockey locally for the Medicine Hat Cubs.

Quinten is now entering his fourth year of coaching with the U15 AAA team. He enjoys developing players in the community as well as learning new things from the coaches he is getting the opportunity to work with, passing on the knowledge of all the great coaches and teammates he has had over the years.

TREVOR WASYLUK

Growing up on a farm in Clavet, Saskatchewan, Trevor spent his early years developing a love and passion for the game of hockey. Trevor played the majority of his WHL junior hockey career with the Medicine Hat Tigers and was drafted #34 overall in the 1996 NHL draft by the Hartford Whalers. Trevor played professional hockey in the AHL and the ECHL, where he won a Kelly Cup Championship.

After suffering 2 knee injuries at the age of 22, Trevor retired from professional hockey and made his home in Medicine Hat in 2003 where he has been working for 19 years as an Engineer for Canadian Pacific Railway. He is married to wife Tara and has 2 children, Tessa and Ty.

Trevor has coached for 12 years as an assistant coach from Timbits through U15, with 2 of those years at the U15 AAA level with SEAC. He is also a team building coach and has worked with the Medicine Hat Cubs, WCJHPC and various teams in the MHMHA and SEAC.



U15 AA HEAD COACH

BJ LANG

BJ was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. He played AAA minor hockey and Junior hockey in Ontario and moved out to Alberta to pursue his career as a Firefighter.

BJ has travelled throughout Europe, the USA, Canada and New Zealand coaching and instructing hockey skills to players of all ages and skill levels.

BJ feels honoured to be able to coach at U15AA level with the SEAC program. It is a new venture for him, and BJ will commit to making this season a positive one.

“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don’t quit.” - Conrad Hilton

ASSISTANT COACH

CHRIS GRAD

Growing up in small town Burstall, Saskatchewan, the local rink was the place to be and a love for the game of hockey developed. This passion for the game has continued on into adulthood and I can not think of a better way to pass this on, than to spend time at the rink teaching young athletes. As a student of the game, I am continually learning so that I can pass that knowledge on to hockey players aspiring to achieve the next level.

I look forward to a fantastic season with a great group of young men.

"You can not get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make" - Jane Goodall

“Doing the basics right, taking care of the details, looking after yourself and the team is all about pride and humility”



SEAC TEAM SUPPORT SERVICES

GOALTENDING COACH

Matt Wong is entering his 15th season as a goaltending coach in Medicine Hat. Using his background in goaltending he founded King of the Crease Goaltending in 2009 after a successful Junior A career. He was a runner up for the Rookie of the Year in the AJHL and was twice named a BCHL All Star as a member of the Victoria Grizzlies and the Alberni Valley Bull Dogs.

Matt was the goaltending coach for the 2018-2019 RBC Cup Champion Brooks Bandits and is the Medicine Hat Tigers goaltending coach.

DRYLAND/FITNESS

Template Fitness will be the home for all dryland training this season. Its highly qualified staff will work closely with all the SEAC athletes, coaches and trainers to maximize the potential for the players throughout the season. These sessions will occur on Tuesday or Wednesday nights depending on your player's team. Sessions will begin in early to mid-October and go until the end of the season.

PLATINUM STAR

Platinum Star Power Skating is a team of certified, professional coaches who possess a great depth of knowledge and experience from our varied backgrounds of power skating, kinesiology, and professional hockey. Under the ownership of Slater Dykma, Platinum Star Power Skating will continue to offer the quality program that Platinum Star Power Skating is known for.

For further information on this program <https://www.platinumstar.ca/>

SKATE SHARPENING

Stick Fix, under the new ownership Karl & Jammie Walter, will be providing Skate Sharpening Services to all SEAC teams this season. They are now located at 14 – 3307 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta.



FEE STRUCTURE

The following pages outline your financial commitment for participating in the SEAC program. Please note:

- Payment is expected **via Cheque only** and should be made out to *SEAC or South East Athletic Club*.
- Please reference your child's name on the cheque for ease of reference, specifically if the child's last name is different than your own.
- Tax deductible receipts cannot and will not be issued, as player fees are not a tax-deductible expense and SEAC is not a registered non-profit organization with the Canada Revenue Agency.
- Tournaments, exhibition, playoffs, and provincial expenses may require additional funding from the families, and this will be applied to the specific to the team or group.

****Important****

- If payment is not received by the start of the season as requested below, player participation in SEAC activities may be suspended.

1. Fall Tryout

Registration Fees: (All players must register with MHMHA).

2. Pre-Season

Depending on the number of pre-season games and whether buses are used to traveling to road games, a pre-season fee may be collected from each player who has successfully extended his tryout and remains with a SEAC club past the Fall Tryout Camp. This fee will pay for the ice time, referees, travel costs, on-ice instruction, and any administrative costs related to pre-season games. The fee may vary between SEAC teams.

3. Regular Season Fees

All regular season fees as referenced below are due immediately upon your child earning a position on the team following the pre-season evaluations.

Upon making a SEAC team each Family / Player will need to make the following payments immediately:



All regular season fees, including the Player Fee and Performance Bond, as referenced below are due immediately upon a player earning a position on a team following the pre-season evaluations.

PLAYER FEES

Player fees will cover the cost of ice time, travel, meals, and hotels for all players and coaching staff plus all other related costs associated with running the hockey team.

Upon making a SEAC team, each player's parents will need to make the following payments for player fees:

U17 AAA Program:	\$6,250 per annum (4 x \$1562.50)
U15 AAA Program:	\$6,250 per annum (4 x \$1562.50)
U15 AA Program:	\$5,000 per annum (4 x \$1250.00)

Payments are due and payable in 4 equal installments **via Cheque only** postdated for October 1st, November 1st, December 1st and January 1st.

SEAC has decided that a player/family is able to use all sponsorship monies raised towards their own individual fees. For those of you interested in finding sponsors this could help you immensely and, indeed, could pay for all of a player's fees. For those of you that would just rather pay for the fee this does not affect you. Please understand there will be no hard copy of the program this year with the same provided and represented online. Tax deductible receipts will not be issued for sponsorships as SEAC is not a registered non-profit organization with the Canada Revenue Agency. Sponsors are encouraged to seek their own accounting advice as whether and how their sponsorship can be a tax-deductible expense with the Canada Revenue Agency.

PERFORMANCE BOND

SEAC receives vital support from the Medicine Hat Tigers 50/50 program, which allows us to relieve the financial commitment for each SEAC individual player. Each family is required to work a number of scheduled shifts at Medicine Hat Tigers home games. A \$200 Performance Bond guarantees the parent's commitment to this program and allows us to uphold and respect this strong relationship.

Parents are submit their Performance Bond on a **separate Cheque only** postdated for November 1st. This cheque will only be cashed if the family is unable fulfill their commitment to work their designated 50/50 shift or make a



suitable arrangement for a replacement worker. Upon such circumstance, another \$200 Performance Bond becomes due.

PLAYER BILLETING

Should a family require Billeting for their player, please coordinate with your Team Manager. Each family is responsible for a \$500/monthly payment provided directly to the host family.

EQUIPMENT

All SEAC teams are expected to wear similar gloves, pants and helmets and this cost is the responsibility of each player.

Each player will be provided a hoodie, work out clothing and a hockey bag.

REIMBURSEMENT OF PLAYER FEES

We understand there are circumstances in our lives that may result in our decision for change. SEAC has determined that any player leaving our program voluntarily will not be entitled to a reimbursement of their player fees if this change occurs after December 1st.

If a player is injured for the season in the first few months of the year, a reimbursement of player fees may be prorated, specifically if the parents confirm their child's spot can be provided to another player.

After January 1st no player fees refund will apply to injured players.

“Talent may feel predestined...but in fact we have a great deal of control over what skills we develop, and we have more potential than we might ever presume to guess.”

