

2025 – 2026

TEAM STAFF REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANDE PRAIRIE MINOR HOCKEY



All must have **Team Staff Application forms submitted through Spordle and Police Information Checks** filed with the office, **prior to** being assigned to a team. In addition, New Development Division Coaches must have a coaching plan sent to the technical director.

For any staff on & off the bench and/or the ice, the following is required.

(Respect in Sport Activity Leader will need to be redone every 4 years.) By doing the course after May 1, you will gain one more year of certification.

Please note that GPMHA/GPAC/PCFAC requirements are more stringent than Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada, due to the nature of our economy with so many of our team staff working shifts or out of town. We feel that all players deserve the best possible experience in GPMHA and thus all assistants are to attain certification same as the Head Coaches – other than High Performance.

Head Coach **U18 AAA Male, U17 AAA Male, U15 AAA Male**: High Performance, Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Hockey Canada Skills – Checking -> previously HU-Online Checking Skills & in person.

Assistant Coaches for same teams: Respect in Sport Activity Leader

Head Coach: all AA - U13, U15, U16, U18 + Female Elite need: **Development 1**, Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Hockey Canada Skills – Checking -> previously HU-Online Checking Skills & in person.

Development 1 & High Performance require a Coach to be «Certified» in order to meet the requirements. Head Coaches will have to be «Trained» in the course by November 15 of the current season and will have to have completed full »Certification» in the program by November 15 of the following season in order to remain eligible (meaning all post tasks & evaluations done).

Certifications required for coaching GPMHA Minor teams:

All Head and Assistant Coaches must be certified as follows:

All Staff U5, U7 and U9: Online: Hockey Canada Coach 1 & pathway for the specific division **In Person:** Hockey Alberta - Coach 1 – Intro to Hockey and Respect in Sport Activity Leader.

All Staff U11, U13, U15 U18: Online: Hockey Canada Coach 2 & pathway for the specific division. **In Person:** Coach 2 – Minor Leagues Clinic, Respect in Sport Activity Leader, **Online:** Hockey Canada Skills – Checking & **In Person:** Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principals of Checking. **(This includes female teams).**

Each team needs:

Safety Person: 1 for every 10 players: **Online:** Hockey Canada Safety Program Level 1 and Respect in Sport Activity Leader

Manager: Respect in Sport Activity Leader

Treasurer: HAS to be experienced in Excel, **must use GPMHA financial package.**

U5 – U18 Recreation teams do not need Treasurers – handled by the office.

Hockey Canada Safety Program – Level 1 -> previously HU-Online Trainer/Safety & Respect in Sport Activity Leader are fully online.

The first part of Coach 1 Intro to Coach, Coach 2 and Hockey Canada Skills – Checking are online.

The last part of Coach Level 1, Coach 2 and Hockey Canada Skills – Checking have classroom and ice components.

Development 1 and High Performance Clinics are in person clinics, which are **not** held in Grande Prairie.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. <https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/coaches/clinic-information/>

Just read everything there and follow the prompts.

You will need to register online for the clinic and pay with a credit card.

For the Coach Levels and Hockey Canada Skills – Checking, you must **complete the online portion BEFORE** you can register for the in-person clinic. After November 15, everyone carded to a team will be reimbursed for the clinics taken, except for the Respect in Sport Activity Leader online course, for which is not reimbursed.