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## **MEET OUR 2025/26 U14 REP COACHES**

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**HEAD COACH, 2025/26 Guelph Jr. Gryphons U14AAA**

# **SCOTT HEASMAN**

**I am a development focused coach, and I'm looking forward to guiding this team to a second season of continued growth.**



We are excited to announce Scott Heasman as our returning Head Coach of our U14 AAA Guelph Jr. Gryphons. Heasman is returning for his second season as the AAA Head Coach of our 2012-born Guelph Jr. Gryphon squad; the team saw a marked improvement under his leadership in 2024/25, and are sitting in sixth place in a competitive OMHA West division at press time.

Prior to his time with GMHA, Heasman was at the helm of a very successful Centre Wellington Fusion squad. Over three years of coaching with Centre Wellington, at the AA and A levels, his teams qualified for the OMHA's each year, and boast two championships. Heasman has spent over a decade in various roles with Centre Wellington Minor Hockey, and was a leader of the Guelph Jr. Gryphons U16 AAA team for the 2009/10 season as an Assistant Coach.

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As a player, Heasman enjoyed a five-year OUA career with the University of Toronto and York University, where he won two OUA silver medals with York University in 1997 and 1999. A native of New Liskeard, Ontario, Heasman played AAA as a youth for the New Liskeard Cubs, and has coached countless teams over several sports at the high school level.



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**HEAD COACH, 2025/26 Guelph Jr. Gryphons U14AA**

# **DANNY DESCARY**

**I motivate and develop players within GMHA's structure by promoting fun, respect and sportsmanship.**

Danny Descary will lead the U14 AA Guelph Jr. Gryphons as Head Coach for the 2025/26 season, after serving as an Assistant Coach with the 2012 born group for the last two years. A highlight from this past season was a strong showing in the Capital Fall Classic, where he helped to lead the Guelph Jr. Gryphons to the finals and one goal away from taking the championship. Prior to his time with the team, Descary has been on the staff of the U14 AAA and U15 AAA teams in recent years.

Coach Descary is a dedicated non-parent coach, focused on developing GMHA players on and off the ice. This will be Descary's fourteenth season behind a Guelph Jr. Gryphon bench. Over that time, he has seen two of his teams qualify for Tri-County finals and has won a total of 8 tournaments, with teams ranging from the U11 to the U16 levels. A continuous and avid learner, he constantly seeks to improve through additional qualifications and from mentorship from the GMHA Development Team.



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**BRETT RITCHIE**

**I believe in creating team-first atmospheres through developing the holistic athlete, and stressing the importance of character**

Brett Ritchie will be our Head Coach for the U14 A team moving into the 2024/25 season. Ritchie is returning for the second season with this team, and has previously coached the 2012 age group at the AA level during the U10 and U11 seasons. A highlight of this past year has been seeing his squad playing a significant role in the CCM Nations Cup Championship returning back to Canada. A graduate of GMHA at the AAA level, Ritchie was a multi-sport athlete in the Guelph community, taking his lacrosse talents to the professional scene with the Toronto Rock.



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**HEAD COACH, 2025/26 Guelph Jr. Gryphons U14BB**

# **JOEL PETKOFF**

**I want to give back to the game after all it has given me, and believe that a cohesive group creates the best development environment.**

Joel Petkoff returns as the BB Head Coach for our 2012 born athletes. Petkoff has a decorated background in the game, with experience playing in the OHL, as well as five professional seasons spread between USA, England and Germany. He has spent the last few seasons at the younger age groups in GMHA, splitting duties between the U13B and ADP programs last season.