

Girls Hockey Calgary celebrated its 25th anniversary this year and are continuing to thrive and provide a place for the female hockey player to compete in a competitive and fun environment.

GHC adapted a new evaluation system this year, a cascade, and was met with positive reviews from our membership. Our numbers are down slightly (25 girls) this year. We lost one full peewee team which was not unexpected due to the change to a non-hitting policy adapted at this level across Alberta.

We have a very busy and exciting year coming up, particularly in November. GHC has partnered with the RMFHL and Wickfest to bring their international tournament to Calgary Nov 21st - 24th. This is an exciting opportunity for our teams to participate in this outstanding tournament. The girls will be playing against competition from all over the world and attending workshops and special events all designed to promote the female game.

We are also involved with the National U-18 Championship being held in Calgary Nov 6th - 10th. Our members have the opportunity to host the players attending and GHC is looking forward to do what we can to make the athletes feel welcome in our city.

Because of the busy November we have decided to postpone our annual Bantam tournament that is usually held in November and instead host a Novice tournament on Dec 13th - 15th to give the younger athletes an opportunity. Our tournament is open to both female and male teams.

Last season we contracted to two Midget AAA teams in hopes of strengthening our program and making our teams more competitive in the league. We have remained at two teams and with the addition of one more practice per week for Midget, the continuation of our bantam AAA pre-season tournament and our annual Midget showcase weekend we hope we have improved our elite program as a viable option.

Our community teams from Atom up play in the RMFHL. The RMFHL is the future for the development of the female athlete and the growth of the female game in Southern AB with potential to spread to the north. The league is experiencing huge growth, especially at the Midget level. They have implemented a tiering weekend to ensure teams will be placed in the appropriate divisions with relatively balanced competition. GHC will continue to work closely with the league as the opportunity to play a wide variety of competitive teams is mutually beneficial.

GHC gives girls an opportunity to be part of an all female hockey team and this is an important choice they have and I hope it will continue to be available for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
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