GREEN BAY
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Welcome
TO THE
2026-2027
HOCKEY SEASON
GREEN BAY YOUTH HOCKEY

Topics Covered

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Mission - Vision - GBAYHA

- Mission: Provide a positive experience for every player, at every skill level- to develop a life-long love for the game of hockey.

- Vision: Deliver a high-quality experience. Success is measured by player development and retention from 8U through 14U, not by trophies.

Values - GBAYHA

- **Sportsmanship**: Respect teammates, referees, coaches & opponents equally, to drive a positive GBAYHA reputation

- **Integrity**: Parents role model positive regard for hockey on and off the ice. What is said away from the rink, returns with your player.

- **Fun**! Today is not the day- the NHL Scouts are not here. Everyone at Cornerstone chose to come because they love hockey and to have fun.

Team Info, apps to download pages to follow

- All rosters have been posted online and we are working on getting coaches and managers assigned and linked to their teams!
- **IMPORTANT:** Team Offers will be sent soon for each team. It is critical that you accept the offer ASAP! Crossbar access will be removed until it is accepted.

Download the Crossbar App!
All team communication will come through crossbar or via email.

Google Play: Crossbar Google
App Store: Crossbar Mobile Apple

Information for crossbar can be found on the homepage: Click on Crossbar help for new members.
CROSSBAR HELP | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association

Facebook:
Follow the pages below for updates:

- GBAYHA – Green Bay Area Youth Hockey
- Cornerstone Community Center

Join: Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Buy & Sell (used equipment sales)

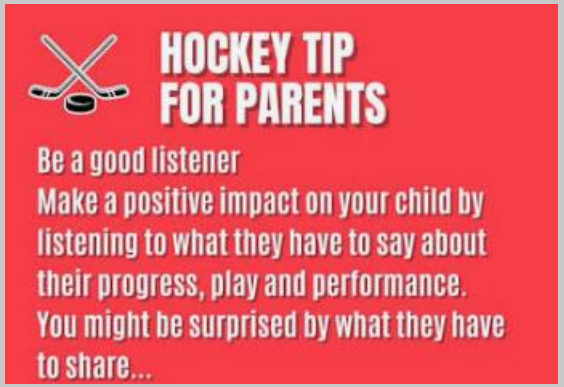
LiveBarn: Watch Games Live at any participating rink. Download the LiveBarn app and use code: **373c-2481 for 10% off!**
LIVEBARN | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association

Coaching

- **New to coaching in the organization?**
- **GBAYHA is a member of IHS (Integrated Hockey Systems)** a supplemental skills development program designed to help players improve skating, puck control, hockey IQ, shooting, and overall confidence through focused, high-quality instruction. IHS complements team practices by providing additional opportunities for players to accelerate their development in a fun and challenging environment.
- You can share drills with others in the organization or pull from what is saved to use for your practices!
- **Interested in signing up or learning more? Contact Joe Gerarden or a member of the coaching committee for registration information.**

Coaching Committee | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association

WAHA Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct



Do not force your children to participate in sports but support their desires to play their chosen sports. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun!

Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.

Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all participants, your child will benefit.

Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.

Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.

Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport.

Communicate with them and support them.

If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey – and volunteer!

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video, are NOT permitted to be used in the locker rooms.

Please review full Locker Room Policy Located here & make sure your player is aware of the policy: Locker Room Policy

Conduct Reporting

Conduct reporting is available for anyone and is confidential.

Located under ABOUT on GBAYHA website.

[Code of Conduct (Conduct) Committee | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association]

THIS is the face of officiating

- Often the official is 1-3 years older than the player.
- Only 43% of all officials have 5+ years experience.
- Without them there are no games.
- Many officiate because they love hockey.

Problems Officials Face

- Verbal abuse
  - “BOO, You cost us the game, Are you blind?”
- Physical Abuse
  - Objects thrown, Pucks shot at them, Grabbing them, Threatening to punch them.”
- Police involvement

These forms of abuse can come from parents, coaches and players at EVERY age level

GBAYHA HAS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR OFFICIAL ABUSE

Equipment/Jersey Info

- **Goalie Equipment Questions or Needs**:
  - Jeremiah Muenchow Goalies | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association
- **Player Jersey Expectations:**
  - Jerseys are being organized and will be distributed to team managers soon to give to players.
  - Players must wear the association issued jersey for games with their assigned jersey number. If you need a temporary GBAYHA owned jersey while yours is ordered a $150 deposit check will be required until your jersey comes in.
  - Questions? Contact Nathan Conoley or Robin Hester Jersey Information | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association

Please report concerns promptly for safe play

Key Organization Contact Info can be found here:

Board of Directors | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association

GBAYHA is run by volunteers & we need everyone’s help to make the season successful!

The following are ways that you will be required to help:

Team Responsibilities

Every family on the team is expected to work home games which includes the following:

- Scoreboard/Clock - manage the scoreboard/clock during your team's games
- Gamesheets/Scorekeeper- Keep track of your team's game in GameSheets

  (There are how to videos under Resources on the website)

  How to use Gamesheets | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association
- Music - Run music during your team's games
- Penalty Box - work your team's penalty box during your team's games Home/Away

You will also be expected to do these tasks during Home Tournaments. Please make yourself familiar with ALL tasks.

All Families: Calendar Raffle

Each Player is Required to Sell:

10u-14u: 15 calendar raffles

8u: 10 calendar raffles

Max of 30 per family

- Each calendar is $10, if you paid the buyout for calendars you should not receive them from your manager.
- Calendars will be distributed by your team manager to the oldest child in the family.
- One name and address per raffle stub-**No stamps or address labels allowed per lottery rules.**
- Once all calendars have been sold, please write a check to GBAYHA for the total amount.

Place completed stubs and check(s) in a sealed envelope with your skater's name(s) (multiple skaters from a family can be in one envelope) and turn in to your team manager no later than **Monday, December 1**.

Volunteer Hours

Required volunteer hours - ***Max 12 required hours/family for regular season. Managers will collect deposit checks to hold to ensure that everyone fills their obligations and they will be shredded once completed. If you paid the buyout a check does not need to be submitted.***

8U - 3 hours per skater

- $300 check made to GBAYHA dated 3/1/2027

10U-14U - 6 hours per skater

- $600 check made to GBAYHA dated 3/1/2027

All Levels Nationals Shifts (no buyout was offered) – In addition to regular season volunteer hours, we need everyone to help with the national tournament Girls Tier 1 (14U,16U,19U) March 30-April 4th 2027.

- $300 check made to GBAYHA dated 4/1/2027
- Shifts will include: Beer Sales, Fan Security, Locker Room Security, Penalty Box, Tournament Concierge, Tournament Prep, Rink Decorating, Gamesheets & Scoreclock, ad sales. More to come on exact needs later in the season.

Check GBAYHA website for Volunteer opportunities throughout the season - Found Under Resources

Volunteer Requirements/Opportunities | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association

Contact Joni Gegare 10U-14U or Abby Gezella 8U with any questions – contact info is on the website

Volunteer Positions

- Coaches - 1 Head and 3 Assistants per team
- Team Manager -1 per team
- Locker Room Supervisor – Up to 2 per team

Need to be in the locker room ½ hour before and after practices/games or until child leaves

*Positions above need to complete SafeSport and a background screen – If you will be filling one of these positions please register ASAP under our Volunteer Registration.

Additional volunteer opportunities:

- Tournament Directors
- Gamblers 50/50 Game
- Volunteer for Try Hockey for free events
- Member on a committee-Tournament Raffle Coordinator, Calendar Raffle Coordinator
- More opportunities will be added to the website throughout the season here:
- Volunteer Requirements/Opportunities | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association

What your fees cover:

- Ice fees-practices and games
- Referee fees
- Equipment costs-replacing nets, jerseys, pucks, etc.
- B9-off ice room for shooting practice. Can be utilized when not reserved by another team(high school, Gamblers, St. Norberts). An adult must be present when players are using B9. Players must wear helmets.
- State registration fees
- Website fees
- Management fees(scheduling ice time, accounting work, insurance)

Important Home Tournament Dates

- December 4-6: Ray Gardner Tundra Tussle Squirt A 10U, Peewee A 12U, Bantam A 14U
- January 29-31 George Heimbuch Tundra Tussle Squirt B 10U, Peewee B 12U, Bantam B 14U
- February 12-14: Maryann Robinson Tournament 10UA B Girls, 12UA B Girls, 14UA B Girls
- February 19-21: Austin Bush Squirt C 10U Tournament & Kasey Kruse Peewee C 12U Tournament

Sign up to become a tournament coordinator and it will cover your in-season volunteer requirements! Contact Joni Gegare if interested!

RaiseRight

- Buy Gift Cards and earn money back!
  - 90% of rebate to your skater and 10% to the organization, some families are able to get a rebate large enough to cover all of their skaters fees!

- More information on GBAYHA website under Resources.
  Fundraising - RaiseRight (Scrip) | Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association

- You will receive a credit in your account when you go to pay for team registration the following year.

- Melissa Phillips can be contacted with questions, her contact info is also on the website for RaiseRight.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!!

- Team Managers will be meeting with the manager coordinator soon and then will be having a team meeting to go over additional information in the next few weeks.

- <u>Game Schedules will be loaded soon!</u>
  - Each team is budgeted the following for home games & should get equal reciprocal games from the teams you host.
    - 10U and Squirts: 15 home games
    - 12U and Peewee: 16 home games
    - 14U and Bantam: 17 homes games

Additional Questions?? Email us at: GBAYHAWEB@GMAIL.COM