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GFYHA
NEWSLETTER



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Hello Aviators-

We hope that you are all enjoying your summer!

We wanted to touch base with some important association news and dates for the upcoming 2025/2026 season. First, tryout dates for the 2025/2026 can be found on the next page. You will notice a change from previous seasons in that bantam and peewee tryouts will be held on a weekend this year. We are also making some changes to our process for squirt tryouts this season. Squirts will continue with a half ice/full ice model but will be moving back to a closed tryout process with team placements decided sooner.

A few of our bantam teams (BAA & BA) are registered for tournaments in Canada this season. If you have been thinking/planning on getting your passport or passport card, now may be a good time to do so.

We are excited to announce that GFYHA has been awarded a \$5000 grant from the Buffalo Wild Wings Foundation! We want to thank Buffalo Wild Wings for their continued support of youth hockey in our community!

We encourage all players to participate in the summer Shooting & Rollerblading Challenge! This free challenge is open to all age levels. It's a great way to stay active in the off season and earn some great prizes! Please see the Summer Challenge page on how to participate.



2025/2026 TRYOUT DATES



BANTAMS/PEEWEEES

PEEWEEES-OCTOBER 9, 10, & 11

BANTAMS-OCTOBER 10, 11, & 12

12U/15U

OCTOBER 13, 14 & 16

SQUIRTS/10U

OCTOBER 27, 28 & 30

SEAN GERSZEWSKI MEMORIAL AWARD

THE SEAN L. GERSZEWSKI AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2023 TO HONOR THE MEMORY AND LIFE OF SEAN L. GERSZEWSKI. THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES INDIVIDUALS WHO EXEMPLIFY THE CHARACTERISTICS DEMONSTRATED AND OUTLINED BY SEAN. SEAN IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS ABILITY TO INSPIRE AND IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND HIM. HE DID THIS THROUGH RESILIENCY, LEADERSHIP, DETERMINATION AND STRENGTH. SEAN HAD A UNIQUE ABILITY TO CONNECT WITH AND BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. RECIPIENTS OF AWARD HAVE SHOWN MANY OF THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS.

ATTITUDE

- POSITIVE ATTITUDE, ESPECIALLY IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.
- PERSON WHO SHOWS GREAT PERSEVERANCE AND GRIT AT ALL TIMES, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO GETS UP WHEN KNOCKED DOWN, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO NEVER GIVES UP.
- ABILITY TO BE SERIOUS WHEN NECESSARY. BRINGS A SENSE OF HUMOR AND IS FUN TO BE AROUND. SOMEONE WHO CREATES A FUN ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL TEAM MEMBERS.

LEADERSHIP

- GIVES BACK AND ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE THE LIFE OF OTHERS THROUGH SERVICE.
- STRONG WORK ETHIC, A PLAYER WHO WORKS HARD IN EVERY PRACTICE AND EVERY GAME.
- A COMMITTED TEAMMATE THAT LEADS BY EXAMPLE, WHO PUTS TEAMMATES AND FRIENDS ABOVE THEMSELVES.
- A GOOD STUDENT WHO WORKS HARD AT SCHOOL AS WELL.

RELATIONSHIPS

- A GREAT TEAMMATE WHO IS INCLUSIVE, MAKING EVERYONE FEEL LIKE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE TEAM.
- A GOOD FRIEND TO TEAMMATES AND ONE WHO MAINTAINS A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILY.
- KIND, A PERSON WHO IS NICE TO OTHERS AND IS GIFTED AT BUILDING OTHERS UP.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024/2025

SEAN GERSZEWSKI

AWARD NOMINEES

BANTAM AA: BODEE BURRIS

15UA: NORA LORD

BANTAM A RED: REID NELSON

BANTAM A BLUE: BROCK PHILPOT

BANTAM B1: CALEB KAUFMAN

BANTMA B RED: BYRTON KUENZEL

BANTAM B BLUE: CHARLIE STOFFEL

PEEWEE AA: HUDSON BOCK

12UA: CALEE CORBIN

PEEWEE A RED: JACE HJELMEN

PEEWEE A BLUE: CARTER JACOBSON

PEEWEE B1 RED: DOMINIC NORBY

PEEWEE B1 BLUE: DREW HARRISON

12UB: VEDA SIMMERS

PEEWEE B RED: KARSON BYZEWSKI

PEEWEE B BLUE: OWEN ZAK

ATTITUDE • LEADERSHIP • RELATIONSHIPS

2025 GFYHA Shooting and Rollerblade Challenge



The GFYHA Shooting Challenge is open to all current GFYHA players and will run from June 2 through September 26. Players will receive a prize for finishing their shots & miles of rollerblading/running.

For more information and to get signed up:

- Termite/6U- 2500 shots - 50 miles
- Mite/8U- 5000 shots- 75 miles
- Squirt/10U, Peewee/12U, Bantam/15U- 10,000 shots - 100 miles



Players must be registered to qualify for the prize



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2025/2026 State Tournament Dates

*Tournament locations will be announced at a later date

BANTAM AA & BANTAM A: FEBRUARY 27- MARCH 1, 2026

BANTAM B1: FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2026

PEEWEE AA & PEEWEE A: MARCH 6-8, 2026

PEEWEE B1: MARCH 6-8, 2026

PEEWEE B GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE: MARCH 6-8, 2026

BANTAM B GOLD & SILVER: MARCH 13-15, 2026

GIRLS 12U/14U: MARCH 13-15, 2026

GIRLS 15U: MARCH 13-15, 2026





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**GIRLS 8U & 10U
SUMMER 2025**

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(JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24)



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2025
Summer Skills Camp

JUNE 9 - JULY 31

Power Skating - Skills - Small Area Games

8 week camp (14 Skates)

ICON Sports Center

- Monday/Wednesday - Bantams/HS 9:45-10:45am
- Tuesday/Thursday - Peewees/15u 8:30-9:30am
- Squirts 9:45-10:45am

Camp Director: Jason Ulmer
www.gamechangerhockey.org





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HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

Girls 10U/12U Summer Camps

JUNE 26- JULY 24

*Speed and
Scoring Camp*

JULY 31 - AUGUST 21

*Body Positioning and
Competition Camp*

ICON Sports Center

- Thursday evenings
- 4 week camps
- Girls 10U and 12U



Camp Director: Margot Miller

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HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

2025 SUMMER GOALIE CAMP

July 9 - August 6, 2025

ICON Sports Center

On-Ice Instruction & Classroom Video Sessions

- **July 9 (Wed)- 3:45-5:45**
- **July 16 (Wed)- 3:45-5:45**
- **July 23 (Wed)- 3:45-5:45**
- **July 30 (Wed)- 3:45-5:45**
- **August 6 (Wed)- 3:30-5:30**



Camp Coordinators:
Kaylee Baker & Kaleb Johnson

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GAME CHANGER
HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

Girls 6U/8U Summer Camp

JULY 10 - AUGUST 21

*Power Skating, Puck handing skills,
Shooting and Small area games*

ICON Sports Center

- Thursday evenings
- 7 skates
- Girls 6U and Girls 8U



Camp Director: Margot Miller

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GAME CHANGER
HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

Skills Week

Power Skating - Shooting - Positional Awareness

HALF DAY CAMP

AUGUST 4-7

Daily Focus

- **Monday** - Stickhandling
- **Tuesday** - Passing
- **Wednesday** - Shooting
- **Thursday** - Battle/Competition

ICON Sports Arena
Grand Forks



**Daily On Ice Power Skating & Small Area Games,
Off Ice Dryland, Shooting Room Instruction and Video**

Camp Director: Jason Ulmer

For more Information and to register visit: www.gamechangerhockey.org

**Daily Sample
Schedule
(Mon-Thurs)**

- **Peewees/12U**
- **Bantams/15U**

8:30am Arrival
9:00am On Ice
**10:15am Off Ice/
Shooting**
11:30am Video
12:00pm Dismissed

- **Mites/8U**
- **Squirts/10U**

12:30pm Arrival
1:00pm On Ice
**2:15pm Off Ice/
Shooting**
3:30pm Video
4:00pm Dismissed





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