

2020-2021 GFYHA Volunteer Requirements and Information

Revenue generated from Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association (GFYHA) tournaments benefit all members of the GFYHA equally. For the 2020-2021 season, the emphasis will continue to be placed on the operation of successful GFYHA tournaments to generate the much-needed funds necessary to run our organization. In recognition of this fact, the *volunteer requirements* for the 2020-2021 season have been established to reflect this shared benefit and shared responsibility. Volunteers will work in a variety of roles at GFYHA tournaments, including rink managers, box workers, scoreboard operators, announcers, etc. and these volunteer hours prevent us from having to pay people to work those shifts.

Termites, Mites, and 8U Girls:

Mandatory Volunteer Requirements (per player) – Tournament Shifts and/or Special Events.

Parents of termite players, mite players, and girls 8U players will be required to work volunteer shifts at GFYHA sponsored tournaments, or at Mite/Termite special events throughout the year. Special events may include the outdoor classic, the end of the year tournament, and/or any other Volunteer Committee planned events. Each player will be required to obtain 6 volunteer hours throughout the season. This is equivalent to 3 box shifts at tournaments or 6 hours of special event help. E-mails regarding sign up for the hours will be sent out via Sports Engine prior to tournaments or events. Those families that do not work the required number of shifts at either of the events required above, will be assessed a volunteer fee of \$50 per uncompleted / missed shift (\$25/hr) (based on required number of shifts) prior to registration time for the 2021-2022 season.

2nd Year Mite Travel Option

Mandatory Volunteer Requirements (per player) – Grand Forks Mite Jamboree:

Parents of 2nd year mite travel players will be required to work volunteer shifts at the Grand Forks Mite Jamboree. While the final number of shifts required per player has not yet been confirmed, it is believed that there will be a requirement to work as many as 4 to 6 shifts per player at the Jamboree based on historical information. Those families that sign up for shifts, but then do not work the required number of shifts at the jamboree, will be assessed a volunteer fee of \$50 per uncompleted / missed shift (based on required number of shifts) prior to registration for the 2021-2022 season. **These hours are in addition to the volunteer requirements for the regular Mite season.**

Girls 10U, 12U, 14U, Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam (travel):

Mandatory Volunteer Requirements (per player)

Parents of GFYHA travel hockey players will be required to work volunteer shifts at *any* of the Grand Forks Youth Hockey sponsored tournaments. **This year's requirement will be**

6 shifts (the equivalent of 12 hours/DIBS). These may be served throughout the season at any GFYHA tournament. You are responsible for ensuring you are working your required volunteer hours and it is highly recommended you NOT wait until the end of the season.

Those who do not sign up for *or* sign up for then do not work the required number of shifts at tournaments or events will be assessed a volunteer fee of \$50 per uncompleted/missed shift. This fee will be billed to your family and will be required to be paid prior to registration for the 2021-2022 season.

****If your player's travel team has a State Tournament scheduled in Grand Forks, additional volunteer shifts will be required. While the final number of shifts required per player has not yet been confirmed, it is believed that there will be a requirement to work as many as 4 to 6 shifts per player based on historical information. The same volunteer fee of \$50 per uncompleted / missed shift (based on required number of shifts) will apply and will be billed to the family on the completion of the season. **These hours are in addition to the volunteer requirements for the regular season.****

General Season Volunteer Requirements

Youth hockey everywhere is built on a foundation of volunteerism. Parents of all GFYHA members will be required to pitch in and help operate scoreboards, work penalty boxes, and assist with the general operation of their own team throughout the season, in addition to the mandatory volunteer requirements expressed above. Each and every member of the association is expected to do his or her part to equally distribute the work required to create a memorable youth hockey experience for the kids.

Additional Volunteer Information:

1) We will use the DIBS program on the GFYHA website to monitor and manage the volunteer shift requirements for all tournaments and special events. The sign-ups will not be posted until the tournament schedules are finalized and all game times confirmed. An e-mail will be sent out via Sports Engine to let members know the DIBS are open. Please be sure your email account is not blocking emails from Sports Engine, and your correct email information is listed in your Sports Engine account. In addition, you will need to be able to log in to your Sports Engine account to claim DIBS and get credit for them.

2) People can certainly work more shifts than they need to. For example, if you are available during a tournament weekend and want to work shifts at the tournament, you will be welcome to do so. In addition, your Bantam or PeeWee players are encouraged to work tournament shifts as a volunteer if available.

3) There will be certain exemptions from required volunteer hours/shifts:

- GFYHA travel team coaches and team managers are not required to meet the volunteer requirements at GFYHA tournaments. There is a maximum of two coaches per team who are exempted from the volunteer requirements at GFYHA

tournaments. There is a maximum of one team manager per team that is exempted from the volunteer requirements at GFYHA tournaments. Mites, Termites and 8U will also have coaching exemptions.

- Those who volunteer and participate in a committee will be exempt from further volunteer requirements.
- Those who perform volunteer services for the organization (i.e. accounting, legal, planning, etc.) will be considered to have fulfilled some or all of their volunteer requirements, depending on time.
- Those who have paid the volunteer fee to exempt themselves from the volunteer hours will obviously be exempt from required GFYHA tournament shifts, however, are encouraged to participate in organization activities and share their time and talents.

4) If you have any questions about volunteering or ideas for how to participate, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jen Sertich at jsertich.gfyouthhockey@gmail.com.