

GGHA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES		
	Policy #: HB.09.01	Policy Name: GGHA Gryphon for Life Coin Policy and Procedures
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1.0 PURPOSE

The “GGHA Gryphon for Life” coin is established to recognize individuals within GGHA — including players, coaches, officials, and contributors — who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, character, and contribution to the Association. This distinction honors those who embody the values of the Gryphon both on and off the ice and who have made a lasting impact on the GGHA community.

2.0 Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for consideration, a nominee must meet the following requirements:

2.1 Core Qualities

The nominee should consistently demonstrate:

- Sportsmanship – Respect for teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents.
- Commitment – Dedication to team and Association, consistently giving their best effort.
- Leadership – Positive influence on team culture and acting as a role model.
- Community Spirit – Representing GGHA values with pride both on and off the ice.

2.2 Commitment and Longevity

- A history of 5–7 years of active participation in GGHA is considered a strong indicator of dedication and may significantly strengthen a nomination. However, longevity is not required if a nominee’s impact and alignment with GGHA values are clearly demonstrated through other means.

2.3 Nomination Requirement

- A nominee must be put forward by a coach, team official, teammate, or community member using the official online nomination form.
- Nominations must be submitted by the published deadline in order to be considered.

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2.4 Who Can Be Nominated

The “Gryphon for Life” coin may be awarded to:

- Players – Active GGHA players.
- Coaches – Individuals who have served as a head or assistant coach.
- Officials – On-ice officials or team officials who have made a lasting impact within GGHA.
- Contributors – Volunteers, organizers, or community members whose efforts have significantly supported GGHA.

3.0 Selection Process

- Nominations will be available through the GGHA website. Deadline to receive nominations is Feb 15th, for the inaugural year of 2026 – this deadline will be March 9th, 2026.
 - [GGHA “Gryphon for Life” Coin Nomination Form \(Guelph Girls Hockey Association\)](#)
- The GGHA Board of Directors will review all prior and current nominations as part of the selection process.
- Decisions will be based on the strength of the nomination(s) and the extent to which the nominee reflects the core qualities and commitment outlined in Section 2.
- The decision of the Board is final.

4.0 Award Presentation

- The “Gryphon for Life” coins will be awarded annually.
- The GGHA Board of Directors will determine the time, place, and format of the award presentation each year (e.g., recognition event, tournament, or other special occasion).
- Recipients will be formally acknowledged as lifelong members of the Gryphon family.

5.0 Annual Allocation

- A limited amount of “Gryphon for Life” coins will be awarded each year, based on the discretion of the board.
- The Board of Directors will determine the distribution of coins across categories (players, coaches, officials, contributors) based on the quality and number of nominations received.
 - Unsuccessful nominations will be kept on file for future considerations.