



GYHA BEARS NEWSLETTER



**18U
TEAM**

IT'S HOCKEY TIME!

Welcome to all of our new and returning Bears! We are excited to start our 17th year of Bears Hockey. Our 2023-2024 season is off to a great start. Let's get your players on the ice, develop their hockey skills, and grow their love of the game!

Hockey is growing in Colorado and so is GYHA. We had a record breaking number of registrations this season and are able to have two 12 U Pee wee teams.

**2023-2024
REGISTRATION**

18U:20

14U:19

12U:24

10U:20

**8U: 15+STILL
REGISTERING**

WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello, Bears Families~

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2023-24 hockey season! And even though it may still feel like summer outside, it is time to get back on the ice.

Coaching and Player Development:

GYHA is always working to improve our on-ice offerings and the performance of our players. I believe with our coaching staff and the guidance from Corbin Fitzgibbons, our Power Skating Coach, we can achieve a high level of development for our athletes. As always, we have dedicated volunteer coaches and managers - many of whom have played in college or beyond - who will devote hundreds of hours to your children over the coming months.

Please remember that GYHA operates in a volunteer structure. Everyone deserves grace and patience. It also takes everyone from each team to ensure a successful season. Please reach out to your team manager to ask how you can help and support.

Start of the New Season

Practices for nearly one hundred of our players (10U-18U) are in full swing, and we can't wait for our 8U Mites to hit the ice on October 2nd!

We are so excited to announce that our 10U and 18U teams are full. 12U has room due to the expansion of 2 teams and 14U only has space for one more skater. This is a huge success for GYHA and having so many teams at or near capacity means that we are growing and moving in a wonderful direction. Growth means growing pains and we ask for your input and patience as we experience any this season and moving forward.

Officiating

Please be a great example for this league at games. As a parent, I understand it can be frustrating to watch a game that you feel has poor officiating. They are human and we will have great refs and refs that we don't agree with. Please still approach any calls or games with respect. If you have a huge concern with a call, please address it with your team representative and have them get in contact with the board. Encourage positive sportsmanship from your player and encourage him/her to be an example and a leader on the ice, even if there is a disagreement with the call. Coaches are the only ones that should initiate conversation with a ref and players need to ask the coach when there is something in question. A player or a parent yelling at a ref, is not going to change his/her mind. Please hold yourself and any guests of yours at games to a high standard and help GYHA set a positive tone for youth hockey.

Growing the Game

Hockey is seeing tremendous growth in northern Colorado and we are thrilled to continue to be apart of that. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4th at 1:45 pm. The Ice Haus is hosting a Try Hockey for Free Day with the support of USA Hockey and we would love to have support from our players, coaches, and families. Any players who are interested in volunteering at the Try Hockey day must arrive at the Ice Haus at 1:00pm.

To our players – be kind, skate hard, always strive to do better, and have fun.

To our coaches – be organized, educate your players, and model good behavior.

To our families – be supportive, get involved in the GYHA community, and remember it's only a game that goes by far too quickly.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or feedback. I wish you all good luck in this upcoming season.

Caitlin Hofstetter Tregoning
GYHA President

LET'S PACK THE STANDS FOR OUR OPENING WEEKEND

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Location</u>
SATURDAY, 9/23 @ 3:00PM	12u GOLD VS LAFAYETTE MAROON	GREELEY ICE HAUS 900 8TH AVE. GREELEY
SATURDAY, 9/23 @ 4:15PM	14U VS NCYH BLACK	GREELEY ICE HAUS 900 8TH AVE. GREELEY
SUNDAY, 9/24 @ 9:30AM	12U BLUE VS LADY JAGS	GREELEY ICE HAUS 900 8TH AVE. GREELEY
SUNDAY, 9/24 @ 10:45AM	18U VS HYLAND WHITE	GREELEY ICE HAUS 900 8TH AVE. GREELEY

10U will open up their season on Sunday, October 1st,
8:15am at the Greeley Ice Haus.

8U will have their first practice on Monday, October
2nd at 5:15pm.

UPCOMING DATES

BOD work session

Wednesday, September 27
from 6:00pm -7:00pm
at the Greeley Ice Haus
in person only

GYHA Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, October 9
at 6:00pm
Greeley Ice Haus or
Join via [Google Meet](#)

BEARS GAME SCHEDULE

AVAILABLE
ONLINE



* SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER COACHES AND PARENTS WHO HELP TO MAKE GYHA BEARS ORGANIZATION A SUCCESS.



Coaching Advisor/ Power Skating Coach

Corbin Fitzgibbons

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TEAM	HEAD COACH	ASSISTANT COACHES	TEAM MANAGER	TEAM REP
18U MIDGETS	Enrique Gallegos	Mark Hartwig Greg Miller	Brooke Freeman	Ashley Miller
14U BANTAMS	Dan Boyer	Jr. Assistant Coach Jacob Mayfield	Jennifer Leffler	Athena Sanchez
12U GOLD PEEWEES	Kevin LaPointe	Ezra Ballen	Karen Evenson	Jerrold Massey
12U BLUE PEEWEES	AJ Swanson	Cass Berner Tristan Fogg	Karen Evenson	Jerrold Massey
10U SQUIRTS	Ian Mickells	Brandan Salisbury Stephen Arnold	Meredith Rosales	Josh Lawley
8U MITES	Dominic Daprille	TJ Jeffers Jim Ott	Chelsea Evans	Open position, please reach out if interested

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

- CAMBREE A.-10U
- RYLAN C.-10U
- MJ S.-12U BLUE
- JOHN C.-12U BLUE
- NATHAN R.-14U
- TYLER P.-14U
- JACKSON H.-18U
- LOGAN M.-18U

Don't forget to order your Bears Fan gear. Purchases can be made online

Car decals now available for \$10. Decal is 5"x5" and has our new logo.
Pay online and we will contact you for delivery.



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secretary@greeleyyouthhockey.org

WELCOME GREELEY'S NEW NAHL TEAM



Thank you to everyone who came out to support Greeley's new Juniors team at their opening weekend vs El Paso Rhinos. GYHA President Caitlin Hofstetter-Tregoning was joined by GYHA players to drop the first puck at Saturday's game. GYHA players also helped to clean the ice by being members of the Ice Crew.

GYHA looks forward to growing our youth hockey partnership with the Colorado Grit this season. Check out the **[Colorado Grit game schedule](#)** for upcoming games. Check out the last page for Ticket packet deals.

If your player is interested in volunteering at a Grit game, please email Darci Hata, secretary@greeleyyouthhockey.org

SINGLE GAME
FAMILY 4 PACK



FRI SEPT 29 - 7:15PM

DOORS OPEN 6:15PM

SAT SEPT 30 - 3:45PM

DOORS OPEN 2:45PM



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