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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE GMHA MINI GRYPHON PROGRAM (U8)

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 Mini Gryphon (U8) 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 the week of October 13th 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:
 - Oct 11/12
 - Nov 22/23
 - Dec 6/7
 - Dec 27/28
 - Jan 3/4
 - Feb 7/8
- FINAL WEEKEND:** March 7 and March 8.
- March 7 - skill competition
 - March 8 - final games
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ICE SCHEDULE FOR U8

CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR THE SEASON:

SATURDAYS:

U8: 10:30am, 11:30am and 12:30pm @ Centennial

SUNDAYS:

U8: 11:00am, 12:00pm and 1:00pm @ Centennial

****Please note: teams will rotate between their designated age group time slots. Example: Team 1 and Team 2 will play at 6:30am week 1 and the 7:30am week 2, on Saturdays, Sundays will also rotate within their timeslots for the year.***

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

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

U8:

- From Oct 18 to Nov. 9, Saturdays and Sundays will be practices with fun games at the end of practices
 - Half ice games for the season
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HOW TO FIND THE EVALUATION SCHEDULE & REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE ONCE LIVE (mid-September)

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 MINI GRYPHONS (U6-U9)
 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.**
 - **There are no playoffs in this age groups**
 - **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](#)

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

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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