

Hello,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 GGHA Local League season. We are thrilled to have your players registered for what will no doubt be a memorable season.

Below you will find details regarding the GGHA programming for U9 and U11 as well as info on pre-season skill series that will commence the weekend of Sept 15, 2023. For those of you who are new to the league, the pre season skills series are meant to be a fun time on ice for the players and for the coaches to better understand the skill level of the player to ensure balance on the teams. We encourage all registrants to participate and attend as many sessions as possible. Kindly advise if you are unable to make a pre season skill session. The dates, times and location are on the GGHA webpage, links to age specific calendars appear below. In order to participate in these sessions your player must be registered for the 2023-24 session. These sessions are included in the registration fee.

### U9 Programming

Players registered for U9 will follow unique programming aimed at introducing the girls to the game. The GGHA U9 program is aligned with the OWHA's "[U9 Canadian Player Pathway](#)" ensuring the players have dedicated development time before playing games. The U9 Canadian Player Pathway stipulates 4 sessions and the GGHA are offering 6 skill sessions for REGISTERED U9 players to allow for flexibility.

**You can find the U9 pre season schedule on the GGHA website by following this link to the calendar: <https://ggha.com/Teams/2507/Calendar/?Month=9&Year=2023>**

The start of the season takes into account the school year and games are not scheduled until the beginning of November. Half-ice game play will be in effect while development is taking place until mid January.

More details regarding the season structure for U9 will be forthcoming and you can find additional details on the GGHA webpage, link appears below:

[https://ggha.com/Pages/10819/U9\\_Program/](https://ggha.com/Pages/10819/U9_Program/)

If there is a desire to play U9 Rep you must be a registered player with GGHA as well as **complete the [GGHA tryout form](#)**. Players are required to **attend the first 4 skills session** per the calendar noted above. If the player is not successful with the rep, they will be automatically placed on a local league U9 team.

Link to U9B Rep team Tryout form: [https://ggha.com/Forms/9600/2023\\_U9\\_B\\_Tryouts/](https://ggha.com/Forms/9600/2023_U9_B_Tryouts/)

**U11 programming** is similar to that of U9 with dedicated development time however the players will be starting out on full-ice games. Pre season skills schedule can be found on the GGHA website or by using this link:

<https://ggha.com/Teams/2514/Calendar/?Month=9&Year=2023>

Additional information regarding U11 programming and structure can be found on the GGHA and OWHA sites, links below.

[https://ggha.com/Pages/10820/U11\\_Program/](https://ggha.com/Pages/10820/U11_Program/)

<https://www.owha.on.ca/content/u11-program>

Once the pre season skills have been completed, the teams will be formed closer to the end of September/early October with game play commencing shortly after Thanksgiving.

Note to parents: We are short coaches for U11. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer. Also note that OWHA requires certification that GGHA can facilitate if you wish to pursue and provides 50% reimbursement for coaches and 75% reimbursement for trainers. Please see the OWHA's Coaches page for coaching requirements:

<https://www.owha.on.ca/content/coaches>

**\*\*Current U9 and U11 Pre season skill sessions are noted below. You are encouraged to use the links above to ensure that you are accessing the most current information.**

Age	Session	Date	Time	Venue
U9	#1	15-Sep-23	6pm	Exhibition
U11	#1	15-Sep-23	7pm	Exhibition
U9	#2	16-Sep-23	12pm	Exhibition
U11	#2	16-Sep-23	1pm	Exhibition
U9	#3	22-Sep-23	6pm	Exhibition
U11	#3	22-Sep-23	7pm	Exhibition
U9	#4	23-Sep-23	12pm	Exhibition
U11	#4	23-Sep-23	1pm	Exhibition
U9	#5	29-Sep-23	5pm	Exhibition
U9	#6	30-Sep-23	12pm	Exhibition

Thank you,

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