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2010 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP OPENS CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS Announces SaskEnergy as official Volunteer sponsor

SASKATOON, SK – The host committee for the 2010 World Junior Championship (WJC) along with SaskEnergy, the official sponsor of volunteers, today announced that applications are now being accepted for those wishing to volunteer in either Saskatoon or Regina.

“This is a great opportunity for our province to shine on the world stage, and show the world our amazing Saskatchewan hospitality,” says Jack Brodsky, president of the 2010 WJC host organizing committee. “And we’re thrilled to have SaskEnergy on board as the official volunteer sponsor to help recruit our team of volunteers.”

“SaskEnergy’s commitment to volunteers has helped our province showcase many national and world-class events, and this December, because of Saskatchewan’s volunteers, we’ll host the best World Junior Championship ever,” said Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Crown Corporations. “While SaskEnergy is supporting the tournament’s volunteers, I know many of the Corporation’s employees will be among the first to sign up and donate their time and energy behind the scenes to make this event possible.”

Saskatoon will play host to five teams, including Team Canada, and will see a total of 21 round-robin, relegation, playoff, and medal-round games played at Credit Union Centre. About 1,500 volunteers will be required in Saskatoon alone.

“We’re looking for volunteers to help with round-robin games beginning Boxing Day and continuing right through to the gold medal game on January 5, 2010,” says Rod Antonichuck, vice-president of volunteers in Saskatoon. “There are numerous volunteer opportunities available—drivers, hosts, medical staff and servers for the World Fest activities, just to name a few.”

The City of Regina will play host to five European teams (Sweden, Russia, Czech Republic, Finland and Austria) during a 10-game round-robin portion of the WJC which begins December 26, 2009 at the Brandt Centre. Regina will also play host to Team Canada's selection camp as well as two Team Canada pre-competition games, details for which will be announced in the future.

Details on how to become a volunteer and the application forms for the 2010 WJC are available online at www.hockeycanada.ca by following the 2010 WJC links. Applications are being accepted until June 30, 2009. Further information on how to become a volunteer and potential opportunities are also available by calling the 2010 WJC Saskatoon office at (306) 651-2010.

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About the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship

The 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship will take place at Regina's Brandt Centre and Saskatoon Credit Union Centre. Round-robin games begin December 26, 2009 in both locations.

Tickets for the 2010 World Juniors are now on sale through Ticketmaster, either at ticketmaster.ca, 1-800-970-SEAT, or any Ticketmaster outlet. Saskatoon's 21-game package includes round-robin games featuring Canada's National Junior Team, the relegation round and all medal-round games from \$758 to \$1178 per ticket package plus applicable service charges. Regina's 12-game package, including two pre-competition games featuring Canada's National Junior Team and 10 round-robin games, is priced from \$383 to \$443 per ticket package plus service charges. There is also an optional ticket package with limited availability that includes the Regina 12-game package and the relegation and medal round in Saskatoon for a total of 23 games at \$1092 plus applicable service charges.

For more information on the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship including the complete schedule, visit www.hockeycanada.ca.