



"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 Developmental Stream (DS) Program

The DS program is a House League initiative offering a tryout-based enhanced opportunity for House League players who are:

1. Looking for a development bridge to travel (rep) hockey
2. Looking for more competition and skill development than is afforded by House League alone.

DS Tryout Schedule

You must tryout for the team of your birth year, regardless of what house league division you are currently playing in. Tryout fee is \$5 cash per session, payable at the door. Please indicate your interest by emailing DS@ggah.com with the player's name and birth year.

Please check the GGHA website (www.ggaha.com) regularly for any schedule changes and announcements!

Tryout Dates:

Atom & Novice:

Players born 2004 & 2005 (Atom) and born 2006 and later (Novice and FUNdamentals)

Tryout #1 – Saturday, **Nov. 1st @ 6:00 -7:00 pm** at the Sleeman Centre

Tryout #2 – Sunday, **Nov. 9th @ 6:15-7:15pm** at the West End Rec Centre (Rink #2)

Peewee:

Players born 2002 & 2003

Tryout #1 – Sunday, **Nov. 9th @ 7:15-8:15pm** at the West End Rec Centre (Rink #2).

Tryout #2 – Tuesday, **Nov. 18th @ 7:45-8:25pm** at the West End Rec Centre (Rink #2)

Bantam:

Players born 2000 & 2001

Tryout #1 – Sunday, **Nov. 9th @ 9:00-10pm** at Centennial Arena

Tryout #2 – Sunday, **Nov. 16th @ 9:00-10pm** at Centennial Arena

DS teams are permitted to play up to 8 games (typically 4 home and 4 away) and attend a maximum 3 tournaments. The focus is on development of the players, so it is expected that there will also be 8-10 practices; at least half will be 90-minute 6am practices at the West End Rec Centre on weekday mornings. DS ice slots will mainly be January-March. Only players registered with GGHA house league are eligible for DS. While every effort will be made to avoid scheduling conflicts, players may have two practices/games in a single day. DS teams may have up to 25 players, but only 17 are allowed on the bench for any specific game; this will allow more players the opportunity to participate, and avoids a 'short' bench if there are date-conflict for players.

The cost of the program is varied depending on numbers of players, but for 8-10 practices and hosting four reciprocal games (with 4 away games hosted by the away team), the cost will be \$225 per player. This fee includes socks, use of a jersey, all OWHA fees and entry into the GGHA's Guelph Jr. Gryphon Classic Tournament (Jan. 2-5, 2015). Entry fees for other tournaments are extra and will depend upon the number of tournaments and their fees (and the number of players on the DS team participating in the particular tournament).

All DS parents are required to volunteer for the GGHA tournament (same as all rep team parents). Duties include preparing managers bags, assisting with team registrations and player sign-ins, helping with raffles and draws, etc. Each parent is expected to complete 2-3 hours during (or before) the tournament.

- **Players interested in trying out for a DS team are asked to email the HL Convenors expressing their interest asap** (and indicate if they are a goalie), so that we can determine if there is sufficient interest in holding tryouts. There will also be a sign-up sheet at Photo Day (Oct. 26 @ Centennial CVI – see the website for the schedule). Tryouts for Novice and Atom will be held at the same time, but there will be a Novice team only if all of the above conditions are met; otherwise, skilled Novice players will be considered for the Atom team.
- **If you are interested in being a Coach, Trainer, Assistant Coach or Dressing Room Monitor** then please send a completed HL Team Staff Application (available in the Team Staff Library on the GGHA website at www.ggha.com) to house@ggha.com before November 1st. A sign-up sheet and applications will be available on Photo Day (Oct. 26 @ Centennial CVI – see the website for the schedule).
- **In order for us to ice a DS team we require a) certified coach (at least Coach 1) & trainer, 2) at least one – and preferably two – goalies, and 3) sufficient number of players to form a team.** Please contact the House League Directors with any questions (house@ggha.com).

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