

Guelph Girls Hockey Association

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GGHA IMPORT POLICY

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

It is recognized that import players and their families can provide significant contributions both on and off the ice and that players residing in certain areas may have limited opportunities to play competitive hockey in their home centre. However, the GGHA strives to maximize competitive and development opportunities from girls within the Association. Therefore, restrictions are in place on the numbers of imports that are allowed on different teams. This is designed to strike a balance between competitiveness, providing opportunities to local players and players from other associations, and to maximize development of both individual players and the overall GGHA program. Import definition:

- 1) The following players are not considered imports:
 - a. Players that live within the boundaries of a City of Guelph public high school
 - i. <u>Centennial</u>
 - ii. John F Ross English, French
 - iii. GCVI
 - b. Players who have not previously been registered with another OWHA association.
 - c. Players who were on the roster of a GGHA team the preceding year.
- 2) Proof of address must be provided for all new players and any other players at the request of the GGHA Registrar.
- 3) Initial import numbers for each team will be determined by the GGHA Board annually by Jan 15, in consultation with team coaches. The Board may assign a team a total number of imports or specify individual numbers for skaters and goalies.

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