

GRANDE PRAIRIE U15 Pond Hockey 2022 - 2023

Pond Hockey Program

Grande Prairie Minor Hockey is offering a U15 specific Pond Hockey Program for the new season. This is in response to U13 second year players from 2021 – 2022 who do not want to enter into U15 regular stream hockey which includes Body Checking and/or travel in the All Peace Hockey League. Perhaps there are 2008 born players who would also like to do this program. We are going to start small and hopefully grow the program to other age divisions.

Once we know our registration numbers, we can then plan out if we need one or two ice sessions per week. As well, we would also need a firm commitment on adults who are willing to run the program.

Debbi Kendall has agreed to be the Commissioner for this new program.

Players can join a team and enjoy the game regardless of their skill set or commitment levels.

Pond Hockey is unstructured

Pond Hockey should be unstructured in the sense that Programs are not arranged based on age, or skill.

Pond Hockey Programs are not registered in organized hockey leagues

Pond Hockey is played in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment. Therefore, Pond Hockey Programs are not eligible to attend minor hockey tournaments or play minor hockey teams.

Pond Hockey is a low-cost option for players

Pond Hockey is registered under Hockey Alberta, allowing all participants to access the Hockey Canada Insurance Program. All other registration fees are determined by each specific Pond Hockey Program.

Pond Hockey allows a relaxed time commitment

Hockey Alberta recommends that Pond Hockey participants aged 12 and over can meet twice a week. *GPMHA is starting our program with once per week for 20 weeks for the 2009 and 2008 born and see how that goes.*

Pond Hockey focuses on skill development and game play

Hockey Alberta recommends that ice times should include drills that focus on basic skill development while also incorporating time for small area games, 3-on-3 games or 4-on-4 games.

Pond Hockey Programs do not travel for games

Pond Hockey Programs are not registered for organized Hockey Leagues; travel for games is not required.

Pond Hockey has no defined boundaries

Pond Hockey is not governed by Association boundaries that state a player has to report to a specific Program. Pond Hockey participants are eligible to register and participate with any Pond Hockey Program in Alberta.

Pond Hockey has a flexible registration date

Pond Hockey does not have a firm registration date. Players are eligible to register and participate at any point of the season.

Pond Hockey participants can play with siblings

Pond Hockey is not governed by age groups. As a result, participants are eligible to play with older or younger siblings with whom they normally would not be able to play. *GPMHA is offering Pond Hockey for 2008 & 2009 birth years for this first year.*

Pond Hockey On-Ice Supervisors have Respect in Sport Qualification

All Pond Hockey On-Ice Supervisors are required to have Respect in Sport Activity Leader Qualification.

Pond Hockey On-Ice Supervisors do not require Coaching Certification

Pond Hockey On-Ice Supervisors are not required to have additional coaching certification. However, Hockey Alberta recommends that Pond Hockey On-Ice Supervisors take any of the eight Instructional Stream Courses offered through Hockey Alberta's Regional Centres. For more information about Instructional Programming, please [click here](#).

Pond Hockey is not governed by Rules and Regulations

Pond Hockey should not be governed by the same Rules and Regulations that govern Minor Hockey. Pond Hockey focuses on providing a fun, safe and **non-competitive** learning environment for all participants regardless of age or skill.

Pond Hockey is not played under Hockey Canada Playing Rules

Pond Hockey does not follow Hockey Canada Playing Rules. Pond Hockey Programs can modify the game in any way that supports skill development in a fun, safe and non-competitive learning environment.

Pond Hockey does not use registered Officials

Pond Hockey does not use qualified Officials to oversee games. Pond Hockey needs to remain a non-competitive alternative for all hockey players.

Pond Hockey does not keep statistics or records