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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE GMHA HOUSE LEAGUE PROGRAM (U10/U11)

We are excited to welcome you for the 2025-2026 Season. We have quite a bit of information for you to review in this email to ensure a safe and fun start back to hockey.

The below details can be found within this document:

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EVALUATIONS EXPECTATIONS

The GMHA House League schedule is currently being populated within the website and will be live mid September. An email will go out once the schedule is updated.

Evaluation Skates - Two Weekends:

Sept 27 & 28: Players will be scheduled by last name to balance ice times. You'll receive an email with your time slot the week before from the Convenor or House League Director. Saturday: skills & drills. Sunday: intersquad games.

Oct 4 & 5: Ice time details will be emailed by Oct 2 as to when to attend. Saturday: drills. Sunday: intersquad games.

Players are to come prepared in full equipment as per Hockey Canada Requirements. Jerseys will be supplied for evaluation purposes and must be returned upon completion of evaluations.

Note: Teams during evaluations are for evaluation only. Friend requests will be considered/added once teams are confirmed for Oct 18

IMPORTANT DATES

- EVALUATIONS RUN:
 - September 27 and September 28
 - October 4 and October 5
- SECOND EVALUATION WEEKEND: Ice time details will be emailed by Oct 2 as to when to attend
- **CONFIRMED TEAMS***: An email will go out by Monday, October 13 to confirm what team your player will be part of for the season. (*Subject to change)
- START OF SEASON: October 18th jerseys and socks will be handed out at this time
- PHOTO DAY*: December 6/7 *only for U6 U13. Details to come
- Weekends where there is **no hockey** for house league:
 - o Oct 11/12
 - Nov 22/23
 - o Dec 6/7
 - Dec 27/28
 - o Jan 3/4
 - o Feb 7/8
 - o March 14/15
- Practices are on Saturday
- Games are played on Sunday
- Playoffs schedule will be posted by December
- FINAL WEEKEND (WEEKEND OF CHAMPS): March 28 and March 29 at the University of Guelph. The schedule for this weekend will be posted later in the season.

ICE SCHEDULE FOR U10/U11

SATURDAYS:

U10/U11: 7:30am, 8:30am 9:30am and 10:30am at Victoria

SUNDAYS:

U10/U11: 2:00pm. 3:00pm, and 4:00pm at Exhibition

*Please note: teams will rotate between their designated age group time slots. Example: U9 Team 1 and U9 Team 2 will play at 1:30pm week 1 and the 2:30pm week 2, on Saturdays, Sundays will also rotate within their timeslots for the year.

*IMPORTANT NOTE: Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please be sure to check your schedule regularly.

HOW TO FIND THE EVALUATION SCHEDULE & REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

- 1. Go to the main page of www.guelphminorhockey.com
- 2. Under the main banner, there is a red banner that outlines all the different divisions within GMHA. Choose HOUSE LEAGUE (U10 U21)
- 3. Select your age group
- 4. Scroll down to Calendar and select FULL CALENDAR on the right side just above the Calendar week preview. Here you will see the evaluation ice times, dates and locations as well as the regular season ice times, dates, and locations.
- 5. You can also use TEAM FINDER on the top left side of the website under the OMHA logo and scroll down to ORGANIZATION TOURNAMENTS/TEAMS and select your age group.

IMPORTANT:

- TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL THE START OF THE SEASON, SHOULD CHANGES OCCUR, DIVISIONS WILL BE NOTIFIED.
- When bad weather is threatening rink closure please be sure to check emails regularly.
 We will post on our social media channels as well.
- IF there are no times/places indicated on a Saturday or Sunday, it means you do not have a game/practise on that day.
- Players are to bring their own equipment and full equipment is required to play (mouthguard and neck guard included). For a full equipment list, see link below.
- Follow us on all social media accounts for immediate updates and information

MANDATORY

Please ensure you fill out and print the Hockey Canada Player Information form and give it to your coach on **Sunday, October 26.**

DO NOT EMAIL: <u>Hockey Canada Player Information Form</u>

Parents are also required to do the Respect in Sport - Parent Course. If you have not already, please do so here: Respect in Sport - Parent Course

IMPORTANT LINKS

Hockey Canada Equipment Checklist
Mouthguard Information
Concussion Awareness Information
Rowan's Law - FOR BENCH STAFF ONLY

GMHA Parent Resources

COACHING STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

For those of you who have already filled out the coaching application form or the volunteer form, the Convenor/House League Director will be in touch shortly to discuss the opportunities we have within each team and during House League Evaluations. A house league coaches meeting will take place mid October. More details to come on both.

All individuals that have filled out the volunteer form, will be contacted to help during the evaluation process. This will either be, on the ice, running the drills or off the ice evaluating the players.

VOLUNTEER TODAY

U10/U11 ADVANCED LEAGUE - PLAYER EVALUATIONS

For more information on what is the <u>U10/U11 Advanced League Program - CLICK HERE</u>

U10/U11 Advanced League Player Evaluations will begin on September 19th. If you wish to attend, you are required to complete a separate registration from your base season registration. To do this, head to our <u>Player Evaluations Home Page</u> to review the details and complete the registration.

These sessions are completely separate from the House League registration. If your child is successful in making the team, there are further financial and time commitments for the entirety of the season. However, your child will also be placed on a U10/U11 House League team.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The House League Program is focused on a **fun and inclusive** environment for hockey players of **all levels**. Equal ice time for all players and a commitment to keeping the game fun for all is our first priority. It is about having fun, being active, learning fundamental hockey skills, fair play and developing friendships and love for hockey.

I look forward to meeting you all on the ice in the coming weeks.

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