

The Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League was formed in 1968. The 12 league members attract over 400,000 fans a season. The league mandate is to “To provide Saskatchewan Junior Hockey players with the opportunity to compete at an elite Jr. A level while striving to achieve their educational and career goals.”

The Millionaires tradition dates as far back as 1908 and the organization is strongly recognized throughout North America. Along with one of the longest standing names in hockey, the Millionaires play out of the Horizon Credit Union Centre, which ranks as one of the finest Junior A hockey facilities in Western Canada.

The Millionaires have seen many players and coaches advance through hockey. Some NHL notables include: *Chris Kunitz, Eddie Shore, Blaine Lacher, Brad McEwen, Ron Hextall, Wade Brookbank, John Ferguson, Tim Cheveldae, Mike Eagles, Brett Clark, Richard Zamlak, Kelly Buchberger, Brian Propp*



# Exposure & Advancement

In May 2020 the Melville Millionaires redesigned the entire hockey department. The changes have enabled the organization to allow better exposure that leads to advancement opportunities. Staff work hard to develop specific player development plans, which assists players to reach their athletic / academic goals.

The Millionaires maintain a consistent social media / website updates to promote players and events.

The SJHL have several initiatives which include a league Showcase (October) and an Interlocking Prospects Event (January) that attracts scouts beyond the regular schedule.

Our organization genuinely support players to achieve their individual goals. NCAA, U-Sport, ACAC, WHL and USHL are among the many leagues that we assist our players to prepare and advance to.

Scouts have easy accessibility to airports and Melville is located where there are teams within the immediate area in both the SJHL and MJHL. The Millionaires have arguably the best location in the entire SJHL.



## Community Engagement

Melville has a population of 4500 and the players are highly recognized throughout the community. The Millionaires coordinate several initiatives to keep the players active in the community. Players are involved with minor hockey, elementary schools, service groups and local businesses. Members of the team become members of the community.

## Education

In addition to providing post secondary advancement opportunities, our organization encourage players to register into post secondary classes during the season. There is also a strong relationship with the Melville Comprehensive High School to allow players to complete or upgrade High School.

## Education Foundation

In 2021 the organization moved forward to establish a Player Education Fund. This is a registered non-profit foundation that will provide academic assistance for all Millionaire players, based on years with the organization. The Education Fund Directors have secured “Titled Sponsors” and look forward to an official announcement early in 2022.



# Player Experience

Daily practice featuring team tactics, but a strong emphasis on individual player / positional development.

Incorporated with our coaching staff, we implement the use of skating / skill coaches, qualified conditioning personnel and athletic therapist.

Our comprehensive Hockey Department features experienced individuals, which also includes a Player Advancement Department.

Our program includes the use of industry-leading advanced analytics for team and player performance. Game tracking is completed via Human Analysis and Artificial Intelligence. We provide cutting-edge metrics and insights. This Software Platform is utilized by numerous NHL teams. The analytics platform is an excellent tool when providing player specific video / game data to college and professional teams.

Private player entrance directly to our state-of-the-art team facilities. This includes Coach / Management Offices, Dressing Room, Athletic Therapist Room, Weight Training & Cardio Area, Indoor Track and Laundry Facility.

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[www.melvillemillionaires.ca](http://www.melvillemillionaires.ca)



# Melville Millionaires Player Criteria

Our player criteria provides an outline of the key qualities we want our players to possess. A Millionaires player needs to be willing to put forth the effort to develop all Core Components to meet our standards..

## Core Components:

- Skating
- Compete
- Hockey Sense
- Character
- Skill

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## Key Intangibles:

- Passion / Drive
- Enthusiastic
- Gamer / Winner
- Grit
- Coachable
- Team Player

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**Non-Negotiable**



**Prepared Professional Committed Detailed**



**#54 Noah Wills**



**#11 Nicolas Samson**



## SJHL vs MJHL Showcase

The SJHL has released their rosters for the 2021/22 SJHL /MJHL Showcase. The SJHL / MJHL Showcase was originally scheduled to take place in Winnipeg, MB. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League acknowledges the exceptional players in the SJHL. The Melville Millionaires are proud of the five individuals selected to compete in the event.

**#29 Zach Cain**



**#17 Louis-Frederic Theberge**



**#16 Charles-Thomas Larochelle**



Each SJHL team nominates their representative. All RBC & SJHL Community Ambassador Team members are recognized for having “displayed outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship both on and off the ice”.

A \$1,000 donation is made on behalf of each nominee, to a local school of their choice.

Carter has been selected via online voting, as one of the Final Four. The SJHL coaches vote for the overall winner of the RBC Community Award, which includes an additional \$2,500 donation to the winner’s community.



**RBC Community Ambassador Finalists**





The 2022 SJHL Bantam Draft will be held in June. This is the first draft since the 2005 born group were drafted in 2020. The 2022 SJHL draft will consist of 6 rounds of 2006 born players followed by 2 rounds of 2007 born players. This assists teams in balancing out their “prospect pool” and enable teams to connect with both age groups. The Covid shutdowns has created a “disconnect” for teams and scouting, so this allows teams to catch up.

"Many things have changed over these two years", stated General Manager / Head Coach Mike Rooney. "I am sure there will be more adjustments for the 2023 draft. Player development has impacted everyone a bit different". "As an organization we simply keep focused on knowing the players - ask our people to be prepared for anything."

The Melville Millionaires are excited about the upcoming draft and this season they have proven they are committed to having young players in the lineup. A total of five (5) of the 2005 draft selections played games this season as 16 year olds, not too mention many other 2004 born prospects who also had the opportunity to play at 17. "Really hard to believe it has been two years since we came in and conducted our first draft with our new group". We hope we can have the same success as we did with the 2005 group", expressed Director of Scouting Mark Penny. "Mike (Head Coach) utilized twelve U18 eligible players in the lineup this season. That is incredible, but also places an importance on how we draft".

The Melville Millionaires will continue to build with young players they draft and develop, but will search "far and wide" to find players to improve. Individual Development and Team Success run parallel.