

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE GMHA HOUSE LEAGUE PROGRAM (U16/U18)

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.

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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.

Players are to come prepared in full equipment as per Hockey Canada Requirements. Evaluation skates will take place from September 28 to November 2 and full ice games will be played each week with off ice evaluators.

**Note:** Teams during evaluations are for evaluation only. Friend requests will be considered/added once teams are confirmed for November 9th

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- **EVALUATION GAMES RUN:**
    - September 28
    - October 5
    - October 19
    - October 26
    - November 2
  - **CONFIRMED TEAMS\*:** by November 6th for the remainder of the season
  - **START OF SEASON:** November 9th
  - There is one, hour and a half game per week played throughout the season on Sundays, late afternoon (see below for times)
  - Weekends where there is **no hockey** for U18:
    - Oct 12
    - Nov 23
    - Dec 7
    - Dec 28
    - Jan 25
    - Feb 8
    - March 15
  - **PLAY OFF SCHEDULE POSTED:** November 1
  - **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. U18 may have a skills competition (depending on interest), as well as semi finals and finals over the weekend
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## **ICE SCHEDULE FOR U18**

### **SUNDAYS:**

**U18:** 5:30pm, 7:00pm, and 8:30pm at Victoria

***\*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.***

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## **HOW TO FIND THE EVALUATION SCHEDULE & REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE**

1. Go to the main page of [www.guelphminorhockey.com](http://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.
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### **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
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### **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:** [Hockey Canada Player Information Form](#)

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](#)

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## **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**

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## **U18 REP PLAYER EVALUATIONS**

We understand some players may be attending U18 A or BB Player Evaluations.

U18 A Player Evaluations will begin on September 13th. If you wish to attend, you are required to complete a separate registration from your base season registration. To do this, head to our [Player Evaluations Home Page](#) to review the details and complete the registration.

These sessions are completely separate from the House League registration. If successful in making the team, you will be removed from the House League registration list. Otherwise, we will ensure you receive communications, and please plan to attend the U18 House League Player Evaluations on September 28th.

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## **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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