

# Volunteer Roles

Descriptions To Help You Choose What  
Role You Might Enjoy!

HOCKEY MARATHON



Hockey Marathon for the Kids  
April 5 - 16, 2024  
Chestermere Recreation  
Center



“Join us as we take to the ice once again to raise funds and awareness for the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation. The goal is bigger, the record longer, and our determination, even stronger.”  
~ Alex Halat For the Kids Chair, 2024 Hockey Marathon for the Kids



Thank you for your consideration of Volunteering for the Hockey Marathon for the Kids. Without volunteers like you we would not be able to succeed in this incredible event.



# How We Began

It truly is for the kids!

In May 2012, 40 big-hearted hockey players took to the ice to attempt a World Record for the longest hockey game ever played. 246 hours and \$1.3 million dollars later, they achieved this goal and so much more. In May 2014, they did it again, breaking their own record and raising \$1.7 million dollars.

Inspired by 7-year-old Diamond Marshall, who had been battling cancer at the Alberta Children's Hospital, Alex Halat, executive committee member of Oilympics, and several others including Diamond's father, Lyall Marshall, began planning for the marathon game. Proceeds were to be directed to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation for equipment for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Alberta Children's Hospital and for Childhood Cancer.

No one really knew what to expect when the planning began, but countless hours of preparation, hundreds of volunteers, and thousands of donations later, the event was in full swing.

It has always been emotional for the players, the committee, and the millions of viewers reading and watching, tuning in to national media coverage, and/or visiting the Chestermere arena to cheer the players on. In the end, the results were more than anyone could have imagined, and now, 10 years later, they are ready to do it all over again.

We hope you will join us in cheering on Team Hope and Team Cure as they attempt to beat the record and play for 261 hours March 31 -April 11, 2022, at the Chestermere Recreational Centre.



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# The Roles

In order for us to complete the Guinness Book of World Records, we need to count on hundreds of volunteer hours. For us to have Guinness come and witness our event it would cost \$250,000(USD).

Our goal is to raise a significant amount of money for the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation for their pediatric cancer program.

# On Ice Roles

You are literally as close to the action as possible!





# Referee

Yup 24 hours we need referees on the ice!

If you are able and willing we need you. 4-hour shifts are mandatory for this role due to Guinness Book of World Records rules. We cannot have a late official or else we will not make the Guinness Book of World Records.

No pressure though we promise. Have fun skating (you may even be on shift with a celebrity as seen in the photo here of Dallas Smith).

# Scorekeeper

You read that right!

Skating, not your specialty? Why not sit in a heated penalty box and record each goal that happens. We need this for the Guinness Book of World Records. Shifts are 4 hours, but don't worry you won't be alone, we are in need of a timekeeper too. What an opportunity for you and your friend to share!

# Timekeeper

It's not just touching cool buttons on a clock!

While the game is straight time we still need someone to manage the time clock for flooding. Shifts are 4 hours, the same as the Scorekeeper. We also need tunes played, so guess what? You get to release your inner DJ!





# Off-Ice Volunteers

If being super close to the action not necessarily for you don't worry we have you covered!

Boy oh boy do we have a lot of roles to fill in this event. Do you know in 2012 we had over 350 volunteers and in 2014 we had over 850? That's a lot of new friends we made along the way!

Caption this photo :)

# Volunteer Lead

We know this is an important role.

Sit back in a warm office space and welcome volunteers as they come in for their shift. We need a person that is organized in this role and to be able to communicate well. In this role you will be responsible for:

- Welcoming volunteers as they arrive
- Ensuring volunteer forms are filled out
- Filing the volunteer form in the order that is needed.
- Ensuring volunteers have their accreditation
- Ensuring volunteers know who they will be taking over from
- Working closely with the Event Planner
- Call volunteers for the following day to remind them of their upcoming shift.



# Bench Liason

## All Ages Permitted

40 players take a lot to manage so in this role you are working directly with the players. This is an all-ages position but all youth under the age of 15 must wear a helmet. Clearly, you are on the bench with the players so make sure you can handle the smell of sweat, just kidding...maybe. You will be responsible for:

- Ensuring players have enough water on the bench
- Food runs for players. They love grill cheese and yes will consume a lot of them during this game
- Talking and encouraging the players. Those late shifts when there are no fans in the stands can be tough mentally on these big fellas.



Volunteers are important and that is how we want you to feel. You are a giant part of the team!  
Volunteers will be given the following:

Food and Beverage will be supplied in the Volunteer Lounge

Accreditation, personalized with your name on it.

A commemorative Volunteer shirt

A chance to be part of history that will give you memories to last a lifetime.

# How do I Volunteer?

We are making this as easy as possible.

Hop on to our website at [www.hockeymarathon.com](http://www.hockeymarathon.com) and simply fill out the volunteer form. A member of the team will get back to you right away.

Feel free to email [volunteer@hockeymarathon.com](mailto:volunteer@hockeymarathon.com) at anytime to inquire about shifts available.

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