

Mississauga Girls Hockey League

U9A 2024 - 2025 Coaching Plan





1. Introduction

Welcome to the beginning stages of the U9A 2024-2025 season. My name is Coach Athena Bartucci, and I am excited and honored to be coaching this U9A team next season! In this document, you will find key information about our seasonal plan, team budget, my philosophy, approach to hockey and team building, and various other important topics to help prepare for the season.

Coach Bio

As a female hockey player, I played an elite level of hockey throughout my years enjoying the game. I played at the AA level throughout my entire minor hockey career. Many of those years I was named Captain or Assistant Captain for my leadership on and off the ice, for my passion and love of the game, and for my strong work ethic. Growing up in Brampton, I played for the Brampton Canadettes, Junior Thunder and called up to play with the former NWHL Brampton Thunder Team. I graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University with a double major in Kinesiology & Psychology. I played varsity hockey with the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks for two seasons where I was privileged to win Ontario University Athletics (OUA) gold and Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) silver medals. Throughout my Junior and University hockey playing years, I was also a Skate Instructor with Draft Choice Hockey School. After graduating, I wanted to give back to the sport of female hockey. I volunteered my time as a hockey trainer and assistant coach with the Brampton Canadettes Girls Hockey Association. As an elementary teacher, I have volunteered my time with our school hockey teams as well. As a proud parent, I have enjoyed watching my daughter develop within the Mississauga Girls Hockey League. During the 2022-2023 season, I was the Assistant Coach and Team Trainer on the U9B MGHL team. During the 2023-2024 season, I was the Head Coach of the U9A MGHL team. I look forward to continuing the development of young female athletes and fostering a passion and love of the game!

Coaching Experience

Season	Association	Position	Division / Level
2023/2024	MGHL	Head Coach	U9A MGHL
2022/2023	MGHL	Assistant Coach & Team Trainer	U9B MGHL
2009/2010	BCGHA	Assistant Coach & Team Trainer	Midget AA
2008/2009	BCGHA	Assistant Coach & Team Trainer	Midget AA
2007/2008	BCGHA	Assistant Coach & Team Trainer	Midget AA
2014-2017	DPCDSB	Head Coach	Elementary School Jr./Int. Hockey - Tier 1 & 3

Coaching Qualifications

Month & Year	Qualification
August 2023	D1 Trained - Goal to achieve D1 Certification 2024-2025 Season
November 2022	Coach2 - Coach Level
August 2022	Coach 1 - Intro To Coach
August 2022	HCSP Trainer Level 1
August 2022	HU - ONLINE Coach 1/Coach 2
July 2022	Respect In Sport - Activity Leader



My Philosophy

My goal is to create a fun and inclusive team experience, where players are provided with opportunities to develop their individual hockey skills, build friendships and have fun! I believe that being a member of a girls hockey team teaches important life skills such as teamwork, commitment, hard work, building relationships and developing a positive self-image. I will work hard with my coaching team to create a fun, but competitive team environment where players feel valued, respected and safe. Through open and ongoing communication with families, we will work to establish both individual and team goals, and continuously discuss the steps needed to achieve them. We will provide opportunities to collaboratively reflect on those goals at target points throughout the season. I've had a lifelong passion for the game of hockey! Being an experienced female coach and former elite athlete on a girl's hockey team is the groundwork to create a positive hockey experience for our players both on and off the ice. I have been in their "skates" before, and understand the importance of sharing my experiences and memories to inspire our young athletes!

2. Time Commitment

As part of a Rep Team, families should be prepared for a schedule and level of commitment that looks something like the following:

Practices

Our team will have approximately two practices per week during the weeknights. One session will be a team practice, and the other session is for player development. Typically you can expect team practice and development sessions to be held at Iceland Arena. **We expect players to be ready in their equipment 10 minutes before practice start time, when the zamboni hits the ice.** This gives time for players to mentally prepare and coaches the opportunity to go over drills and concepts prior to stepping on the ice.

You can expect practice days to look like:

*Travel Time + **Arrive 30 minutes early** + Practice for 60 minutes (50 minutes on-ice)
+ Change (10 minutes) + Travel Time*

Games

Games will be scheduled from September through April. Families can expect to have one to two home and away games a week, mainly scheduled on the weekends. Schedules and divisional loops are decided by the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) at the beginning of the season (October) based on the number of teams per region. **We expect players to be ready in their equipment 10 minutes before game start time, when the zamboni hits the ice.** This gives time for players to mentally prepare allows all coaches to come into the dressing for the pre-game talk.

You can expect game days to look like:

*Travel Time + **Arrive 45 minutes early** + 10 minutes Trainer Lead Off-Ice Warm Up + Play for approximately 40 minutes + Post Game Debrief (5 mins) + Change (10 minutes) + Travel Time*

Tournaments

Tournaments are booked months in advance, but the specific game times and arenas are generally published two-weeks before the event. Tournaments are generally a full weekend commitment; running over the course of three days Friday, Saturday and Sunday. At the U9 age group, most tournaments are "Jamboree" style with no championship games. Teams are guaranteed four games over the course of the weekend. Our team is preparing to schedule 2-3 local tournaments, and one away tournament. During tournaments,



often a team can be asked to be prepared to go onto the ice 15 minutes prior to scheduled game times, therefore **for tournament games we ask all players to arrive 60 minutes prior to scheduled game times.**

You can expect tournament game days to look like:

Travel Time + ***Arrive 60 minutes early*** + 10 minutes Trainer Lead Off-Ice Warm Up + Play for approximately 40 minutes + Post Game Debrief (5 mins) + Change (10 minutes) + Travel Time

Development

The MGHL requires the inclusion of a minimum of 15 paid player development sessions and 10 goalie development sessions with league sanctioned professional trainers throughout the season. Our team is prepared in our budget to commit to approximately 25 paid player development sessions, a minimum of 4 shooting sessions per player, and a minimum of 10 goalie development sessions with league sanctioned professional trainers.

Team Building Activities

Team building activities are important to support team cohesion and build friendships that support the success as a team both on and off the ice. Not to mention they are a lot of fun! In June, you can anticipate a full team gathering for an off-ice team building experience as well as a team BBQ. All are welcome! Nearing the end of summer, you can anticipate off-ice team gatherings for the players. Throughout the season, we will schedule team lunches/dinners, attend junior and professional hockey games, and other team social events. These activities are optional, but highly recommended!

Community Outreach & Volunteering

We will have a minimum of one team-volunteering days that will be organized by our team manager and our team community outreach committee to help with team building and to promote the importance of giving back to the community that we reside in. We are open to suggestions! Some possible ideas include: volunteering at a food bank, visiting a senior citizen's center, and a park cleanup. As a team, we will also be running a Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drive to support our local food banks.

Other Activities

Hockey Canada encourages multi-sport athletes to participate in a wide variety of activities they are passionate about. During the Spring and Summer months, I do not expect hockey to be your first priority. I encourage participation in other sports, hobbies and taking a much needed break to enjoy time spent with family and friends. *During the hockey season however, I expect other activities and sports to be scheduled around hockey. The rep level requires a strong commitment from both the players and their families.*

3. Development in U9A

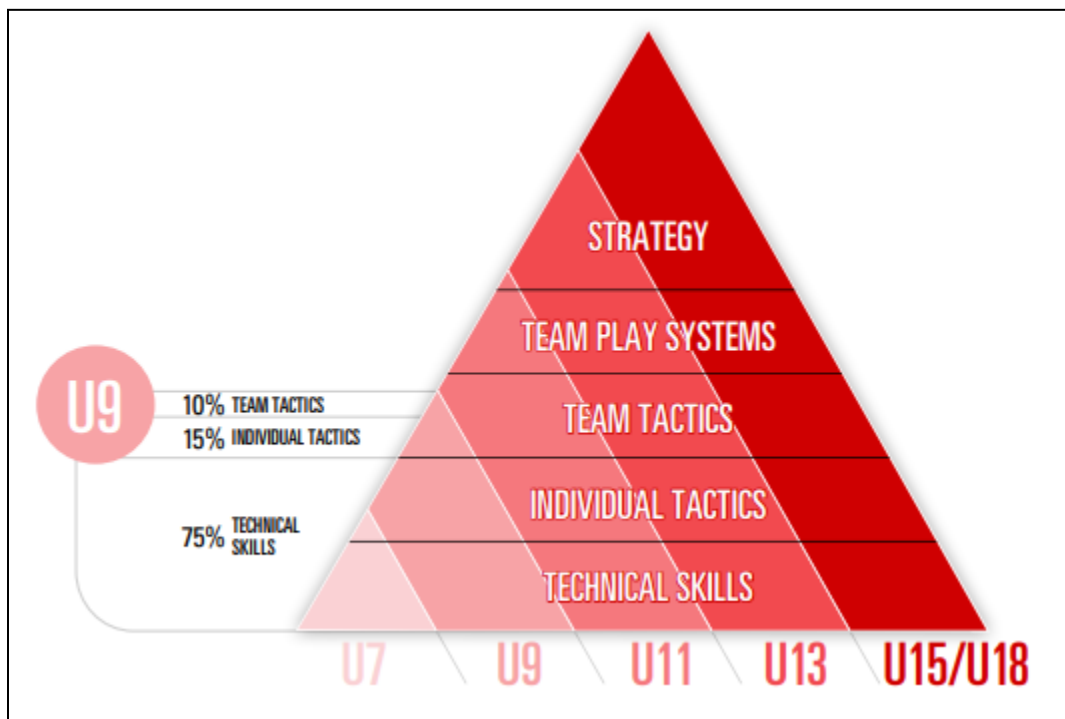
I am very dedicated to the development of our girls as individual players and as a team. Throughout the season, we will regularly discuss team goals and the necessary steps needed to achieve them. Our team practices and meetings will be aligned to support our team goals. In the beginning of the season and before we transition to full-ice play in January, families can expect to meet with me to discuss their daughter's individual goals and areas for improvement. Together we will discuss the next steps needed to achieve those individual goals.

Referencing Hockey Canada Development U9 Guidelines:

<https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/players/essentials/age-divisions/under-9>

Hockey Canada provides guidelines U9 player pathways for the development of seven and eight year old players, which our team is prepared to use to support our development framework:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QIQKK8VwzZdTWSPaJuPo8aDA470RvOha/view?usp=sharing>



Hockey Canada - U9 Canadian Player Pathways - Focus on Skill Development (Page 22)

The MGHL is very dedicated to the development of our athletes as individuals and as a unit. We believe in four core areas of player development: (1) hockey IQ and player psychology; (2) personal technical skills; (3) team plays and drills; and (4) personal conditioning.

Player Psychology & Hockey IQ

I believe being a part of a team community and building friendships is a priority for our young players. This translates to enhanced enjoyment of the game and sense of belongingness. This is why at the U9 level there is great emphasis placed on team building and having fun! Equally as important, we are encouraging practices that will support our ability to be competitive within our U9A division such as trainer-led warm ups prior to games, consistent participation in team practices and development sessions, and watching our game footage as a team for player reflection.

Technical Skills

Focused development of the technical skills each player needs to be successful to play hockey (e.g. skating, shooting, passing, etc.)

Team Plays & Drills

Create an open pattern of play that introduces players to a coordinated approach to execute offensive and defensive objectives.

Conditioning

From September through the end of January, every game consists of two half-ice games. Player shifts are on a buzzer system lasting approximately 90 seconds long. This means our team will be divided equally into two small teams to participate. This is a lot of ice time for the players, and highlights the importance of consistent attendance of all players. After January, we move to full ice games. Once



again, a full roster for a game day supports the success of our team. Trainer-Led Warm Ups begins approximately 35-40 minutes prior to game times. The warm up both physically and mentally prepares our players to be successful on the ice. Additional player and goalie development may be offered by the MGHL throughout the season. Participation in these development opportunities as well as other private development opportunities are optional.

4. Budget

The full team budget will be approximately \$64,000. Details will soon be finalized, but players should expect to pay between \$3,000 and \$3,300 in registration fees which will include all practices, games, tournament registrations, extra player/goalie development, jerseys, socks, apparel, and other team building activities. A full budget will be provided at the time we provide an offer letter. The team can expect to receive approximately five budget updates throughout the season. The budget is owned and operated by the team Manager and/or Treasurer. Note: The MGHL is a non-profit organization, and the coaching staff does not get paid.

Sponsorships and Fundraising

We anticipate securing approximately \$5,000 through team sponsorships, and we have fundraising goals and plans already in motion. Please refer to our budget for specifics, and all budget related items will be discussed in our first team meeting in April.

Incremental Travel Budget

Families should budget travel costs to occur during our regular season of play. The OWSA is responsible for creating a loop of U9A teams which we will compete against throughout regular season play. Families should budget travel and accommodation costs such as gas, food and lodging that are incurred during an away tournament. Our team is scheduling 1 away tournament this season.

Extra Training

Any additional training and development outside of that outlined in our team budget and coaching plan are not mandatory and are at the family's expense. We will respect and uphold the importance of family time during the Summer months, Winter break and March break. Optional ice time and development opportunities may be offered, but considered optional.

Payments

Families will have the choice to pay the entirety of the player fee up-front or in installments. Both methods of payment are welcomed. Our team budget outlines the frequently used option of paying by installments including dates, amounts and methods of payment.

Non-Refundable Deposit

Upon signing the MGHL player card at the end of tryout, each family is required to make a non-refundable payment of \$500 (residents) or \$580 (non-residents) to the team. Acceptable methods of payments include cheque, cash or electronic transfer.

Financial Assistance

There are a variety of financial assistance options available including the [Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program](#) and the MGHL [Hurricanes Assist Fund](#). The Hurricanes Assist Program is in place to ensure that hockey is accessible for all players in the MGHL. The Assist Program helps reduce financial barriers by connecting MGHL players and families with financial resources and supports available in the community, providing funding opportunities through the MGHL [Hurricanes Assist Fund](#), providing the opportunity for individual player



sponsorship through the [Sponsor-A-Hurricane Initiative](#), and providing the option for families to help themselves with opportunities through league-wide fundraising programs.





5. Team Communication

Teamsnap - Managed by our Team Manager - Will be used for scheduling, communication and player availability updates. A Team Chat will also be created for parent and coaching staff communication.

WhatsApp - Managed by our Team Manager - Will be created to support team social communication.

YouTube - Uploaded Team Videos?

Google Drive - Managed by our Team Manager & Team Treasurer - Will be used to share important documents, hold our team budget and a file for pictures/video sharing.

Schedule	Team Chat	Game Videos	Team Media
 teamsnap	 WhatsApp	 YouTube	 Google Drive
Paid subscription	Private, invite only	Private, invite only	Private, invite only

6. Code of Conduct & Policy Compliance

The following MGHL Policies should be noted and followed:

Code of Conduct

All players, guardians, and coaching staff on all MGHL teams are required to sign and return the correct [MGHL Code of Conduct](#) prior to the start of the season. In the event of a breach of the Code of Conduct, the respective individual may be required to review and re-sign the document, re-take the Respect in Sport Certification, or face other disciplinary actions based on the gravity of the situation. Repeat breaches may be dealt with by the MGHL's [Disciplinary Procedures](#).

Respect in Sport

All parents and volunteers must complete their Respect in Sport Certification: <https://owha.respectgroupinc.com/>



Vulnerable Sectors Checks

All coaching staff and volunteer positions held by people over the age of 17 that will have direct interaction with children, particularly in a dressing room, must complete a Level 3 Police Vulnerable Sectors Background Check:

<https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/services/record-checks-and-suspensions-pardons.aspx>

Staff Certifications

- [OWHA Guidelines](#)
- The Head Coach of a U9 competitive team must have their Coach Level 1 Certification.
- Assistant Coaches must have their C1 / C2, be registered with Hockey Canada, and have a valid NCCP number.
 - <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>
- All staff must have Level 3 Vulnerable Sectors Check.
 - <https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/services/record-checks-and-suspensions-pardons.aspx>
- All staff must have their Respect in Sport.
 - <https://owha.respectgroupinc.com/>
- A Trainer must have their HTCP Level 1.
 - <https://htohockey.ca/>

Dressing Room Supervision

It is the policy of MGHL that only those who identify as female may enter the player's dressing room while the players are changing. Adults or team staff attending the dressing rooms may do so before or after the players change clothes, but only with two or more adults in attendance. Permission must be granted before any males enter the dressing room.

Two designated females over the age of 18 ("Team Moms", female Assistant Coaches, or female Trainers) may attend the dressing room of players while they are changing if assistance is required. Any designated female must be in compliance with the Background Check Policy and have completed the Respect in Sport (Speak Out) training.

Rule of Two

To avoid complications, kids should never be alone with any adult. The MGHL has imposed a **Rule of Two** for all child interactions, including in dressing rooms (two Team Moms) and coach / player discussions (coach + another adult), not including discussions on the bench.

No Phones Rule

The OWHA and MGHL strictly forbid any phones or cameras to be used in dressing rooms or washrooms. This is a zero-tolerance rule that applies to both parents and players. No active recording or communications devices of any kind are allowed in dressing rooms. This includes but is not limited to mobile or smartphones, tablets, cameras, audio recorders, and video cameras. Any such devices must be fully powered off while inside the dressing room or must remain outside of the dressing rooms. One bluetooth speaker will be permitted in the dressing room, but it must have music loaded onto a device that is outside the dressing room.



No Pictures Rule

The OWHA and MGHL strictly forbid any pictures to be taken in dressing rooms or washrooms. This is a zero-tolerance rule that applies to both parents and players.

24-Hour Rule

I believe in open, two-way communication throughout the season. If there is a situation about a game or practice that a parent wishes to address, I do promote the 24-hour rule. I am more than willing to have a conversation with any parent about their child, but after a game is not the best time. All forms and types of communication should follow the guidelines outline in the signed MGHL Code of Conduct.

Discipline

Upon committing a player to our U9A team, all team members will be expected to sign the following documents:

- MGHL Coach & Staff Code of Conduct
- MGHL Player Code of Conduct
- MGHL Parent Code of Conduct

By signing these documents, all members are making a commitment to each other and the MGHL that throughout the duration of the hockey season, you will “comply with the requirements of the codes or be subject to sanctioning involved with violation.”

My expectation is that all players will conduct themselves in a respectful manner to all coaching staff, teammates, opponents and officials both on and off the ice. Players need to understand that they are representing the MGHL organization and our U9A team at all times (games, practices, social events, restaurants, tournaments, hotels, etc.) All team/player/coaching staff violations with respect to discipline reasons will be reviewed through communication first, and depending on severity may include an escalation process with the MGHL.

For proper player development and to support our team goals, absenteeism should be kept to a minimum. *Unless it is an emergency situation, families are expected to provide a minimum of 48 hours of notice of player availability.* This includes providing updated player availability using TeamSnap, and messaging the coach directly in emergency situations and for planned, prolonged absences

Bullying

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose. In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

- An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying of teammates on the ice, in the dressing room, at the rink, at team events, online, or any place else will not be tolerated. I request any player or parent that is the victim or witness of bullying to report it to a member of the coaching staff to be addressed.



7. Games

Preparation

At home, please ensure you have checked and packed your player's bag for full equipment, stick, water bottle and both game jerseys before every game. Players should be wearing running shoes or have them packed in their bag to change into before warm ups.

Arrival Time

Players are expected to arrive and be in the dressing room **ready to warm up 45 minutes** prior to game start time.

Game Day Apparel

Players are to wear their complete MGHL track suits to all games. MGHL sweaters and toques encouraged, weather permitting.

Warmup

Our Trainer-Led, pre-game warm up exercises and stretches will be approximately 10 minutes long, conducted by our team Trainer(s). If you will not make the warm up due to traffic or unexpected circumstances, please let the coach and/or trainer know. During winter months, we cannot have players warming up in wet, winter boots. Players are encouraged to leave a pair of running shoes in their hockey bags to change into before warm ups.

Ice-Time Equity

Depending on player availability, roster size, opponents, etc - The coach will create two equally divided teams to compete in 4 on 4 games. Equal rotations of players throughout the game. After January, we continue with equal rotation of players throughout our 5 on 5 games. Players will rotate positions throughout the season. The team currently has 1 committed full time goalie. From September 2023 through January 2024 when the team plays two 4-on-4 games, all players must take turns in a rotational order to be our second goalie needed for games. The MGHL provides the necessary goal equipment. Players are not required to practice as a goalie prior to a game, but will be supported if they choose to.

Penalty Kills & Power Plays

From September through January during 4 on 4 half-ice game play, there are no penalty plays or penalty kills. A penalty results in lost team possession of the puck and player rotation. After January when we transition to 5 on 5 full-ice game play, in the event of a penalty kill or power play we will attempt to continue with equal rotation of players and/or dedicated units. The head coach reserves the right to select specific players to best support our team goals.

Player of the Game

After January, at the start of full-ice 5 on 5 play we will assign a player of the game after every game. We will do so on a rotational basis throughout our roster considering a player who played an outstanding game.



8. Practices

Arrival Time

Players are expected to arrive and be in the dressing room **30 minutes** prior to practice start time.

Since we only have 50 minutes of practice, we would like to utilize every available minute both on and off the ice. Players are expected to be ready 10 minutes before practice start time to mentally prepare and allows coaches the opportunity to go over drills and concepts prior to stepping on the ice.

9. Pre-Season Plan - April 2024 to August 2024

Player & Parent Intake Form - All families will be asked to complete an intake form (Google Form Parent & Player Information) which helps the coaches better understand the players and their goals for the season. The hope is to gather this information to share team components in our first team meeting in April.

April - Tryouts, first team meeting and apparel fitting night.

May/June - We plan to schedule 2-3 practices to bring the team together. There will also be an off-ice team building event.

July/August - We take a break - Enjoy your summer!

Late August - Anticipate team building activities. Families may begin to look at preseason hockey camps - optional.

10. Season Plan - September 2024 to April 2024

Regular Season

In September, we will begin regular team practices as well as have approximately 2-3 exhibition games with local teams to warm up before the season starts. The regular season runs from early October through mid March. There are 20 regular season games; 10 home games and 10 away games against teams within our assigned OWHA U9A loop. In March and April, we will schedule practices and exhibition games to carry us to Provincials in April.

Provincials

The OWHA Provincial Tournament is open to all U9 teams to participate. Four games will be scheduled, with no championship game.

Tournaments

We plan to attend 3-4 tournaments during the 2024-2025 season. The coaching team will monitor the release of tournament dates in the upcoming months and plan tournaments accordingly. We are looking to secure one away tournament, and two to three local tournaments. We will also look at creating a balance in our season, scheduling tournaments both at half ice and at full ice. Once tournaments are determined, information will be communicated to the team.



Tournament	Dates	Notes
MGHL Winter Classic	November / December	Mandatory Home Tournament
OWHA Provincials	April	Jamboree Format

11. Apparel & Equipment

As the competitive representatives of the MGHL, our Rep athletes are expected to be outfitted in matching Hurricanes branded attire from approved vendors. The MGHL is working with Duke’s Source for Sports to meet all apparel and equipment needs. More information can be found on the MGHL website at https://mghl.ca/Pages/1636/Apparel_and_Equipment/.

There will be a team apparel fitting night taking place at the end of April to ensure equipment and apparel readiness for September. Dates of the Team Apparel Fitting night to be provided.

Tracksuits, MGHL Sweaters & Toques

Players and bench staff will be provided with Hurricanes track suits, MGHL sweaters and toques as part of the budget. Players are expected to wear their tracksuits to every game and during warmups.

Hockey Pants

Hurricanes branded pants, or shells on top of regular hockey pants are **mandatory** for U9A players. ***This is currently included in our team budget.***

Hockey Gloves

Navy and gold gloves are **mandatory** for U9A players, ***not included in the team budget.*** The MGHL works with Duke’s Sporting Goods for gloves; a league discount is applied. You are also welcome to purchase navy and gold gloves anywhere, or visit the MGHL equipment exchange program in the fall.

Helmets

Helmets for U9A players navy blue, no exceptions, and is not included in team budget. The MGHL works with Duke’s Sporting Goods for helmets, where a league discount is applied, but navy helmets can be purchased at any sporting goods store.

Hockey Bags

We are currently considering adding hockey bags into the team budget.



12. Staff & Volunteer Positions

I believe the success of any team is the efforts of all its team members! I highly encourage the culture of family engagement, where every family feels they are a contributing member to our team! We have some roles already filled but are looking for volunteers for our 2024-2025 season! All volunteer positions that place you inside the dressing room require a Vulnerable Sector Check and completion of Respect in Sport. If you have any questions about the responsibilities and time commitment about a specific role, please do not hesitate to ask our Team Manager. Please be prepared to share your commitment to a volunteer position by our first team meeting in April - your help is GREATLY appreciated!

Role	Description of Responsibilities	Name
Head Coach	Creating and running practice plans, supporting player development on and off the ice, player lines, bench staff role, supporting team building experiences, overseeing operations of the team, etc.	Athena Bartucci
Assistant Coaches	Running practice drills, supporting player development on and off the ice, bench staff role, etc.	Mathieu Jodouin Christopher Penic Jordan Kennedy Brendan Mercer
Coaching Staff	Supporting practice drills, supporting player development, called to help with bench duty, etc.	Carlo Prosdocimo
Team Trainers	Emergency Action Plan, first aid kit, dressing room supervision, bench staff role, etc.	Maggie Mercer Ashley Mehta
Team Manager	Ice scheduling, RAMP system administration, home game bookings/payments (refs/timekeepers), social events coordination, tournament coordination, hotel blocks, etc. Management of Teamsnap administration, Team What's App administration, Website updates, etc.	Stacey Penic
Team Treasurer	Manages team finances, tracks receiving and outgoing payments, works with manager, etc.	Ameet Mehta
Social Events Coordinators	Works with the team manager and coach to plan social events for the team. Team dinners / lunches, birthdays, tournament hotels, other events and activities, volunteering events, MGHL Gala organizer	1) 2) 3) 4)
Team Moms	Supervise dressing rooms supporting two-deep rule, assisting all players as needed to get equipment on, ensuring players are ready, checking dressing rooms for left items after use, etc.	1) 2) 3) 4)
Water Management	In charge of the bringing, and filling up the water bottles for practices and games.	1) 2)



Home Game Facility Coordinators	Locate dividers for half-ice games from September through January, have them ready at the door. Put them onto the ice for refs and coaches to set up.	1) 2) 3)
Equipment Manager	Team sign, door lock, music, etc.	
Home Game DJ	Plays the player intro song, and music during warm up and between whistles during a game. We have a system, can be done from the stands!	1) 2)
Photographer(s) & Videographer(s)	Video some games to be used for team review or download from LiveBarn. Take pictures of the team throughout the season.	1) 2)
Fundraising Leads	In charge of fundraising efforts. Works with the team treasurer. Raffle? 50/50? FlipGive? etc.	1) Brennan Mercer 2)
Community Outreach Programmer	Organizing community outreach initiatives	1) 2)
Social Media Coordinator	Managing the team’s social media and MGHL website	

13. Tryout Process

Full details on Spring Tryouts for all Divisions can be found on the MGHL website at <https://mghl.ca/RepTryouts>.

All athletes must register for tryouts on the RAMP system under the upcoming season and correct age Division. Players that have been, or are currently, registered with another organization must first obtain a signed [Permission to Skate Form](#).

Note the dates, times, and locations for our team’s tryouts and whether they are **Open** (for any athlete that wishes to compete for an open spot) or **Invite Only** (final tryouts for athletes that are specifically requested to attend.) Fees for a 60 minute tryout are \$20 and for a 90 minute tryout are \$30, payable in cash upon arrival at each session. Coaches will be available for 60 minutes following the first tryout session, 20 minutes after the second tryout session to answer any questions.

Tryout #1 - Open to All Players - Families will receive an email that evening indicating if your player is invited to attend Tryout #2.

Tryout #2 - Invite Only - Families will speak directly to the coaches after the tryout.



Acceptance Process

Following the second tryout, coaches will discuss and make selections for team offers. All families having attended final tryouts will be notified of the decision immediately following tryouts. Athletes may accept or decline the offer. For athletes having accepted offers for the U9A Rep Team, a non-refundable deposit of \$500 (residents) or \$580 (non-residents) will be required to secure your spot.

Upon acceptance of a team offer, you be asked to review and/or complete the following documents:

- MGHL Player Card
- Player Code of Conduct
- Parent Code of Conduct
- U9A Team Budget Outline
- Player Medical Form

Upon completion of these forms, please return them that evening to our Team Manager and your player spot on the team is secured!

First Team Meeting & Practice

There will be a team meeting and practice taking place at Paramount Fine Foods Arena on April 27, 2024.

Time to be provided in the player offer letter.

14. Conclusion

Thank you for your interest in the U9A Rep Program! Should you have any questions, comments, or constructive feedback...please contact me via email at U9ABartucci@mghl.ca or phone at **647-449-8157**.

Let's Go Hurricanes!