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# **Play Mentor: Expression of Interest**

**March 2026**



SPRA is hosting a Play Mentor training **March 14, 2026**. Interested applicants are to submit this *Expression of Interest* by email to [kmichaluk@spra.sk.ca](mailto:kmichaluk@spra.sk.ca) by February 27, 2026.

### **Introduction**

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is dedicated to increasing play opportunities through the province of Saskatchewan via education, promotion and coordination of play resources.

Play Leaders are an important part of delivering quality play opportunities in our province! They are front-line leaders delivering summer play programs, camps, and before-and-after school activities for children ages 4-12. Play Leadership training equips Play Leaders with the knowledge and skills to plan and deliver safe, inclusive and engaging play opportunities for children across the province. The training consists of five modules; each focused on a core competency of effective play leadership. For more information, visit [www.spra.sk.ca/playleadership](http://www.spra.sk.ca/playleadership).

### **Learning Outcomes for Play Leaders**

Through training in Play Leadership, a Play Leader will:

1. Understand how to support the goals of their community recreation program
2. Have the knowledge required to coordinate safe and accessible play opportunities
3. Develop strategies to support children's diverse cultural, behavioural, physical and personal needs
4. Build their skills to design and coordinate free, creative and active play experiences
5. Recognize and model the characteristics of a successful Play Leader

### **We Need Play Mentors!**

Play Mentors facilitate Play Leadership training. They guide Play Leaders through the 7.5 hour in-person training, which combines classroom style learning, group activities and individual reflection. Play Mentors should have experience working with children or in supervising front-line leaders of children's programs. Their knowledge and experience help support Play Leaders in developing their skills to create safe, inclusive and engaging play experiences for all children.

### **Play Mentor Selection Criteria**

Opportunities to become a Play Mentor are based on experience and need for facilitators in specific areas of Saskatchewan. Applicants will be notified on the selection of Play Mentors via email or through additional conversations.

**If you have any questions or for further information, please contact:**

Kelsey Michaluk, SPRA Youth Leadership Consultant at [kmichaluk@spra.sk.ca](mailto:kmichaluk@spra.sk.ca) or (306)780-9219.



## Expression of Interest

<b>Applicant Information</b>	
Full Name:	
Employer (active or past):	
Job Title:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	
Mailing Address:	

### Pre-requisites

To be eligible to become a Play Mentor you must complete the following pre-requisites:

**1. Play Leadership Training (either completed in-person or online, on-demand)**

- Yes**, I have completed this pre-requisite. Date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_
- No**, I have not completed this pre-requisite. I will attend a Play Leadership in-person training OR I will obtain complimentary access to the on-demand training (from SPRA), and I will complete it prior to Play Mentor Training.

**2. Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders**

- Yes**, I have completed this pre-requisite. Date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_
- No**, I have not completed this pre-requisite, but I will obtain complimentary access to the on-demand training (from SPRA) and I will complete it prior to Play Mentor Training.

**3. Criminal Record Check (with Vulnerable Sector) – CRC-VS**

- Yes**, I have completed this pre-requisite (within the past 12 months) and will provide SPRA with a copy.
- No**, I have not completed this pre-requisite, but I will complete it prior to Play Mentor Training and be reimbursed by SPRA.



### **Play Mentor Training Details**

Location: Meeting Room A/B, Cosmo Civic Centre, 3130 Laurier Drive, Saskatoon, SK

Date: **Saturday, March 14, 2026**

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*Lunch will be provided.*

Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Costs**

There is no registration fee to attend the Play Mentor training.

For candidates outside of Saskatoon area, mileage and accommodation reimbursement (at SPRA rates) may be available. Please contact [kmichaluk@spra.sk.ca](mailto:kmichaluk@spra.sk.ca) to inquire.

There is a small fee associated with completing the Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders and Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector (CRC-VS) pre-requisites. SPRA will reimburse Play Mentor-candidates for these expenses, upon acceptance of their application.

#### **Questions**

Please answer the following questions, which allow us to access your readiness as a Play Mentor:

**Why are you interesting in becoming trained and representing the program as a SPRA Play Mentor?**



**Why do you believe that you will be great Play Mentor? Please include information about your experience in working with children and youth and/or facilitation experience.**

**Play Mentors facilitate Play Leadership training either internally for their own organizations, or externally for organizations and communities who submit training requests across Saskatchewan. Please indicate whether you are interest in training internally, externally or both.**

*Note: Play Mentors who facilitate externally are eligible to receive a Facilitation Fee, mileage, meals and accomodations (paid at SPRA rates).*



## References

Play Mentor training candidates are required to provide the contact information for two (2) references who may be contacted by SPRA to verify suitability as a Play Mentor.

<b>Reference #1</b>	
Full Name:	
Relationship:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

<b>Reference #2</b>	
Full Name:	
Relationship:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

## Understanding the Requirements:

By submitting this Play Mentor Application, I agree that I will:

1. Complete the pre-requisites (Play Leadership (in-person or on-demand), Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders & CRC-VS) prior to Play Mentor training.
2. Submit this completed Application Form to Kelsey Michaluk, SPRA Youth Leadership Consultant, at [kmichaluk@spra.sk.ca](mailto:kmichaluk@spra.sk.ca) by **February 27, 2026**.
3. Attend the Play Mentor Training on **March 14, 2026**.
4. Complete one co-facilitation of a Play Leadership in-person training with a certified Play Mentor by June 30, 2027. *Note: SPRA will assist in the coordination of this co-facilitation.*

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Signature of Applicant

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Date