



Dear GAHA Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 season of GAHA hockey! Please read the entire registration packet carefully and thoroughly. It explains important details regarding registration for the 2023-24 hockey season and will answer 99% of the questions you have.

Many things have changed over the past two years. How you register for GAHA hockey has not. Registration will again be completed online. We will have an equipment swap day in September where we will be present to help with any registration questions, come with your USA hockey number. All GAHA players must be registered with USA Hockey prior to registering with GAHA.

We have made some changes to DIBS requirements and fees. Please read through this registration packet for more information on those changes.

We will once again be conducting an All-Association meeting in October (the date to be announced.) in the Greenway High School Auditorium. This meeting will cover all of the important information for the upcoming season and leave you time for your questions to be answered. We encourage you to attend this important meeting and look forward to seeing you there!

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

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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 online registration form.

There are two pieces to online registration, and they must be completed in this order:

1. Register your player(s) with USA Hockey
2. Register your player(s) with GAHA ****BE SURE TO DELETE YOUR OLD USA HOCKEY NUMBER AND ENTER IN YOUR NEW ONE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM****

Registering with USA Hockey does not register your player(s) with GAHA; however, all players must be registered with USA Hockey before they can register with GAHA.

- ☐ 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 \$71 registration fee to USA Hockey & MN hockey. (GAHA does not receive any 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 to submit to GAHA. But it is suggested to print a copy for your own records.
- ☐ 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
 - FORGET YOUR PASSWORD? Click the "Forgot?" link to start the process to reset your password. GAHA does not have access to change your password or update your account.
 - Complete the GAHA online registration form
- ☐ FOR **NEW** PLAYERS ONLY: Submit a copy of the player's birth certificate at registration, drop it into the GAHA drop box at the arena or email a copy to gahareg2@gahamn.org (be sure to type the email address correctly)
 - This is required for all first-year players with GAHA.
 - In accordance with USA Hockey regulations, GAHA must submit player's birth



certificates to USA Hockey. Once USA Hockey has verified the birth certificate, the provided copy will be destroyed.

- If you don't have a copy of the player's birth certificate, you must go to the County Recorder's Office.
 - 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 one year as Sam Jones and 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 CAN NOT play**. Our association has experienced this in the past and it is not a pleasant experience for the player or their family!
- ☐ Submit payment of fees online, at registration or into the GAHA drop box at the arena. [Do not leave payment with arena staff, they are not responsible for GAHA payments.]
 - ☐ **Did you receive a confirmation email from GAHA? If not, your registration was not completed**

Registration

Refer to the Registration Checklist above for specifics on how to complete the registration process for your player(s).

Please contact Paula Schwartz- GAHA's Registrars with questions or for more information.

Paula at gahareg2@gahamn.org or 218-259-1519

Outstanding Registration & Concession Fees and Unmet Volunteer & Fundraising Requirements

Players with outstanding fee balances, unmet fundraising requirements, or unmet volunteer requirements, from previous years, **will not be allowed to participate in on-ice or off-ice activities (including pre-season try-outs) until these items are paid or payment arrangements have been made with the GAHA President or Registrar**



Registration Levels & Fees

Your GAHA registration payment includes ice time for all practices and games, coach certifications, tournament registration fees, referee fees, jerseys, printing, home tournament costs, awards, etc.

Level	Early Bird Registration August 1-September 5	Registration Sept. 6th and beyond	Date of Birth
U6/Mini-Mite	\$80 plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	\$80 plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2019
U8/Mite	\$100 + \$20 for jersey (you keep at end of season) plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	\$100 + \$20 for jersey (you keep at end of season) plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2016
U10/Squirt	\$170 plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	\$220 plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2014

U12/Peewee	\$190 plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	\$240 plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2012
U14/Bantam	\$210 plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	\$260 plus required fundraising & 10 DIBS	June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2010

*In addition to the fee listed above, GAHA fee also includes required fundraising, \$300 concessions fee and 10 DIBS sessions. A MINIMUM of 4 of your dibs are required to be completed in the concession stand. Each team will be assigned one high school game you will be required to cover, this will count toward your 4 concession dibs.

Example: PeeWee A's will be required to cover the game on December___ vs. ____.

You MUST register for the level that is associated with the player's date of birth. If you would like your player to “play-up” a level, please complete a [Play Up Request form](#).

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 codes listed below 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).

Mini-Mite Discount Code: 23mini

Mite Discount Code: 23mite

Payment Plan

Families paying online have the option of utilizing a payment plan. The payment plan will commence in September and go through February.

Registration fees can be divided into 6 equal payments. The first payment is at the time of registration and the following payment dates are:

1. At registration
2. 10/15/23
3. 11/15/23
4. 12/15/23
5. 1/15/24
6. 2/15/24

If you register after a payment date listed above, your initial registration payment will be increased to include all payments due prior to the date you register. For example, a registration completed on October 16 will include the initial registration payment and the 10/15 payment.

FEES: SportsEngine does charge a fee for online payments. Fees are assessed based on the total amount and added to the first payment. All future payments are for the scheduled amount.



Scholarships Available

The Greenway Joint Recreation Association and GAHA provide a limited number of needs-based scholarship program for families that are not able to afford the registration fee. The scholarship does not cover the DIBS fee, required volunteering, and required fundraising. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please complete the scholarship application.

A committee of GAHA board members and Rec board members reviews the applications and awards the scholarships. The [scholarship application](#) can be found on the Player Registration page of the website.

Fundraising, Volunteer Requirement & DIBS Deposit

In order to keep our registration fees amongst the lowest in the state, GAHA requires families to perform some fundraising and volunteer both in the concession stand and as off-ice officials during home games and tournaments.

Contact Mindy Tammi, Fundraising Director, at 218-256-1654 or fundraising@gahamn.org with questions or for more information on fundraising and volunteer requirements.

Fundraising Requirements

GAHA families with one player are required to raise at least \$350 through GAHA fundraisers. Families with 2 or more players are required to raise at least \$550 through GAHA fundraisers. GAHA uses the DIBS portion of the website to help you track where you're at with fundraising.

- A Fundraising packet will be on the website in early October
- Contact Mindy Tammi, Fundraising Director, at 218-256-1654 or fundraising@gahamn.org with questions or for more information.

Volunteer Requirement / DIBS Credits

All GAHA families are required to complete 10 DIBS credits each season. DIBS can be earned by "in the box" as an off-ice official (scorebook/gamesheet scoring, time clock, penalty box and announcer) during home games and tournaments and livestreaming games. As a requirement, each person needs to complete 4 concession stand dibs at a minimum.



What is/are DIBS???

DIBS is SportEngine's (GAHA's website) volunteer scheduling and tracking tool.

DIBS Deposit

All GAHA families are required to pay a \$300 DIBS deposit, which will be collected at registration. Families can receive their deposit back by completing all 10 DIBS. Once you have completed your DIBS, please fill out a [DIBS Reimbursement Request](#). You may select to have your deposit returned as a check or as a credit to the fundraising requirement for your family.

Player Equipment

A limited amount of equipment is available. Contact Tim Reid, Vice President, at 612-695-7079 or vp@gahamn.org for more information.

We will host an equipment exchange in September, stay tuned for further information on that.

Official GAHA Communications – How to stay informed!

There are four official communications channels that GAHA shares information:

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

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.

Enable your SportsEngine Account for Texting

Click [here](#) for instructions on how to enable your SportsEngine account to receive text messages from GAHA, coaches and team managers.



Volunteering

GAHA is a volunteer run organization and a strong group of committed volunteers are critical to the success of our association. **Volunteering should not fall on just a few people at each level. We are all responsible for making sure GAHA is successful for our youth players.**

Interested in Coaching?

If you are interested in being a coach for GAHA, please fill out the application form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1V-Woh-VClOspauNbMPVrRxXj24WF78ule6CD2V3lmvA/edit?pli=1>

or contact GAHA president Mark Gibeau.218-259-8236

A listing of coaching requirements can be found on the [Coaches/Volunteers page](#) of the GAHA website.

Interested in other Volunteer Opportunities?

GAHA needs Team Managers, 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.

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