

Season information 2023/24

Bench Staff and Volunteers:

A huge thank you goes out to all of our HGHA volunteers! The season would not be possible without you. We have over 50 bench staff this season, and 11 board members!

As always, only registered/rostered bench staff are permitted on the ice or bench this this season. There will be additional volunteer positions such as time keepers and gamesheet keepers that your team manager will be reaching out about as we get closer to game time!

Respect in Sports

Hockey Canada rules state that one parent from each hockey family must have completed the Respect in Sport for Parents program prior to start of the hockey season. The online program is available by clicking the link below. Once you have completed this course, please go back into your players registration page and sign in to your account. Click on "my family members" on the left side of the page, and then click "edit" under your players name. Here you will find the area to fill in the Respect in Sport certificate number. It is every families responsibility to have this completed and filled in by the time the first game is played. Alternatively you can take a picture of your certificate and upload it into the Respect in sports spot.

https://owhaparent.respectgroupinc.com/koala_final/

If you have already completed the course, you can look the certification number up using the above link, or if you completed it through the OMHA, please use this link:

https://omha.respectgroupinc.com/koala_final/

Cell phones and Dressing Rooms:

Following Hockey Canada and OWHA regulations, absolutely no cell phones or cameras are to be used or visible in any arena change rooms. This rule is applicable to all players, team managers, parents and coaches. One device

may be allowed at the discretion of the team coach or manager to play music, and this will need to be arranged prior to entering the dressing room. Consequences will result in failure to comply with this policy.

There will be 2 dressing room monitors per team, that have completed the applicable background checks, and are registered on RAMP with the HGHA. These monitors will be inside the room or directly outside the room at all times with the door slightly ajar while the rooms are in use.

For age groups U11 and older only registered/rostered females are permitted in the dressing rooms. Rostered coaches are permitted once all players are fully dressed. U7 and U9 parents are able to assist their players in the change rooms.

Health and Safety:

Player medical forms can be found on our website under Sting Families. Please have this filled in and ready to give to your team trainer at your first practice in September. If your player has medical issues that the trainer should know about for Augusts practices, please let us know at the arena before going on the ice. All medical information is kept confidential.

In an effort to keep everyone healthy, please do not participate in games or practices this season if your player is not feeling well, or has symptoms of a contagious illness. Thank- you!

Media Release:

From time to time, photos and videos of teams, players, games and events held in part with the Huntsville Girls Hockey Association will be taken. These media files may be uploaded to the association's webpage, social media pages: Facebook, Instagram as well as used in some print advertising throughout the year. We, as an Association, must have your permission to either grant or not grant the publication of these materials. Please fill in the media release form found on our website and give it to your team manager at the first practice in September.

If you are NOT granting us permission to share your daughters photo, please send us the release form by email to hgha@hotmail.ca ASAP. Thank you!

Schedules:

Our regular weekly practices will begin on September 13th, and our games will start on the weekend of Sept 30th. The SMGHL game schedule should be out mid September, and the games will populate to your Ramp Team App. Once our teams are made and rosters are complete (mid to late September) you will receive an invitation via email to join the team app. There is a master schedule on our website where all games and practices can be found:

<http://huntsvillegha.msa4.rampinteractive.com/mastercalendar>

Communication:

Please make sure that anyone that needs to receive correspondence from us this season, or would like to be included on the Ramp Team app with the game schedules etc, is included on your daughters registration. To add any family members that need to be kept in the loop, please go back into your players registration page and sign in to your account. Click on "my family members" on the left side of the page and then edit under your players name. Here you can add any additional email addresses.

Equipment:

There is a lot of information about proper sizing and the equipment needed for the season on our website under Sting Families. Please make sure that your helmets are CSA approved and not expired, and that your player has a water bottle and correctly sized gear for the season.

The HGHA is always looking for used gear that we can lend to families, if you have any gear that you would like to donate, please reach out! Thanks in advance!

Jerseys:

Each Sting player will receive a jersey for the season with a name bar. These name bars are free for the first year your player is with us. If you lose your name bar between seasons, a \$10 replacement fee will be charged.

Please reach out to your team manager if you need a new name bar this season.

As always, please reach out to us at hgha@hotmail.ca at any time with any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to an excellent season and connecting with everyone at the rinks soon!

GO STING!

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