



2026 Hockey Calgary AGM – Safety Committee Report

In 2026, the Hockey Calgary Safety Committee was primarily focused on continuing to provide our member clubs with access at preferred rates to the Connect Sport Mental Health Literacy courses for parents and coaches.

Since piloting the program in 2024/25 season and scaling it out in 2025/26, over 2,100 Hockey Calgary coaches/parents have taken these courses.

Overall feedback on the program has been exceptional with members commenting it provides excellent insights and resources on this very important topic – via a course that respects the time constraints we all have:

Supporting the Connect Sport program aligns with our mandate to: Provide a positive sporting experience through hockey by engaging and leading our volunteer driven membership.

- Hockey Calgary & Connect Sport continues to advance mental health awareness and education with our valued stakeholders.
- Increased Mental Health Literacy throughout Hockey Calgary for coaches and parents delivers:
 - Improved awareness and recognition of mental health challenges.
 - Increased confidence in supporting athlete mental health and well-being.
 - Awareness and access to practical tools and strategies for supporting young athletes.
 - Promotion of positive team culture and safe sport environments through a common understanding and language around mental health between coaches, parents, and players.

2026/2027 Hockey Calgary Partnership with The Kinsmen Club of Calgary and Connect Sport

- The Kinsmen Club of Calgary has partnered with Hockey Calgary and Connect Sport to expand Mental Health Literacy training in 2026/76 for U13-U18 Coaches and Parents.

- Parent certification is available at a subsidized cost of **\$5.00 per parent for ALL U13-U18 parents (One per household)**, cost to be covered by the Member Clubs.

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN

Member Clubs who have not yet signed up for this parent training are encouraged to do so by directly contacting Connect Sport:

Chris Romanchuk: chris@connectsport.ca / 780-872-9678

LOOKING AHEAD

The Hockey Calgary Safety Committee is interested in hearing member association ideas on how our committee can help elevate your experience in the "safety space" in hockey. Please feel free to connect with Gary Makar, Chairman Safety Committee at:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Makar, Chair – Safety Committee

Additional Committee Members:

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