

## **Bruce Grey Bulls**



### **Introduction – Bruce Grey Bulls Tryout Package**

Welcome to the Bruce Grey Bulls hockey organization for the 2025/2026 hockey season. We are looking forward to growing together as we start out on this inaugural season of 'A' hockey within the WOAA. The Committee Members for the Bulls have been working hard to provide a hockey program that will promote skills development as well as leadership skills for all members of our different teams. We believe all our players should have an equal opportunity to develop these skills while at the same time playing at a high level on the ice.

### **Practice Times and Locations**

Bruce Grey Bulls practices will occur during the week at arenas within our zone. These arenas include Port Elgin, Southampton, Tara, Paisley, Chesley and Keady. Our committee is striving to keep practices local to minimize travel throughout the season. Games will typically be at arenas more suited for games based on size (i.e. Port Elgin, Southampton and Chesley.) Full team schedules will be provided following ice allocation meetings to be held early in the summer.

### **Head Coaches**

The head coaches for our inaugural season are as follows:

U10A – Tim Hammell

U11A – Shawn Prentice

U12A – Mike Roach

U13A – Scott Clark

U14A – Terry Penner

U15A – Jeremy Urbshott

U16A – Don Sutherland

U18A – Craig Akerman

Details on their bios can be found on our website ([brucegreybulls.ca](http://brucegreybulls.ca)).

Any other team staff will be identified by the head coach and included on our website. These staff must have a Vulnerable Sector Check completed prior to stepping on the ice with the players.



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### **Registration Fees:**

U10A-U15A: \$1,700

U16A, U18A: \$1,800

U11B, U13B: \$1,200

U15B, U18B: \$1,300

We offer a payment assistance program in order to break down the cost. Families can either pay the full amount upon signing, or can pay in three equal payments (for example, A hockey players would pay \$500/600 upon signing, \$600 on July 1<sup>st</sup> and \$600 on August 1<sup>st</sup>.)

### **Evaluation Policies:**

For all players within Zone 2 (Saugeen Shores, AEMHA, TCDMHA), optional preskates will be held prior to tryouts (3 skates for \$55)

For players starting body checking for the first time, we are offering several body checking clinics on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>. These clinics will be hosted by John Couch, who has coached hockey at all levels over the past 27 years and has run body checking clinics for the past 20 years for youth learning these skills. John has been a coach with the Nipissing Lakers for the past 6 seasons and specializes in supporting and mentoring minor hockey coaches, associations and teams. These clinics are an additional \$30/player, payable at the door.

For any player wishing to try out for the Bruce Grey Bulls A or B teams, the cost will be \$120. This fee covers all A and B tryouts. For players, this guarantees:

- 4 A tryouts
- 2 A tryouts, and if unsuccessful then three additional B tryouts
- 3 B tryouts for those who want to try out for only the B team

While the Bruce Grey Bulls encourage players to attend as many evaluation skates as possible, coaches have the option of signing players who register with the Bulls without seeing them on the ice.

Additionally, all out of zone players are welcome with no out of town fees required.

Once a player is selected to become a member of a Bruce Grey Bulls team, coaches will forward personalized links to the successful players online and they will have 24 hours to either accept or decline the offer. Once a player is signed they are no longer eligible to attend tryouts with any other association.

### **Equipment:**

The Bruce Grey Bulls have partnered with GOAT Sports Supply in Port Elgin to provide a brick and mortar shop where players and parents can go and purchase Bulls swag. Registration costs include two jerseys and two pairs of socks for Bruce Grey Bulls games. Individual coaches may select mandatory team packages which will be ordered through



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GOAT Sports Supply and be ready for the start of the regular season in September. These details will be communicated by each head coach upon the team's first meeting once tryouts are complete.

GOAT Sports Supply will also be facilitating team fitting days for all A/B teams after tryouts, check back for more details as we finalize the dates.

### **Development:**

The Bruce Grey Bulls program heavily focuses on player development and as such dedicates significant resources to helping members achieve their goals. Specifically, the Bulls will offer the following programs throughout the season:

- Goalie development skates will be offered weekly to goalies at both the A and B levels throughout the season with a dedicated goalie coach, these skates will be provided free of charge to all association goalies.
- The Bruce Grey Bulls have partnered with HH Powerskating for the upcoming season. We will offer weekly skates which will be heavily subsidized from registration and fundraising fees. These skates will be held in multiple locations to help ensure accessibility for all Bulls players.
- Off ice practices will be at the discretion of team's individual coach and will be funded via these team's fees.

### **Year End Activities**

It is important to the Bruce Grey Bulls to recognize exemplary performance throughout the regular season and into the playoffs. To this end, the Bulls will be hosting a year end banquet at a location to be determined to celebrate all our players and coaches' successes during the 2025/2026 season. Team awards and supper will be provided for all A and B level teams.

### **Bruce Grey Bulls FAQ**

Please take a look at our FAQ on the Bruce Grey Bulls website for any other questions you may have. For any remaining questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself and I will get back to you with an answer.

Thank you for your interest in the Bruce Grey Bulls, I am so excited to work and play with you all for our inaugural season!



Eric Dunn

Chairman – Bruce Grey Bulls