

gvahafamily NEWS

Hello GVAHA Community,

Here at Grand Valley we have been gearing up for the upcoming 2016-2017 hockey season. Travel teams have been formed and house hockey registrations are streaming in. The past three months have not been without excitement and in some instances sadness in the District 6 hockey community.

Kentwood and Muskegon have both decided to close their doors and no longer field teams under their respective associations. With the landscape of youth hockey changing this past spring, Grand Valley worked with another local association to allow players an opportunity to play on higher level teams than either association could offer. This season, Grand Valley entered into a co-op arrangement with Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Associations (GRAHA) to form two travel teams at the Bantam AA level. This co-op arrangement will allow for our travel players to grow on competitive teams. We will continue to look for unique opportunities like this that will serve our players.

Our house program experienced great success last year at all levels and we look to continue making sure that our foundation continues to grow and serve our players to the best of our abilities. House sign ups are going on right now so make sure to get your players signed up. We have a coaches meeting happening this summer and our hope is to stream line our coaching across all levels to make sure

that we are hitting the right training windows for all of players. All of our coaches are fully committed to bring the best training and skill development for our players that will allow them the best opportunities to grow.

Recently Georgetown Township approved funds to add a Co-Hockey Director to assist Grand Valley and Georgetown Ice Center. We are excited for the opportunity to be able to add another hockey mind that will allow us to develop relationships with programs that we are striving to serve. One of our goals is to develop players for our existing high school programs that call Georgetown home. We look to partner with Grandville, Hudsonville and Jenison High Schools to provide our players an experience within our organization that will serve GVAHA as well as the high school programs. Look for more on that to come.

As you can see GVAHA is continually looking for opportunities for our players with in our community to serve them the best we can. We have our association board and coaches that are committed to growing hockey in our community and having every one of our players experience the great game of hockey to their ability level at the best facility in West Michigan.

Jack Williams
Hockey Co-Director
Georgetown Ice Center



**HOUSE HOCKEY REGISTRATION IS OPEN! PLEASE GET REGISTERED BY JULY 20
IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE EQUIPMENT/JERSEY FITTINGS**



hockey calendar

- July 1-17 Bob's Butcher Block Meat & Sub Sale
- July 19 14U Skills Skate
(Tuesdays July - August) - 6:00PM @ Georgetown Ice Center
GVAHA Board Meeting - 7:00PM @ Georgetown Ice Center
- July 26 Equipment & Jersey Fittings / Parent Meetings - TBD
- July 27 Equipment & Jersey Fittings / Parent Meetings - TBD
- July 30 Equipment & Jersey Fittings / Parent Meetings - TBD
- August 1-4 GVAHA Checking Camp
- August 16 GVAHA Board Meeting - 7:00PM @ Georgetown Ice Center
- August 20 GVAHA Golf Outing - 8:00AM @ Crestview Golf Course, Zeeland, MI



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GUIDE TO USA HOCKEY AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

Division	Ages	Birth Years 2016-17 Season
8U (Mites)	8 & Under	2008
10U (Squirts)	10 & Under	2006-2007
12U (PeeWee)	12 & Under	2004-2005
14U (Bantam)	14 & Under	2002-2003
16U (Midget)	16 & Under	2000-2001
18U (Midget)	18 & Under	1998-1999

USA Hockey Playing Season:
September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017



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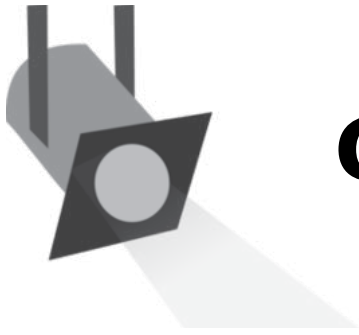


SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorships are available for the 2016-2017 Season. GVAHA is proud of our community sponsors and the impact they have on helping youth play hockey.

Sponsorships are available for both House and Travel Hockey Teams to ease the financial burden of their members. Every GVAHA family can offset player fees by contacting sponsors to support hockey in Georgetown township and surrounding communities.

Sponsor packets can be downloaded at www.gvaha.org/sponsorship-opportunities/ or pick one up at Georgetown Ice Center.



GVAHA PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Max MacKenzie # 71

Who is your favorite hockey player and why?

Dylan Larkin of the Detroit Red Wings. He is my favorite player because he is very fast, a really good rookie, he is the next star of the Detroit Red Wings, and the reason why I wear #71. He also broke the record as the fastest skater and was an all star last year.

What is your favorite thing about playing hockey?

My favorite thing about playing hockey is playing for the Grand Valley Stars and getting to play on a team with my friends.

What other sports do you play? Does it help you with hockey?

Baseball, Football, and Cycling. All of these sports help me in developing my fitness, hand eye coordination, quickness and playing on a team which all benefit me while playing hockey.

What goals do you have for this season?

- To be a better hockey player and teammate
- To work hard every time I am on the ice
- Get more assists
- Score goals and make plays
- To play in the state tournament again this year

Who has been the biggest influence for your hockey playing so far?

My Family is my biggest influences for hockey. We are a hockey family and they are always there for my practices and games. They always encourage me to work hard and try my best. I really like that my Dad coaches me too.

How do you unwind after a game?

I like to celebrate with my team, get a gatorade and snack from the concession stand, run around the rink with my teammates, and then usually talk about the game in the car with my Dad on the way home.



Player Spotlight
Max MacKenzie - GVAHA STARS 10U

How do you gear up for a game?

We usually listen to "Centuries" by Fall Out Boy in the car on the way to the Rink which usually gets me pretty fired up! I like to tape and wax my stick before the game and then get fired up with my teammates in the locker room while waiting to go on the ice.

If I turned on your iPod/Phone or other music player, what song would be playing?

- Centuries - Fall Out Boy
- Animals - Maroon 5
- Renegades - X Ambassadors
- My House - Flo Rida

Who will be the next Spotlight Player? It could be you! Find out how at www.gvaha.org/players-corner or contact us at hockey@gvaha.org for more information.

GVAHA FAMILY PROFILE

Each month the GVAHA Newsletter will feature a board member and a family in the STARS association. This month we are profiling the Sterley family....which happens to be both!

Who plays hockey in your family?

"We all play ... Craig plays coed hockey, Kelli plays women's hockey and with 2 coed hockey teams and Kobe plays with the Mites team."

How did you all get interested in hockey?

"We've always liked watching hockey on TV. So when Kobe was about 3 he told us he was going to play for the Red Wings someday. I told him if that was his plan he should learn how to skate first. It was downhill from there."

Are you competitive with each other?

"Yes. We don't take it easy on each other when messing around on the ice."

What's your favorite memory so far?

"There are a few ... Flying out to Colorado to watch the Stadium Series between the Wings and the Av's. Having the Wings win was the perfect ending to a great day! Winning the Women's cup with Buzzkill for Kelli and playing in Eagle River in the LaBatt Blue Pond Hockey Tournament. Kobe's favorite memory so far is going to watch then Red Wings play at the Joe, going to the GLL and playing in the finals at the Mites State Tournament."



L to R: Craig Sterley, Kobe Sterley, & Kelli Sterley

DIRECTOR PROFILES

Kelli Sterley is the Fundraising Director for GVAHA. Kelli is responsible for coordinating all of the association fundraising activities including maintaining detailed records for each family using the SCRIP program. One of GVAHA core purposes is to help defray the expenses associated with playing ice hockey. Kelli works closely with each team to develop fundraising ideas to help defer the cost.

Craig Sterley serves as our MAHA Representative. The Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) is our governing state association. Craig attends all of the MAHA District 6 meetings and reports all necessary information back to the board.

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Use these hashtags to share tournament photos and highlights of the season and fun times during the upcoming season.

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN

GET REGISTERED FOR 2016-17
HOUSE HOCKEY SEASON
8U, 10U, 12U, 14U
(Birth Years 2002-2008)

Get registered by July 20 in order to attend the equipment/jersey fitting sessions.

TEAM FITTINGS & PARENT MEETINGS
Tuesday, July 26
Wednesday, July 27
Saturday, July 30

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.gvaha.org/registration

or

REGISTER IN PERSON AT
GEORGETOWN ICE CENTER