

Welcome to Pond Hockey

Welcome to the 2025- 2026 Gleichen and District Pond Hockey Program! We are sure the kids, coaches and parents will have a great year learning and having fun. Our Executive Board and Coaches are all volunteers that are passionate about providing a happy, safe, learning environment. All our coaches have the appropriate RCMP clearance and have completed the Respect in Sport certification.

Program Philosophy

The primary purpose of the Gleichen Minor Hockey Association also known as Gleichen Pond Hockey (GPH) is to contribute to the development of our youth through the game of hockey. GPH is committed to providing our young people the opportunity to have fun on the ice while learning the basic skills of ice skating and how to play the game of hockey. Our program is available to all interested youth regardless of socio/economic background.

As a team sport, hockey affirms the importance of commitment, self-discipline, and sportsmanship among participants. It is the rare child who grows up to become an NHL All Star. Our commitment is to assure that all young people who participate will develop skills and values which will have lifelong benefit to themselves and to society.

Specific benefits participants of youth hockey receive include:

- Development of the skills necessary to play ice hockey
- Knowledge of the rules and strategies of the game
- Knowledge of conditioning techniques that affect short and long-term health and performance
- Enjoyment and recreation
- Commitment to teamwork
- Good sportsmanship

We place a high priority on effort, recreation and fair play. The focus of our program is on the physical and emotional self-confidence of the player, a cooperative team environment and the highest degree of sportsmanship.

We make a clear distinction between the process of trying to win (which is the goal of the game) and winning itself (the outcome of the game). Too many people confuse the two. It is the process that is important, not the outcome. Competitive hockey (and for that matter recreational hockey or any game) will cease to be fun for kids if the outcome of the game is what enthralls or seduces us.

Please help us ensure that we adhere to this philosophy throughout the year. Always remember:

(Team = Together Everyone Achieves More).