

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2020 - 2021

Please check our website for Hockey 1.01 and Registration page for more information.
Please refer to www.gphockey.com and our Facebook page for all news, updated & upcoming events.

How do I register?

All players can register online, **providing the online Parent Respect in Sport course is current**

REGISTRATION

Before any registration can be accepted, one parent must have completed the PARENT RESPECT IN SPORT online course.

For complete information check our REGISTRATION tab just above the logo on our website.

This is a proactive, educational program that empowers parents with the tools to ensure the game is enjoyable and respectful for themselves, their children and all other stakeholders in the game. If you already have children who have played hockey and you wish to register a new player, you must add this new player to your Parent Respect in Sport profile.

Each player must be enrolled into the EPACT Medical System

To start hockey players must have been born in 2016.

What are the age divisions?

- 2016 born = U7 - Tom Thumbs
 - 2014 - 2015 born = U7 - Initiation
 - 2012 - 2013 born = U9 - Novice
 - 2010 - 2011 born = U11 - Atom
 - 2008 - 2009 born = U13 - PeeWee
 - 2006 - 2007 born = U15 - Bantam
 - 2003 - 2005 born = U18 - Midget
- Positions do not begin until U11 - Atoms, and then only goalies are noted.
only named position is goalie

What levels of hockey are there?

We have male and female teams in all these levels

Intro to Hockey - U7 Tom Thumbs, U7 Initiation and U9 Novice
Recreation hockey from U11 - U18 - Atom - Midgets = No Hit Hockey
Development hockey from U11 - U18 - Atoms - Midgets
Elite teams for U15 - U18 - Bantams - Midgets

What is the difference between Intro to Hockey, Recreation, Development and Elite?

Intro to Hockey

U7 Tom Thumb has one ice time on the weekend mainly on Saturday mornings.
U7 Initiation, and U9 Novice have two ice times on the weekends.
Entry into exhibition games and tournaments must be a parent group decision. Players are not obligated to go.

Recreation

U11 & U13 Atom and PeeWee GP have one practice during the week and two ice times on the weekends.
Weeknight practices will always be the same night of the week, which we will not know until fall team selections are done.
Recreation teams cannot collect team fees or have bank accounts.
All funds must flow through the GPMHA office.
Any fundraising initiatives must be approved by the GPMHA Treasurer.

Development teams will have tryouts and will travel on a regular basis with league and tournament play.

Depending upon the budgets arrived at, there will be an additional registration fee and monthly team fees, as well as fundraising.
There will be two practices during the week, as well as the weekend league or tournament games.
One of the practices may be at 6:30 - 7:15 am.

Elite teams will have tryouts and will travel on a regular basis with league play. League schedules usually do not leave much room for tournys.

There will be two to three practices during the week, plus dryland, plus the weekend league play.
There are considerable costs involved in elite hockey as the teams belong to Provincial leagues.

Development and Elite teams have their own team bank accounts and collect monthly team fees.

Each team must provide a full financial statement to each parent and to the GPMHA Treasurer MONTHLY.
All fundraising initiatives must be approved by the GPMHA Treasurer.

Team picture nights - TBA

GENERAL

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us.

We can be reached through the office at the Coca Cola Centre, by phone 539-6177, fax 539-0398, or e-mail gpmha@gphockey.com

We invite you to browse our website at www.gphockey.com.

Like our Facebook page = Grande Prairie Minor Hockey and follow us on Twitter!

What is GPAC and PCFAC?

GPAC = Grande Peace Athletic Club

PCFAC = Peace Country Female Athletic Club

These are subsidiary organizations created to oversee our Elite Zone teams.

GPAC runs the U18, U16 Major Midget AAA, Minor Midget AAA, Midget AA, U15 Bantam AAA and Bantam AA Storm male teams.

PCFAC runs the U15 Bantam and U18 Midget Elite Storm female teams.

What are the Grande Prairie Boundaries?

Highway 43 in the north, the Smoky River in the east, the Wapiti River in the south, Range Road 71 in the west.

Why are there boundaries?

Hockey Alberta has mandated that each minor hockey association have their own boundaries.

We can take import (from other assns) players on our elite and AA teams.

Can I still register in Grande Prairie if I do not live in your boundaries?

Yes, if there is no team in your home association and GPMHA is the closest association.

Yes, if you are trying out for an Elite Female or Male AA or AAA team.

When does registration run?

We start on June 2, 2020 and run until July 31, 2020.

We will take registrations for returning players up to July 31, 2020. After that, players will be placed on a wait list.

We will still take registrations right up to one week before evaluation dates, providing we have room.

We are normally open Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

We are located upstairs at the Coca Cola Centre Arena, 6 Knowledge Way, Grande Prairie.

Payment of Fees

Payment can be by cheque, mastercard, visa, debit and cash.

We accept post dated cheques as well as post dated mastercard or visa payments.

For post dated credit card payments, please complete the Promissory Note on our Registration page on the website.

There will be a \$ 45.00 admin fee on all dishonoured payments and the registration will be suspended.

Upon request, receipts can be issued for the base registration, evaluation/tryout and late fees only.

Financial Support

We believe all children should be able to participate in hockey. If you need financial assistance, please talk to Lorna in the office.

All such conversations are confidential and handled discretely. We can help with registration fees and equipment.

You can apply online with Kidsport, Jumpstart and Lace Em Up.

Equipment - What equipment do I need? See Hockey 1.01 on our website**Why are there evaluations for Recreation teams?**

We try to keep the skill level for each team as even as possible.

Why do I have to pay a tryout or an evaluation fee?

To pay for the ice and referees and other expenses involved in evaluations and tryouts.

Why do I have to pay an extra registration fee for a Development or Elite team?

When calculating the registration fees, we have one base fee per division, which is all that the Recreation players pay.

The extra registration fee covers the extra practice ice, socks, league fees, etc. for the Development and Elite teams.

We registered in Recreation, can we switch to Development?

Yes upon paying the difference in the tryout fee, providing the change is made one week before evaluations start.

We registered in Development, can we switch to Elite?

Yes upon paying the difference in the tryout fee and approval from GPAC or PCFAC.

Can we request to be on a certain team?

Special requests are not permitted.

If Exceptional Circumstances/Situations exist, there is a provision for you to formally apply in writing at least 2 weeks prior to first ice time.

Convenience is not considered "Exceptional".

How much ice is included in the base registration fee?

25 hours for U7 Tom Thumbs
20 hours shared ice (40 per player) U7 Initiation
24 hours shared ice (45 per player) U9 Novice
45 hours shared ice (80 per player) U11 Atom Recreation
90 hours U11 Atom Development
45 hours shared ice (80 per player) U13 PeeWee Recreation
90 hours U13 PeeWee AA, Development
65 hours U15 Bantam No Hit
65 hours U15 Bantam C
90 hours U15 Bantam Development
65 hours U18 Midget No Hit
90 hours U18 Midget Development
135 hours all GPAC and PCFAC teams U15, U16, U18

keep in mind that the extra registration fee pays for costs over & above the base fee for the U11 - U18 Development and Elite teams.

What is the cost of the ice?

we pay \$ 141.00 in the City and \$ 143.00 in the County
per hour of ice. We must also pay for a .15 minute flood
at the end of every practice or game.

Do we have to fundraise?

Yes - GPMHA has fundraising projects that all members participate in - regardless of where your child plays.
Each member of each team or division must participate fully in fundraisers. If you do not, you will be expected to pay your share.
There is a Fundraising Fee of \$ 200.00 to each registration. This is paid along with the yearly registration, etc fees.
In the fall, raffle tickets will be available to each player's parents to sell in order to recoup the fundraising fee **if you so desire.**
Once all of the tickets in a book are sold, the parent then turns the ticket stubs in by the appointed date.

What is included in our registration fee?

Advertising, Coach Education, Coaching Mentor Expenses, Computer Costs, Equipment, Ice, Ice Coordinator, Insurance, League Fees, Meeting Rooms, Office staff, Office supplies, Referees, Referee Clinics, Registration for Hockey Alberta/Canada, Rent, Socks for some teams, Memorial Awards, Sponsor Awards, Telephone, Fax, Travel, Xerox

Clothing - Team Apparel

Every 3 years GPMHA requests quotations on all GPMHA or Knight's branded clothing from local suppliers. We award the contract in 3 year terms to the company which the executive feels will best be able to meet our needs, taking into consideration who will be able to provide the best service at the best price along with the vendor's support of the community and our association. We are proud of the GPMHA and Knight's names and want them displayed in the best possible way, treating it as our "brand" and trying to keep how our brand is represented as consistent as possible. We also need to ensure that we are giving proper recognition to our team sponsors which is why only certain options are allowed. Starting 2017 - 2018 Ernie's Sports Experts & ProSport has been awarded the contract for the next 3 seasons. On our website we will provide an updated Apparel Brochure along with information on how to access the online clothing store for items other than the Team Wear.

Refunds

If you register early and your child suffers an injury or illness that prevents them from playing, or if they simply decide they do not want to play, a full refund less the admin fee will be provided if de-registration occurs prior to the evaluations/try-outs.
Only first time players will be granted some exceptions to the following, pending written request to the GPMHA Executive.
On any subsequent refund request, refunds will be given ONLY with a medical certificate or proof of moving from the GPMHA area.
Non-refundable administration fee of \$ 75.00 and a non-refundable Hockey Alberta insurance fee of \$ 45.00 will be kept on each refund request.
No refunds will be issued after December 31.

EVALUATIONS AND TRY OUTS

All players must be registered for Tryouts or Evaluations one full week before the dates of Tryouts or Evaluations

Evaluation and Tryout Process

All players at the U11 Atom level or older must pay a non refundable evaluation fee & indicate whether they want to be evaluated in the Elite (GPAC/PCFAC), Development (AA, A, B, C) or the Recreational (equal teams) Levels.

We have three goals within our Evaluation system:

to have all players compete at their highest level, to offer more opportunities at the Development level and to have parity within all levels.
There will be separate evaluations for each of the Elite, AA, Development, and Recreation divisions.

FROM GPAC/PCFAC TO GPMHA

If a player (local) attends a GPAC/PCFAC Tryout, does not make a GPAC/PCFAC team, they must then pay the GPMHA Evaluation Fee to the GPMHA office prior to entering into the A Evaluations. Only local players would continue on to Development Evaluations A, B, C.

Development - includes U11 - U18 Atom to Midget, male and female

Development evaluations begin once GPAC and PCFAC tryouts are completed.

Paying GPMHA U13 PeeWee AA and/or Development Evaluation Fees would entitle the local player to the lower level evaluations at no charge. Once the evaluations/try outs are **completed** and the player is advised of his/her placement, the only movement allowed will be as follows:

The player cannot move from AA to A and displace an A level player, who would in turn displace a B level player etc.

U11 & U13: The only option would be to move from AA, A, B or C to the equal teams in Recreation.

U15 - U18: to move from A or B to C in to No Hit.

GPMHA will not necessarily have all of the AA, A, B and C divisions, dependent upon registration and the skill level of those being evaluated.

RECREATION - Inc U7 Tom Thumbs, Initiation, U9 Novice, U11 Atom GP, U13 PeeWee GP & No Hit teams U15 & U18 Bantam & Midget

Recreation evaluations will be held one or two weeks after the Development evaluations.

There will be a further two or three week post evaluation period before the Recreational teams are formally set, to allow for movement to ensure the teams are of equal calibre.

U7 and U9 will be fully half ice.

All players in each division will be evaluated together and tiered according to skill on mixed age teams.

Can I help with the team my child is on?

Yes with the proper certification and proper paperwork: team staff application & police information check.

What courses do I need to Coach?

Every member of the team staff must have a Staff application form, Police Information Check, & Respect in Sport Coach.

Team staff are head coach, assistant coaches, trainers, managers.

All head coaches and assistants for players ages 4 - 8, must have the Coach 1 - Intro to Coach certification.

All head coaches and assistants for players ages 9 +, must have the Coach 2 certification.

All head coaches and assistants for players ages 9 +, must have the Checking Skills certification.

All head coaches and assistants for AA levels U13 - U18 PeeWee - Midget must have the Development 1 certification.

All head coaches for AAA must have the High Performance certification.

All assistant coaches for AAA must have the Development 1 certification.

All teams must have two staff certified in the Canadian Hockey Trainer's Program.

No one can be on the ice or bench unless they are certified as above and have proper paperwork in.

How old do you have to be to become a referee?

You must be 13 years old by December 31 of the current year.

When is the referee clinic?

September 19. For more info go to www.hockeyalberta.ca under **Officials**

You will need to register and pay online. There will be an online portion to complete before you go to the clinic.

What arenas do we play at?

Coke Cola Center, Dave Barr, Revolution Place, Clairmont, Grovedale and the Crosslink County Sportsplex are considered home ice.

We request that all facilities and staff be treated with the best of respect.

Fines will be issued for puck marks in any facility anywhere other than on the ice.

24 Hour Respect Rule

All parents, players, relatives and friends must adhere to the 24 Hour Respect Rule by waiting a full 24 hours prior to contacting any Parent Liaison, Coaches, Managers, or Grande Prairie Minor Hockey Representatives regarding any hockey concerns or issues.

Complaints, concerns - Proper Communication

Please follow the following protocol for questions or complaints. If your concern is not satisfied at the lowest level, then proceed to the next.

Under no circumstances is texting team staff while a team activity is going on appropriate.

Parent > Parent Liaison > Coach or Manager > Commissioner > Vice President > President > Executive as a whole

All concerns or complaints must be submitted in writing and must be signed.

Insurance

All players and officials associated with GPMHA are covered by mandatory liability insurance through Hockey Canada.

This IS NOT an accident insurance policy. It is recommended each player and official obtain their own insurance.

For more information on the insurance go to www.hockeyalberta.ca under the Members tab.

Jerseys

Name Bars are not allowed on any GPMHA jersey. Players are NEVER to take their jerseys home.

Each team must have one or two Jersey Directors, who will volunteer to collect the Jerseys from each child after each game, wash them WEEKLY as per the approved instructions, and ensure that they remain together in the sweater bag in good as condition as possible.

All Cs and As must be purchased from ProSport and sewn on by a professional.

Jerseys that are not returned or are returned damaged or abused at the end of the season will be billed out.

Recreation Exhibition Games and Tournaments

All of our Recreation level teams may be invited to play other teams from the surrounding area for the occasional game or for a tournament.

All travel must be approved by the Commissioner for each level. Parents must bear all costs relative to these games.

Volunteers

Other than the office staff, GPMHA is a volunteer run association. We need each and every parent to help in ways they are comfortable with.