

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2017

Rogers Hometown Hockey is just around the corner!

In just a few short weeks, Rogers Hometown Hockey will host their broadcast from our very own Market Square in downtown Guelph. Stay tuned for exciting details on the many free events that will be taking place during the weekend of April 1st and 2nd. Event details will be available through the [Hometown Hockey site](#). GGHA specific events will be posted at [ggha.com](#).



A number of our GGHA teams have submitted entries to the 'Cheer Like Never Before' contest for the chance to be able to participate in the broadcast—or to win the grand prize of an Ultimate Fan Experience. Be sure to vote for your favourite cheers—you can vote once per day: <http://www.hometownhockey.com/contest/>

You could win a jersey signed by each of the current NHL refs!

This one of a kind jersey was donated to the GGHA by Gord McLeod Plumbing and will soon be open for bidding on Ebay as a fundraiser for the Association. Sincere thanks to Gord McLeod Plumbing for their generous support of the GGHA! Stay tuned to [ggha.com](#) for auction details and updates!



Wear your Gryphon Jersey to School—Thursday March 30th!

Calling all Gryphons! To get everyone in the spirit for the Rogers Hometown Hockey broadcast, our Gryphon players are encouraged to wear their jersey to school on Thursday March 30th. Share your Gryphon spirit with your school and your classmates before what is sure to be a very exciting hockey weekend in the city of Guelph!

"The First Shift" Winter Session comes to an end

The Winter Session of "The First Shift" wrapped up on Wednesday March 8th. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who helped run the program each week. Special thanks to Nikki Rider-Meredith for her outstanding efforts coordinating both the Fall and Winter sessions. We hope the participants all enjoyed the experience and we hope to see you out on the ice again soon!



House League News

House League Coaching Applications

The GGHA is currently accepting coaching applications for the 2017-2018 House League Season.

Interested applicants are asked to complete the [online team application form](#) at their earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please email our House Director at House@ggha.com.

Championship Day Weekend

Good luck to all the players and teams participating in our House League Championship Weekend on April 1st and 2nd. The schedule can be found [here](#).

Try-a-Tryout—April 5th

If you are interested in trying out for one of next year's Rep teams, consider attending our Try-a-Tryout event on Wednesday April 5th from 5:30-6:30 pm at the University of Guelph.

This event is ideal for players who are considering trying out for a 2017-2018 Rep team and who have never attended an official tryout. [Online registration](#) is required.

The players will participate in a series of drills and activities that will simulate the tryout experience. The event has been very popular in past years—participants enjoy being able to get a sense of how the tryouts will run before the official tryouts begin.

2017-18 House League Registration

Mark your calendars—registration for 2017-2018 House League teams opens online on April 1st at ggha.com!

Local League Teams—Playoff Bound!

Congratulations to the Local League teams who have qualified for Semi-Finals:

Novice Yellow – Coached by Josh Richardson, Novice Yellow had a very good 2nd half of the season and finished 3rd in the C Pool. They will take on the 2nd place Grand River Mustangs in the semi-finals.

Peewee Black – Coached by Dave Marshall, PeeWee Black pulled out a dramatic 3-2 win in the final game of the season to clinch the final playoff spot in the A Pool. It should be a great semi-final game between Guelph and the 1st place Twin Centre team, a team that the Black team tied 1-1 in their final meeting in the regular season.

Peewee Red – Coached by Bill Green, the Peewee Red team showed tremendous improvement in the 2nd half of the season and finished with 6 wins, 2 losses and 2 ties. They ended the season in 2nd place in the C Pool and will host 3rd place Waterloo in their semi-final game.

Good luck to all of our playoff-bound Local League teams!!

PeeWee DS team wins gold in Orangeville!

The Guelph Jr. Gryphons Peewee DS team captured another gold medal with a 2-1 victory in the final game over the Etobicoke Dolphins at the Orangeville Winter Classic DS Tournament held on February 3-5, 2017. The team was undefeated in the tournament with an impressive 30 goals for and 4 goals against. The team won the semi-final in an exciting shootout to advance to the final. It was an amazing team effort with outstanding goaltending by both goaltenders.



Post-season success for our Rep Teams!

Congratulations to the Novice B and Atom A teams for advancing to the final rounds in their respective LLFHL Championship series' and to Intermediate A for reaching the finals! Well done teams—and best of luck in your championship pursuits!

Congratulations are also extended to each of the Rep Teams that will represent the Association at this year's OWHA Provincial Championships:

Novice B
Atom A
PeeWee A
Bantam BB and Bantam B
Midget AA, Midget A and Midget BB and Intermediate A

2017-18 Rep Tryouts begin on April 17th

All players trying out for 2017-2018 Rep Teams will be required to register and pay the necessary fees prior to participating. **Players may be required to provide proof of residency at the tryout.**

It is strongly recommended that players [register online](#) at least one week prior to—and no less than 48 hours before—their first tryout session. The tryout fee with advance online registration is \$65 (payment can be made online by credit/PayPal or in cash at the door). **Players who do not register in advance must complete the form and pay \$80 in cash at the door upon arrival at the first tryout session.** Note : there is NO FEE for attending Novice tryouts.

Please be sure to read the full [Tryout guidelines](#), which include information regarding [Permission to Skate Forms](#), the [GGHA Import Policy](#) and many more important tryout details.

Congratulations to the Midget AA and Intermediate A teams

Congratulations Midget AA and Intermediate A for ending the regular season in 1st place for their respective divisions! Great job Gryphons!

Midget BB Wins Silver in Orillia!

Congratulations to our Midget BB girls! After a slow start our girls rebounded in an exciting fashion with a shootout win. The girls went on to capture silver in the Orillia tournament. Well done Gryphons!



2017-2018 Rep Coaches

The Guelph Girls Hockey Association is pleased to announce the following coach selections for the 2017-2018 season:

Midget AA - Rachael Hanna and Shawn Camp
Midget A - Wayne Byrd
Bantam A - Kevin Lomax
Bantam BB - Mike Johnston
Bantam B - Ralph Neumann and Michael Henley
Peewee A - Brett Smith
Peewee B - Trevor Elmslie
Atom A - Randy Meredith
Novice B - Josh Richardson

Coaches for the Atom B and Intermediate A teams will be determined at a later date.

The GGHA thanks all applicants for their commitment and dedication to the Association. Thanks are also extended to each of the external evaluators who participated on the interview panels. Your time and careful consideration of each application were integral to the selection process.

Board News and Accomplishments

GGHA Day Winners

Congratulations to all of the winners at GGHA Day on Sunday February 19th at the University of Guelph!

Our players proudly displayed their outstanding 'Gryphon spirit' as the Women's Varsity team took on the Nipissing Lancers, with the Gryphons earning a decisive 4-1 victory.



Mission & Vision

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.

If you have comments, suggestions or accomplishments for our upcoming issues, please email: communications@ggha.com

GGHA Annual General Meeting and Elections

The Annual General Meeting of the GGHA will be held in mid-June, at which time elections will be held for a number of positions that will be open on the Board for the 2017-2018 season. Nominations must be received 2 weeks prior to the AGM date (when announced) and the Nomination forms and full AGM details will be posted at ggha.com in the near future.

Two-year positions:

Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary
House League Director
Director Fundraising/Sponsorship
Director Purchasing & Equipment
Tournament Director
Director of Hockey Operations

One-year positions:

Ice Scheduler (to fill vacancy in 2nd year of term)
Member-at-Large (TBC)

For information about any of these positions please refer to the [GGHA By-Laws](#) or contact any current Board Member (contact information is available at ggha.com).

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