



Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association

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GRAHA INTRODUCES WEST MICHIGAN'S FIRST GIRLS HOCKEY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Grand Rapids, Michigan: It is with great honor and excitement during Women's History Month to announce that the Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association (GRAHA) has hired Taelynn (Tae) Otte as our new Girls Hockey Program Director. GRAHA has the oldest and largest girls hockey program in the West Michigan area with a total of 107 girls currently playing in the 2020-2021 season. Tae currently is the head coach for both girls 16U travel and 12U house teams. Tae has been coaching for GRAHA girls teams since 2018.

Tae's responsibilities as Girls Hockey Program Director will be to help develop and oversee the GRAHA Griffins Girls Hockey program, oversee coaching development, and create growth initiatives to help and promote and expand girls hockey development within GRAHA and West Michigan.

"I believe the great game of hockey is an excellent avenue for teaching life-long lessons. I believe this is especially true for young ladies, and I strive to provide similar, if not better experiences to the ones I had growing up. The effect on a young lady's confidence, work ethic, sense of belonging, as well as much more, makes hockey a valuable tool during the formative years of life. The game of hockey has meant much more to me than I ever would have imagined, and it is an honor to share my passion for the game and the lessons it has taught me with younger generations." – Tae Otte

Born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Tae is a graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High School and spent time playing on boys travel hockey teams for Victory Honda and Little Caesars. Tae would then take her studies to Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, where she would double major in Elementary and Special Education. While studying at Lindenwood, Tae played on their NCAA Division 1 ice hockey team where she was captain for three years. Since graduating Lindenwood University in 2017, Tae has been working as a special education teacher, head hockey coach, and hockey-specific sports trainer. Tae lives in Grand Rapids with her husband Justin, who is currently a registered nurse with Spectrum Health, finishing up his last year of schooling to pursue his Doctorate in Nursing Practice.

The Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association is committed to the development of programs promoting positive, challenging experiences in youth hockey. Youth hockey is a physically demanding team sport that fosters the opportunity for children to develop healthy bodies while encouraging team spirit and fair play. GRAHA is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) Charitable Corporation.

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