



Greenway Amateur Hockey Association
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Dear GAHA Families,

Welcome to the 2017-18 season of GAHA hockey. We are looking forward to another successful season and thank you in advance for your support of GAHA! Please read this entire letter and attached information carefully as it explains important details regarding registration for the 2017-18 hockey season.

Registration will again be completed online and online registration is required. The only form that cannot be electronically submitted is the USA Hockey Consent to Treat form. All other forms will be submitted through online registration.

NEW Required Fundraising, DIBS & \$100 Concession Fee

By requiring families to complete DIBS sessions and raise funds throughout the year, we as an Association, provide our players with the support they need. It also enables GAHA to keep players registration fees reasonable. A variety of fundraising opportunities have been put together to help GAHA families meet their required amounts through each year.

Each family is now required to pay a \$100 concession fee, which can be refunded after the family completes 10 concession DIBS sessions. Partial refunds will not be given, 10 concession DIBS session must be completed in order to earn the concession fee refund.

More information can be found in the fundraising packet.

MANDATORY Association Meeting

New this year is a mandatory association meeting. More details to be announced later!

Here's to another amazing season for our GAHA players and families!

Sincerely,
Traci Gangl
GAHA Registrar
218-256-1100
registrar@gahamn.org



Registration Checklist

Below is a checklist to assist you in completing your registration to play hockey with GAHA. Many questions you may have can be answered by reading through this handout prior to completing your application.

- ❑ Register with USA Hockey to receive a Registration Number (USA Hockey registration can be accessed through GAHA's online registration)
 - As part of the [USA Hockey online registration](#) process, players over the age of 6 years will be required to pay a \$50 registration fee. (\$40 is the fee to register with USA Hockey. \$10 is the affiliate fee to register with Minnesota Hockey. GAHA receives no proceeds from this fee.)
 - Keep your USA Hockey Registration Confirmation Number as it will be needed for your GAHA registration. You do not have to print a copy of the confirmation or submit it to GAHA.
- ❑ Log into your account on the GAHA website or create an account.
 - Click [here for instructions](#) on how to create and manage your SportsEngine account
 - Complete the GAHA online registration form
 - If you just registered with USA Hockey, you may need to wait up to five minutes for the USA Hockey Confirmation Number for your player to appear in the database before completing the GAHA registration.
- ❑ FOR NEW PLAYERS ONLY: Submit a copy of the player's birth certificate at registration, drop it into the GAHA dropbox at the arena or email a copy to registrar@gahamn.org (be sure to type the email correctly)
 - This is required for all first year players with GAHA.
 - In accordance with USA Hockey regulations, GAHA will be submitting our player's birth certificates to USA Hockey. Once USA Hockey has verified the birth certificate, the provided copy will be destroyed. USA Hockey will mark the player as having a "verified" birth certificate on their roster, eliminating the need for GAHA or its team managers to keep this on hand at every game.
 - If you don't have a copy of the player's birth certificate, you must go to the County Recorder's Office.
 - Application for Birth Record (complete before going to the county office to speed up the process)
<https://www.co.itasca.mn.us/Home/Departments/Recorders/Documents/birth%20app.pdf>
 - At this time, the cost for a certified birth certificate in Itasca County is \$26.
 - *As long as you continue to register your player under the exact same name, the birth certificate verification will remain with the player throughout their association with USA Hockey. If you register*

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one year as Sam Jones and the next as Samuel Jones, USA Hockey will not recognize that as the same player and will request a birth certificate.

- If USA Hockey says they don't have a birth certificate on file, **your player WILL NOT play**. Our association has experienced this in the past and it is not a pleasant experience for the player or their family!
- ❑ Complete the Consent to Treat form online and a copy will be emailed to the registrar and a copy to you.
- ❑ Required forms can also be emailed to the Registrar at registrar@gahamn.org
- ❑ Submit payment of fees online, at registration or into the GAHA dropbox at the arena
- ❑ [Optional] Attend a registration session at the arena to turn in the Consent to Treat and/or birth certificate and make offline payment of fees.

Registration

Refer to the Registration Checklist for specifics. Please contact Traci Gangl, GAHA's Registrar with questions or for more information. You can reach Traci at registrar@gahamn.org or 218-256-1100. Calls will likely be returned after business hours.

Registration at Hodgins-Berardo Arena

Attending a registration session at the arena is optional; however, payment for fees must be fulfilled (or a payment plan entered into), the Consent to Treat form must be submitted to GAHA and a birth certificate must be submitted (for new players and those that USAH requests birth certificates for).

Dates to be determined.

You are STRONGLY encouraged to complete the registration online at a location other than the arena on registration nights. We will have one or two computers available to use for on-site registration sessions. This leads to long lines, and waits, for those attempting to complete their online registrations at the arena. Last year there were waits of up to 90 minutes. The only form that will need to be turned in is the USA Hockey Consent to Treat form, all other forms will be collected electronically via the online registration process.

Registration Fees for 2017-18

Your registration payment includes: ice time for the teams, coach certifications, tournament fees, referee fees, jerseys, printing, home tournament costs, awards, etc.

6U/Mini-Mite	\$80 (discount for first year players, Code: 17freeu6)
8U/Mite	\$100 (discount for first year players, Code: 17freeu8)
10U/Squirt	\$170
12U/Peewee	\$190

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14U/Bantam \$210

First Year Mini-Mite/Mite Discount: GAHA waives the registration fee for first year mini-mite and mite players (those players who are playing their first year of hockey).

Please use the discount code (see above) to receive the payment waiver during online registration. For the discount code to work correctly, you may need to register that player separately from any other players you are registering (all the way through review and receipt).

Players with outstanding fee balances, fundraising requirements or volunteer requirements, from previous years, will not be allowed to participate in on-ice or off-ice activities until these items are made current.

USA Hockey Age Division

- 6U/Mini-Mite (Born July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013)
- 8U/Mite (Born July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010)
- 10U/Squirt (Born July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008)
- 12U/Peewee (Born July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006)
- 14U/Bantam (Born July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2004)

Refund Policy

- There will be no refunds due to injury or relocation.
- There will be no adjustments or refunds due to a player quitting.
- No transfer of fees from one family to another.

Fundraising and Volunteer Hours

- Get a Fundraising packet on the website. Contact Kelly Groshong, Fundraising Director, at 218-256-2888 or fundraising@gahamn.org with questions or for more information. ***WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD LINK TO THE PACKET HERE***

Equipment

A limited amount of equipment is available. Contact Herschel Wells, Vice President, at 218-256-9415 or vp@gahamn.org or more information.

Official GAHA Communications

There are four official communications channels that GAHA shares information:

1. Our website (www.gahamn.org),
2. email,
3. GAHA's Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greenway-Amateur-Hockey-Association/658031770946428>),
4. the SportsEngine mobile app for iPhone and Android (this is a free app).

GAHA also has a Twitter account, but that is not considered an official communication channel.

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You are responsible for checking these sources for information. If you don't check these sources and miss an important piece of information, it is not the fault of GAHA volunteers.

Interested in Coaching?

If you are interested in being a coach for GAHA, please contact Pat Guyer at 245-3525. A listing of coaching requirements can be found on the [Coaches/Volunteers page](#) of the GAHA website.

Interesting in helping out?

GAHA needs Team Managers, Locker Room Monitors and other Off-Ice Volunteers

Please see the [Coaches/Volunteers page](#) of the GAHA website for more information and to register as a volunteer with GAHA.