

## **Chris Whalen U15 C - 2024-2025**

My name is Chris Whalen, and I am very happy and honoured to have been selected as the U15 C Coach for this upcoming 2024/25 season. I have been involved with KGHA since 2017 in various roles including the U13 DS Coach last season and the U15 DS Coach this season. I am excited to be entrusted with this role and look forward to the journey ahead.

### **Philosophy**

I believe in creating a fun, safe, and positive environment where everyone feels valued, and everyone can bring their best. I expect players, parents, and staff to contribute to this.

My goal is to develop players so that they can reach their potential both on and off the ice. Individually, we'll work on improving both technical and tactical skills. As a team, we'll work on improving team tactics, team systems and strategies. Hockey Canada's framework for development is used as guidance.

Underlining all of this will be an emphasize on teamwork, mutual respect, and the commitment to excellence.

### **Commitment**

To help create and maintain a successful environment of continuous development, continuous improvement both individually and as a team, I ask that players and families contribute.

For players: that they have respectful attitudes both on and off the ice towards teammates, coaches, staff, opponents and officials. They are expected to work hard, challenge themselves, and give their best. They are asked to support the team in good times, in challenging times, and everything in between.

For families: that they encourage their daughter's efforts and support them through any challenges. That they celebrate their achievements, big and small.

The priority is family, school, and then hockey. Expect 4 to 5 on and off ice activities each week.

### **Tournaments**

We will aim to participate in 5 tournaments (likely 2 local and 3 out of town). Should we qualify, Provincials would be a 6<sup>th</sup> tournament.

### **Team Fees**

Team fees are expected to be in the range on \$2,000 - \$2,200. These fees are in addition to the KGHA registration fees. The team budget will be determined at the beginning of the season and discussed at the parent meeting.

### **Tryouts**

The evaluation process is already underway having observed many games and practices at a variety of relevant levels. This will continue during the KGHA scheduled tryout sessions where the team selection is not solely based on skill, but also with a focus on positive attitude, teamplay, and work ethic.

Staff selection will occur once the team has been finalized.

Feel free to contact me ([chris.whalen@outlook.com](mailto:chris.whalen@outlook.com)) if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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