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Message from the
Editor

Hello Aviators-

Our season is approaching fast! We are looking forward to seeing all our players back on the ice!

We ask that in preparation for the upcoming season, please take minute to look at your Sports Engine account. The email address that is listed on there is what we will use for any communications throughout the season. Please update your email address to an account you currently use. Please see our "Adding a Guardian in Sports Engine" page in this newsletter if you would like to add any other parents, grandparents, etc. to your SE account. Thank you!

Please be aware: as we build out our schedules for all of the teams in our program, specific times and dates may be subject to change. If changes are made, we will do our best to notify all those affected in a timely manner. Thanks!

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Game Changer Camp August 19-22



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September 13-15, 2024



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Registration



INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025 SEASON OPENS:

AUGUST 4TH, 2024

2024-2025 registration fees will remain the same as they have for the past 4+ seasons. You will see a change when you register for the season allowing you to "opt in" to raffle participation or "buy out" of participation.

Termites/6U

We *will* participate in the raffle: \$75

We *will not* participate in raffle: \$275

Mites/8U

We *will* participate in the raffle: \$125

We *will not* participate in raffle: \$325

Squirt/10U

We *will* participate in the raffle: \$700

We *will not* participate in the raffle: \$900

Peewee/12U

We *will* participate in the raffle: \$750

We *will not* participate in the raffle: \$950

Bantam/14U, 15U, 19U

We *will* participate in the raffle: \$850

We *will not* participate in the raffle: \$1050

REMINDER: For travel hockey teams only- the fee for registration will increase after **September 5, 2024!** Registration fees increase by \$100 after September 5th.

If you are in need of a scholarship to help reduce your program registration fees, please visit the GFYHA website. The GFYHA Scholarship application can be found under the 'Registration' tab.

NECK GUARD REQUIREMENT FROM USA HOCKEY EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1ST, 2024

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The USA Hockey Congress today approved legislation **requiring the use of neck laceration protection for players in all age classifications, other than adults, in games and practices, as well as for on-ice officials under the age of 18, effective August 1, 2024.** For clarity, the requirement includes players in the youth, girls and junior age classifications.

USA Hockey has long recommended the use of neck laceration protection, as well as cut-resistant socks, sleeves or undergarments. The USA Hockey Board of Directors asked the organization's Safety and Protective Equipment Committee in November 2023 to begin the process of recommending potential rule changes related to neck laceration protection.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERMITES & MITES & 8U



TERMITES

2024/2025 Season Starts: Friday November 1, 2024

Season Ends: Ice Breaker Tournament: February 14 & 15, 2025

Practices: Friday evenings & Sunday early evenings

Games: Saturday Mornings

Specific practice times will follow

MITES

2024/2025 Season Starts: Monday October 28, 2024

Season Ends: Ice Breaker Tournament: February 14 & 15, 2025

Practices: Monday & Thursday evenings (No practice 10/31)

Games: Saturday Mornings

Specific practice times will follow

8U

2024/2025 Season Starts: Tuesday October 29, 2024

(First week will be a Tuesday due to Halloween)

Season Ends: Ice Breaker Tournament: February 14 & 15, 2025

Ice times: Thursday evenings, Saturday mornings, and additional sessions to be added in combination with EGF

Specific practice times will follow

SQUIRTS

Schedule for the first week of the season:

Monday 10/28

Blue Group 4:15 pm @ BLC

Red Group 6:00 pm @ BLC

White Group 4:00 pm @ Rydell

Tuesday 10/29

4:15 pm @ Judd

4:00 pm @ Rydell

7:00 pm @ BLC

Friday 11/01

4:15 pm @ Rydell

4:30 pm @ Judd

5:30 pm @ Rydell

Saturday 11/02-Half Ice Games

Blue Group 8:00 am @ Judd

Red Group 8:15 am @ Rydell

White Group 9:15am @ Judd

****You will be notified of your assigned group****

10U

Monday 10/28 4:15 pm @ Judd

Tuesday 10/29 4:30 pm @ BLC

Friday 11/01 5:15 pm @ Eagles

Tryouts for Squirts/10U takes place over a 4 week period at the beginning of the season. Players are evaluated by independent evaluators during on-ice activities. At the end of the evaluation period, you will be notified of your teams for the 2024/2025 travel season.

TRYOUT DATES 2024-2025

BANTAM & 15U

**OCTOBER
14, 15 & 16**



PEEWEEES & 12U

**OCTOBER
21, 22 & 23**

Below is a schedule of the tryout skating sessions. You will be emailed with your skater's individual schedule.

Bantam & 15U

Monday Oct 14:

6:45-7:45 pm

Rydell

8:00-9:00 pm

Rydell

7:00- 8:00 pm

Judd

8:15-9:15 pm

Judd

Tuesday Oct 15:

6:45-7:45 pm

Rydell

8:00-9:00 pm

Rydell

7:00- 8:00 pm

Judd

8:15-9:15 pm

Judd

Wednesday Oct 16:

4:00-5:00 pm

Rydell

5:15-6:15 pm

Rydell

4:15-5:15 pm

Judd

5:30-6:30 pm

Judd

Pewees & 12U

Monday Oct 21:

6:45-7:45 pm

Rydell

8:00-9:00 pm

Rydell

7:00- 8:00 pm

Judd

8:15-9:15 pm

Judd

Tuesday Oct 22:

6:45-7:45 pm

Rydell

8:00-9:00 pm

Rydell

7:00- 8:00 pm

Judd

8:15-9:15 pm

Judd

Wednesday Oct 23:

4:00-5:00 pm

Rydell

5:15-6:15 pm

Rydell

4:15-5:15 pm

Judd

5:30-6:30 pm

Judd

PRE-TRYOUT SCRIMMAGES

**OCTOBER
1, 3, 8 & 10**

Open to all skaters at the peewee, 12U, bantam, and 15U age levels. Pre-tryout scrimmages are not mandatory. However, players wanting to try-out for Bantam AA or Peewee AA must attend at least one pre-tryout scrimmage. Please check your email for your players assigned team and times.



CONCESSION WORKERS NEEDED

**We are currently taking applications for
concession workers for the upcoming hockey
season . Competitive pay and a fun working
environment! Evening and weekend
availability is a must.**

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.GRANDFORKSYOUTHHOCKEY.COM**



ADDING A GUARDIAN IN SPORTS ENGINE

A common request that we receive is how to add a guardian in Sports Engine. Multiple family members can be added as guardians. Here are some step by step instructions on how to add a guardian to your Sports Engine account.

STEP 1: Sign into Sports Engine. Tap **ACCOUNT**.

STEP 2: Tap on the player profile you wish to manage beneath Household Information

STEP 3: In the lower-left corner, tap **GUARDIAN**

STEP 4: Tap **ADD GUARDIAN**

STEP 5: Enter the email address of the guardian you wish to add

- If you have multiple player profiles with this person as a guardian, tap the toggle switch to make them guardian of these profiles

STEP 6: In the upper right-hand corner, tap **SEND INVITE**

- **NOTE:** The invited guardian will appear in the Guardians tab as pending until their invitation has been accepted. You will receive an email when the guardian has accepted the invite .



SUMMER CHALLENGES

JUNE 1ST-SEPTEMBER 30TH

Players can self-track their progress for the Rollerblading Challenge. Once complete, you can email results to kmoreland@gfyha.com

Players can still sign up for the Shooting Challenge at **HOCKEYSHARE.COM**

Join the GF Aviators 2024 Team



SUMMER CHALLENGES END ON 9/30/24
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PLAYERS WHO
PARTICIPATED!



KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

INTERESTED IN COACHING DURING THE 2024/2025 HOCKEY SEASON?

Visit www.grandforksyouthhockey.com
and under the 'More +' tab click 'Coaches'

**THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING ANYONE INTERESTED IN
COACHING TO FILL OUT THE GFYHA 2024/2025
COACHING APPLICATION (STEP 1). WE NEED
EVERYONE TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION, EVEN IF
YOU HAVE COACHED IN PREVIOUS SEASONS.**

You are also welcome to complete your USA Hockey
registration, background screening, and SafeSport Training
to be ready for the 24/25 season. These requirements **MUST**
be complete before you can begin coaching.



EQUIPMENT COLOR REQUIREMENT INFORMATION



This reminder is intended for clarification regarding the board's decision on the equipment color requirements for the GF Aviators. **Please note: this change will not go into effect until the 2025/2026 season.** It will only apply to all first-year squirt and 10u players during the 2025/2026 season and then continue for all new travel team aged players each successive year after that. All players older than first year squirts will be "grandfathered" in but are still encouraged to comply with the changes if buying any new equipment during their time with GFYHA. The requirements for equipment colors are as follows:

- **HELMETS: NAVY BLUE OR BLACK (NAVY BLUE IS PREFERRED)**
- **GLOVES: NAVY BLUE OR BLACK (NAVY BLUE IS PREFERRED)**
- **HOCKEY PANTS/BREEZERS: NAVY BLUE OR BLACK**

Please let us know if you have any questions!



LOCKER ROOM MONITORS

- It is the policy of USA Hockey that all USA Hockey Member Programs have at least one responsible screened adult present monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room.
 - **All locker room monitors must :**
 - 1) **Register as a volunteer with USA Hockey**
 - 2) **Complete a background check**
 - 3) **Complete SafeSport Training**
- Youth players are particularly vulnerable in locker rooms, changing areas and restrooms due to various stages of dress/undress and because they are often less supervised than at other times. Athlete-to-athlete problems, such as sexual abuse, bullying, harassment or hazing, often occur when a coach or other responsible adult is not in a position to observe – this is especially true in locker rooms. Adherence to a locker room policy enhances privacy and reduces the likelihood of misconduct. Proper supervision of the locker room areas also helps ensure that players that may have suffered an injury during a game or practice have an adult present to confer with regarding such injury.
- Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, which includes voice recording, still cameras, and video cameras, increase the risk for some forms of abuse or misconduct. As a result, **the use of a mobile device's recording capabilities in the locker rooms is not permitted at any USA Hockey sanctioned event**, provided that it may be acceptable to take photographs or recordings in a locker room in such unique circumstances as a victory celebration, team party, etc., where all persons in the locker room are appropriately dressed and have been advised that photographs or recordings are being taken.



GIRLS FALL SKATING & SKILLS

Group 1

Learn to Play Hockey-Ages 5-9
6U & 8U

October 6, 13, 20, 27

2:45-3:30 pm ICON Arena (Rydell)

Cost: \$20 (Includes a t-shirt)

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**BODY EQUIPMENT WILL BE
PROVIDED FOR NEW PLAYERS
PLAYERS NEED TO BRING
SKATES, STICKS & HELMETS**

Group 2

10U & 12U

October 6, 13, 20

3:30-4:15 pm ICON Arena
(Rydell)

Cost: \$40

**FOCUS WILL BE ON SKILLS AND
SMALL AREA GAMES TO
PREPARE FOR
TRYOUTS/SEASON**



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