



Guelph Girls Hockey Association



Home of the Jr. Gryphons!

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"The GGHA is dedicated to providing a fun environment for females to develop self-esteem and confidence through hockey, by promoting team work, a strong work ethic and athletic commitment which develops all members to be the best they can be as players, team mates and leaders for now and for the future."

2014-15 GGHA Rep Coach Bios

Midget AA - Greg Gibbons

Greg is a father of 4 children and a lifelong resident of Guelph. He has assembled an impressive coaching resume over the last 17 years in both GMHA & GGHA and prides himself on being referred to as a Player's Coach. Twice recognized as GGHA's "Coach of the Year", Greg most recently led GGHA's Midget AA Program this past season. Greg brings extensive experience working with Midget Girls having previously led GGHA's Midget AA Program in 2010/2011 & 2011/2012 as well as Midget A in 2012-2013.

By fostering a culture of positive interaction, Greg intends to lead a competitive program that is structured to support a Player's continued development. Greg and his Staff are deeply committed to building a Player's confidence and self-esteem while reinforcing accountability, commitment, integrity, responsibility, and passion for the game.

Greg is also pleased to advise that **Tamara Bell**, a local GGHA Alumnus, will be joining the Midget AA Coaching Staff for the 2014/15 season. Tamara played 5 years for the University of Guelph Varsity Women's Hockey Team, graduating with a degree in Human Kinetics and a minor in Nutrition. In her rookie season, Tamara led the OUA in overall points, earning OUA Rookie of the Year Honours and was named to the OUA and CIS Rookie All-Star teams. In her 3rd season with the Gryphons, Tamara was named Team Captain - a position she held for her last 3 seasons. Last season Tamara worked with the Waterloo Ravens Midget AA program and is thrilled to have the opportunity to return to Guelph and be a Gryphon again. Tamara's extensive knowledge of the game will significantly aid in the continued development of our Players.

Midget A - Scott Gilbert

Scott grew up playing hockey on the outdoor rinks of Winnipeg, Manitoba. He is the father of 3 children whom have all played hockey, baseball and soccer for the city of Guelph and Puslinch. Scott has an impressive athletic background and has played hockey, baseball and soccer representing the city of Guelph and Winnipeg, including Inter County baseball for the junior/senior Guelph Royals organization and Senior "B" in the W.O.A.A. Scott began coaching in Minor Baseball and Minor Hockey in 2000 and in 2007 his Guelph Gators won provincial Gold. Scott has been an assistant and Head Coach for various GGHA rep teams from Atom through to Bantam and most recently was the Head Coach for the Bantam AA Jr. Gryphons for the 2013-14 season. The team had a successful season, winning the Barrie Sharkfest BAA tournament and qualifying for Provincials in Mississauga.

Scott is looking forward to the opportunity to coach the Midget A team and will be emphasizing speed, puck possession, communication and above all confidence in our young athletes.

Midget BB - Wayne Byrd

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Bantam AA/A - Darcy Breakey

As the head coach of the Bantam AA/A team, Darcy is eager to bring her love and passion for the game to the upcoming season. A veteran player with 14 years of experience, Darcy spent 8 seasons at the AA level in Oakville, 4 of which she served as Captain. She is an Oakville Hornet Alumni but is proud to be coaching for the Guelph Gryphons! Darcy began her coaching career as assistant coach for the Etobicoke Dolphins Midget A team in 2011 and continued on to coach in Guelph, serving in 2012/13 as the assistant coach for the Guelph Midget AA team and this past season as the Head Coach of the Guelph Gryphons Bantam BB team. Darcy honed her hockey instruction skills through her work at various hockey development camps such as Ice 2 Ice Hockey Academy and Hockey Opportunity Camp (HOC). Her strong leadership, motivational and mentoring skills, as well as her commitment to the collective and individual development of the girls earn her the respect of her players.

Darcy intends to provide a high quality, high intensity program that will propel her players to the next level of female hockey be it AA, CIS or NCAA. Darcy will work to build her players' confidence and self-esteem by providing them with the tools they need to improve their game, play to their full potential, and reach their individual and team goals.

Bantam BB - Ian Phillips

Ian is a husband and father of two in a family obsessed with hockey. His coaching experience includes three years as an assistant coach at the AAA level in boys' hockey with the GMHA. For the 2013-14 season, Ian served as an assistant coach with the Peewee B Jr. Gryphons of the Guelph Girls Hockey Association. Ian is competitive by nature, but recognizes the importance of balancing this with a program that is fun and fosters a love of the game. Ian is committed to developing the team to reach their full potential throughout the season in an atmosphere of hard work, dedication and teamwork.

Peewee AA/A - Kevin Lomax

Kevin is a lifetime resident of Guelph and father of two girls, one currently playing in the GGHA Rep program and the other a recent graduate. His love for hockey began at 6 years old, playing both Rep and Select in the GMHA through to the age of 18. Kevin's coaching career began in 2004/05 with the GGHA as an assistant coach for Atom AA. Most recently he was an Assistant Coach with Midget AA for the 2010/11 and 2011/12 seasons and Head Coach for Atom A in 2012/13 and Peewee B in 2013/14. He is thrilled with the opportunity to be coaching this year's top Peewee team. The focus will be on Team Work, Skill Development, Work Ethic & Discipline and most of all, enjoyment of the game.

Peewee B - Mike Johnston

Mike is excited and looking forward to the upcoming season with the Peewee B team. He has been a coach in both girls and boys Rep Hockey for 23 years and played Rep hockey with the Chinguacousy minor hockey association (CMHA). This experience and other educational opportunities have provided Mike with many ideas on how to develop and grow this year's Peewee B team.

Mike's coaching philosophy revolves around three things a player must develop to be successful: game sense, attitude and skills. His theme as a coach is to teach the girls to never stop learning and to show them the importance of giving 110% in whatever they do, both on and off the ice. Mike works hard to create a safe environment that is positive and respectful to the female athletes through encouragement, teaching and fair discipline when needed. Open communication between parents, coaches and players will create success for the team.

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Atom A - Dave Lylyk

Dave is a husband, and a father to two hockey players – a son and a daughter. He grew up in Whitby Ontario and has been a resident of Guelph since 1995. Dave is very excited for a new coaching challenge with the GGHA Atom A team; this will be his 7th year coaching children and giving back to the sport that has provided him with so many great memories on and off the ice. Dave has coached in the GMHA for 6 seasons, most recently as Head Coach for the Peewee AAA Jr. Gryphons, where he coached his team to a Silver Stick AAA Championships Invitation, Ontario Winter Games Invitation and an Ontario Winter Games Bronze Medal.

Dave will emphasize learning the game and developing at all positions while increasing players' individual skills. Wins will come as the season progresses, but the fun will start at training camp in September!

Atom B – Scott Weese

Novice B – Jason Lawler