



"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."

We would like to announce our coaches for the Guelph Girls Hockey Jr. Gryphon Program 2016-2017:

Novice B: Randy Meredith

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Randy is a father of 3 GGHA girls, playing PeeWee, Atom and Novice rep in 2016-17. He has been active on and off the ice with the Guelph Girls Rep program for the last three seasons and returns this year for his second season as Head Coach of the Novice Jr. Gryphons. His Novice coaching philosophy revolves around skill development, positive reinforcement and fostering a love for the game. He respects the uniqueness in all families and individuals, and works hard to maintain a positive and supportive environment in which the girls can thrive. He looks forward to continuing his coaching journey, paying back to the game he loves.

Atom A: Jason Lawler

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Atom B: Ashleigh Tucker

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Ashleigh recently moved to Guelph from Cambridge. She has been playing hockey for the last 17 years. She has played in various divisions – from house league up to AA. She currently plays in two women's hockey leagues for Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph. Ashleigh is also a registered OWHHA Referee. She began timekeeping, on-ice assisting and coaching over 11 years ago. She has assisted with both boy's and girl's hockey teams. A couple teams include: Minor & Major Peewee Minor A, and Bantam Girl's AA. Her Atom coaching philosophy revolves around skill development, having fun and working as a team to achieve goals. She believes in creating a fun and safe environment while developing each player's skills and abilities. She hopes to instill the same passion and love for the game that her coaches gave her.

Peewee A: Dave Lylyk[Email Dave](#)

This year coaching the Peewee A team will be my 9th season coaching and 7th straight as a head coach between AAA boys hockey and girls A teams.

Along with a great staff I enjoyed tremendous success developing the 2001 boys AAA team from last place in Minor Atom over four seasons to a top team in the province.

During Major Peewee we qualified for the 2014 Ontario Winter Games with the top eight teams in the province coming home with the bronze medal. This so far was my biggest highlight behind the bench.

I love coaching as much as I enjoyed being a player during my playing career.

I teach the same values I was taught growing up and from some great coaches in junior and at the minor pro level. Hard work, discipline, team first and most of all have fun!

I am very excited for the upcoming season with Guelph's Peewee A team and look forward to having a successful year and representing the City Of Guelph.

Peewee B: Trevor Elmslie[Email Trevor](#)

Trevor is a long-time resident of Guelph and the father of 2 daughters playing in the GGHA in Atom and PeeWee. He has coached with the Fundamentals and AtoMc programs for several years, coached the Preston High School Girls Varsity team for many seasons, and spent the last two seasons coaching the Atom B Guelph Gryphons. The two things of primary importance for girls on his teams are that they put 100% effort every time they strap on their skates to improve their skills and abilities, and that they show good sportsmanship, teamwork, and are role models both on and off the ice. He is very much looking forward to working with all the families throughout the season. Go Gryphons Go!

Bantam A: Mike Johnston[Email Mike](#)

Mike is excited and looking forward to the upcoming season. He has been a coach in both girls and boys Rep Hockey for 24 years. This experience and other educational opportunities have provided Mike with many ideas on how to develop and grow this year's 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.

Bantam BB: TBD

Midget AA: Darcy Breakey[Email Darcy](#)

As the new head coach of the Midget AA 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 from 2012 - 2016 as both assistant and head coach at the Bantam and Midget age groups. Darcy is currently the head coach of the Guelph Jr. Gryphons Midget A team. She has successfully lead this team to a LLFHL Central West division championship, a tournament gold and a tournament silver.

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.

Darcy can be reached via email or cell phone - 905-580-5514

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