

Welcome to the 39th Annual
WALTER GRETZKY TOURNAMENT



February 21 - 23, 2020



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1. Welcome

On behalf of the Brantford Girls Hockey Association executive and our Tournament committee, we would like to welcome you to our community and wish everyone the best of luck in our 39th Annual Walter Gretzky Hockey tournament. We would like to say "Thanks!" to the families and friends who come out to support the players. We would also like to thank our local businesses and vendors that offer their support to the Brantford Girls Hockey Association. If you are able to visit these sponsors during your stay, our Hockey community would very much appreciate it.

During this tournament, we all look forward to seeing a great display of skill, competition and teamwork in the true spirit of fun and good sportsmanship. This is a tremendous opportunity not only for the younger players to see what Hockey has to offer, but also for the older players to be role models and to demonstrate that Hockey really is the ultimate team sport!

Check out our tournament maps for directions to venues and don't hesitate to ask any of our volunteers, for directions or advice on where to eat, get skates sharpened or where to go shopping, they will be happy to help.

We wish everyone a safe and successful Tournament.

Yours in Hockey,

Stu Myers,
1st Vice President
BGHA

Stéphane Rouleau
2nd Vice President
BGHA

2. Safety

We strongly encourage all teams visiting the tournament to have an emergency plan in place and to remember to restock your trainers and first aid kits. For your own safety and the safety of your trainers, should a player be injured during a game, please wait until the official stops the play before entering the ice surface.

In the event of a serious injury, please notify the arena staff and the tournament official immediately. Players requiring a hospital will most likely be taken to the Brantford Community Healthcare System in Brantford/Brant. The hospital is located at: 200 Terrace Hill Street, Brantford, ON N3R 1G9 tel: 519-751-5544.

2.1 Brantford & Area Walk-in Clinics:

1. Blue Ridge Walk-in Clinic & Pharmacy
595 West Street, Brantford, Ont
519-304-8984
Fri: 9-6; Sat & Sun: 10-3
2. Grey Gretzky Medical Centre
422 Grey Street, Brantford, Ont.
519-759-7444
Fri: 10-7; Sat & Sun: 10-3
3. Brantford Medical
300 King George Road, Brantford, Ont
519-304-8010
Fri: 9-5; Sat: 9-1; Sun: Closed
4. Brantford West Medical Centre
164 Colborne Street West, Unit 2A, Brantford, Ont.
519-304-9200
Fri: 10-7; Sat & Sun: 10-3

2.2 Concussions

In the event a player suffers a concussion or if you feel that your player may have suffered a concussion, please exercise extreme caution and have your player seen by a doctor immediately and rest them for the remainder of the tournament. Concussions are traumatic brain injuries and are to be taken very seriously. In addition, most concussions are deemed by players or parents as "non-injuries" and go unreported....so even if the symptoms aren't severe or serious, please complete an accident report and submit it.

Hockey Canada Concussion Card

CONCUSSION EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM

Concussion in Sport

All players who are suspected of having a concussion must be seen by a physician as soon as possible. A concussion is a brain injury.

A concussion most often occurs without loss of consciousness. However, a concussion may involve loss of consciousness.

How Concussions Happen

Any impact to the head, face or neck or a blow to the body which causes a sudden jolting of the head and results in the brain moving inside the skull may cause a concussion.

Common Symptoms and Signs of a Concussion

Symptoms and signs may have a delayed onset (may be worse later that day or even the next morning), so players should continue to be observed even after the initial symptoms and signs have returned to normal.

***A player may show any one or more of these symptoms or signs.**

Symptoms

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Feeling dazed
- Seeing stars
- Sensitivity to light
- Ringing in ears
- Tiredness
- Nausea, vomiting
- Irritability
- Confusion, disorientation

Signs

- Poor balance or coordination
- Slow or slurred speech
- Poor concentration
- Delayed responses to questions
- Vacant stare
- Decreased playing ability
- Unusual emotions, personality change, and inappropriate behaviour
- Sleep disturbance

For a complete list of symptoms and signs, visit www.parachutecanada.org

RED FLAGS – If any of the following are observed or complaints reported following an injury, the player should be removed from play safely and immediately and your Emergency Action Plan initiated. Immediate assessment by a physician is required.

- Neck pain or tenderness
- Severe or increasing headache
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Double vision
- Seizure or convulsion
- Vomiting
- Loss of consciousness
- Increasingly restless, agitated or combative
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs

Concussion – Key Steps

- Recognize and remove the player from the current game or practice.
- Do not leave the player alone, monitor symptoms and signs.
- Do not administer medication.
- Inform the coach, parent or guardian about the injury.
- The player should be evaluated by a medical doctor as soon as possible.
- The player must not return to play in that game or practice, and must follow the 6-step return to play strategy and receive medical clearance by a physician.

3. Arenas

Wayne Gretzky Sports Center

254 North Park St.
Brantford, ON N3R 4L1
519-756-9900

Brantford's sports center that includes 4 NHL size rinks; 2 swimming pools, rock climbing wall, indoor track, licenced restaurant, concession stand, pro shop and the Brantford and Area Sports Hall of Recognition



[Google Maps](#)

Lion's Park Arena (Steve Brown Sports Complex)

20 Edge St. (at Gilkison St.)
Brantford, ON N3T 6H1
519-759-6120

One of Brantford's older arenas. It has one rink with a concession stand



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Brantford and District Civic Centre

69-79 Market Street S.
Brantford, ON N3T 5R7
519-752-6541



[Google Maps](#)

Brant Sports Complex

944 Powerline Rd.
Brant, ON N3L 4A2
519-442-1944

Just outside Paris, this complex has 2 rinks with a concession stand.



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South Dumfries Community Center

7 Gaukel Drive
St. Goerge, ON N0E1N0
519-448-5611



[Google Maps](#)





Burford & Area Community Centre

14 Potter Drive
Burford, ON N0E 1A0
519-449-5611



[Google Maps](#)

4. On-site Vendors

Vendor	Website	Product	
On Spot Apparel	http://www.onspotapparel.com/	Customized tees, hoodies, etc.	
Dave Bruzzese Photography	http://www.digitaldaves.com/	Sports Photography	
Sweetlegs	https://sweetlegs.ca/	Leggings for everyone	
Scentsy	https://scentsy.com/	Collection of scent warmers, body washes, pet scents, etc.	

5. Support our Sponsors

Category	Business	Sponsor	Address
Fast Food Eateries	Boston Pizza	✓	2 Brantford locations: 1. 299 Wayne Gretzky Pkwy (519) 751-2304 2. 50 Market St. S. (519) 751-3269
	Fast Eddies	✓	2 Brantford locations: 1. 55 Edmondson St. (519) 756-0051 2. 9 Stanley St. (519) 756-3278
	Pita Pit	✓	3 Brantford locations: 1. 185 King George Rd (519) 750-1554 2. 320 Colborne St. (519) 752-7997 3. 218 Henry St (519) 751-7482
Equipment/Supplies	College Source for Sports	✓	Main Site: 63 Charing Cross, Unit 2 (519) 752-4150 Secondary Site: Wayne Gretzky Sports Complex

6. Other options for the weekend close by

Category	Business	Address	
Malls	Walmart Superstore Mall	1- 300 King George Rd (519) 759-3450	
	Lynden Park Mall	84 Lynden Road	
	Fairview Crossing	410 Fairview	
	Northpark	225 Fairview	
Pharmacy Supplies	Shopper's Drug Mart	225 Fairview #1A	
	Canadian Tire	30 Lynden Rd (519) 751-2878	
Food/Drink	Tim Horton's	2 close to WGC 1. 80 King George Rd 2. 610 West Street	
	Starbucks	595 West Street	
	McDonalds	2 close to WGC 1. 73 King Georg Rd 2. 299 Wayne Gretzky Pkwy	
	Wendy's	620 West Street in Fairview crossing	
	A&W	2 close to WGC 1. 30 Lynden Road 2. 72 King George Rd	
	Speekeezi's Cafe	415 Fairview Drive	
	Swiss Chalet	84 Lynden Road	
	Stan's Fries	In Fairview Crossing	
	Zanders Fire Grill & Brew Lounge	190 King George Rd	
	Entertainment	Galaxy Cinemas	300 King George Rd
		Kidtastic Adventures	603 Colborne St (519) 309-0025
		Bowling	Echo Bowl 760 Colborne St.
		Bell Homestead	94 Tutela Heights 9:30 - 4:30
		Woodland Cultural Center	184 Mohawk St. Fri: 9:00 - 4:00 Sat/Sun: 10:00 - 5:00
Glenhyrst Gardens		20 Ava Rd Fri: 10:00 - 5:00 Sat/Sun: 12:00 - 5:00	

7. OWHA Code of Conduct

ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct identifies the standard of behaviour which is expected of all Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) Members, including athletes, coaches, parents, directors, volunteers, staff, chaperones and others.

OWHA Teams, Associations, Programmes and Leagues are committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Members of the OWHA shall conduct themselves at all times in a fair and responsible manner. Members shall refrain from comments or behaviours which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, behaviour which constitutes harassment, abuse, bullying or cyber-bullying will not be tolerated by the OWHA.

During the course of all OWHA activities and events, members shall avoid behaviour which brings OWHA members or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol and non-medical use of drugs.

Members shall not use unlawful or unauthorized drugs/narcotics or performance enhancing drugs or methods.

Members of the OWHA shall not engage in activity or behaviour which endangers the safety of others.

OWHA members shall at all times adhere to the OWHA Team, Association, Programme and League operational policies and procedures, to rules governing the OWHA events and activities and to rules governing any competition in which the member participates on behalf of the OWHA.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, suspension or release from membership. Such action may result in the member losing the privileges that come with membership in the OWHA, including the opportunity to participate in OWHA activities.

8. Tournament Rules

OWHA Rules shall apply EXCEPT as listed below

Registration

- Teams are to register at whichever arena their first game is at. Player gifts are to be picked up at the Tournament Office at Wayne Gretzky Centre.
- A copy of your OWHA participant registration must be available on request (Roster)

Playing Rules and Tournament regulations are those of Hockey Canada and the OWHA EXCEPT:

- Teams must be available to play fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled time.
- For Representative Teams - Home team will wear LIGHT jerseys
- For all teams: In the case of sweater conflict, the home team will change.
- All teams must be ready to go on the ice as soon as the Zamboni is off and door is shut at which time the two-minute warm up will start.
- Teams will shake hands AFTER the game at the referee's discretion.
- At the completion of each game both teams will line up on their respective blue lines for the presentation of the Player of the Game awards. Each team is responsible to designate to the referee a player of the game from his or her own team. Try to make the selection as objective as possible so the same player does not receive the award in multiple games.
- The designated visiting team will leave the ice first upon direction of the referee and the home team will remain at their bench until the direction of the referee.
- Only arena personnel, referees, conveners and timekeepers will be allowed behind the area of the timekeeper's box.

Timeouts

- NO timeouts are allowed in round-robin play.
- One thirty-second timeout will be allowed in Semi-final and Championship games!!!
- Timeouts are NOT allowed in overtime

Suspensions

- Intent to injure or fighting penalties will result in the player being expelled from the game and the remainder of the tournament. OWHA penalties and suspensions also apply.
- OWHA rules require suspensions to be served in the next scheduled game. Therefore, a player or coach receiving a suspendable penalty must serve it during the tournament regardless of their leagues additional requirements. It is the responsibility of the teams coaching staff to confirm player/coach eligibility after any suspendable penalty. Due to variations in league rules, any player or coach under suspension entering the tournament is ineligible to participate in the tournament unless first cleared by the Tournament Committee. Either of the above violations will cause the offending team to automatically lose the game in which either of the above occurred. If the offending team loses the game, the score will stand. If the non-offending team loses the game, the score of the game will be recorded as one goal greater for the non-offending team than the offending team's

score. Both the offending participant and the head coach of the offending team will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.

Game Lengths

- Each Team will play a minimum of four games.
- All Novice, and Atom, division, games will consist of three (3) periods of 10, 10, 12 stop time.
- Peewee A, BB, B, C, HL Bantam BB, B, C, HL and Midget B, C, HL will consist (3) periods of 10, 10, 12 stop time.
- Peewee AA, Bantam A, Bantam AA, Midget AA, Midget A, Midget BB Intermediate A and Senior A games will consist of (3) periods consisting of 12 minutes - 12 minutes and 15 minutes, with a flood between the 2nd and 3rd period.
- Midget AA Final game will be 15-15-15 with a flood between the 2nd and 3rd period
- If the goal spread in the third (3rd) period reaches 7 goals, the clock will run until the spread is less than 7

Overtime

- Regular tournament games will be allowed to end in a tie.
- All championship, and semi-final games play to a winner. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time a sudden victory 5 minute overtime will commence. Teams will play 3 on 3. Players may be changed at any time. Goalies may be "pulled" at any time and a substitute player from the bench may be used. Teams do not change ends for Overtime or Shoot-Outs. If still tied a shoot-out will occur.
- Each team must designate 3 Shooters (S1, S2, S3) on the game sheets prior to the start of the game.
- Any player serving a penalty at the end of overtime will not be eligible to participate in the shoot-out. All players except the shooter and the goalies will remain on the bench. Once a player has shot they will go to the penalty box area. Shooters from both teams will shoot at the same time starting at centre ice. All 3 shooters from each will shoot. If still tied, each team will designate one shooter (other than S1, S2, or S3) at a time until all players on the game sheet (except goalies) have shot. You will continue this process until a winner is decided.
- Penalties will carry over from regulation and overtime periods. Non-offending team will add a skater.

Standings

- Teams will be awarded 2 Points for win; 1 point for a Tie; 0 points for a loss.
- Divisions that have an uneven number of teams registered, one team may play a 4th or 5th game before the Semi or Final, those game(s) will not count towards their point total, their first 3 games played will be the only points tallied in their total.
- BREAKING of a Tournament Tie: Note: In case of more than two teams, tie-breakers will follow the numerical order until all ties are broken.
 - i. Most Wins
 - ii. Record Against other tied team (Not applicable in a three way or more tie)
 - iii. Goals scored minus goals against

- iv. Fewest goals against
- v. Most goals for
- vi. Fewest Penalty minutes
- vii. First goal scored when the tied teams played (Not applicable in a three way or more tie)
- viii. Toss of a coin

Protests

- A Tournament Committee will hear protests. No protest will be heard regarding a referee's decision. A \$200 deposit, that will be returned if your protest is successful, must accompany all protests. A protest may only be heard if it is brought to the attention of the tournament chairperson or their delegate within thirty (30) minutes of completion of the game in question. A formal written submission can follow the initial notification. A hearing and ruling will be completed prior to the teams next scheduled game.
- All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final.

Novice

- We will have an option for Novice teams to register as Rep or HL
- Novice teams can register for $\frac{1}{2}$ ice or full ice games (depending on what their team is eligible for- this is the teams responsibility to register for the correct game type)
- All Novice teams will play the same amount of tournament games
- There will be no semi/final or medal games
- Half ice games will consist of a 3 min warm up, and two 20 minute periods- run time
- Half ice game will have a 1-minute shift change buzzer
- Full ice games will consist of a 2 minute warm up, and 3 periods 10-10-12

Miscellaneous

- Awards will be presented to all Champions/Finalists in all championship games. Both Teams will line up on their own blue lines for the presentation of medals. However should games be behind schedule we may be forced to hand out awards in their respective dressing rooms.
- All players and team officials must sign the game sheet prior to each game.
- Flooding of the ice will occur at the end of each game and may be deferred at the tournament committee's discretion.
- Please bring game sheet labels in case there are any problems with the game sheet printing and for placement games where we don't know who is playing ahead of time.
- Referee's decision is final and is not subject to appeal or grievance.
- Tournament officials decision is Final and Binding.
- Teams cannot cancel 30 days prior to tournament as per OWHA rule
- No helmets off while players are on the ice at any time including any pictures-insurance policy
- Anyone on the ice for your team must be insured through Hockey Canada (ie no parents on ice to take pictures)
- Play fair, Play hard and have FUN!

9. BGHA Tournament Events

9.1 BGHA Sports Lottery Tickets

Brantford Girls Hockey Association
SPORTS TICKET LOTTERY

GRAND PRIZE
5 tickets - Toronto Maple Leafs vs Montreal Canadiens - Saturday, April 4/20
5 tickets - Toronto Raptors vs Milwaukee Bucks - Friday, April 3/20
Plus Hotel Accommodations for April 3 & 4/20 in downtown Toronto

SECOND PRIZE
4 Tickets
Toronto Maple Leafs vs New Jersey Devils
Tuesday, March 17/20

THIRD PRIZE
4 Tickets
Toronto Maple Leafs vs Detroit Red Wings
Thursday, April 2/20

FOURTH PRIZE
2 Tickets
Toronto Maple Leafs vs Vancouver Canucks
Saturday, February 29/20



SILENT AUCTION
2 Tickets
Toronto Maple Leafs vs Nashville Predators
Thursday, March 12/20

PRIZES TO BE DRAWN:
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2020
TICKETS \$20.00 EACH
Lic. M839321
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY BRANTFORD GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PLAYER
OR EMAIL: BGHAOFFICE@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO

Tickets available on-site at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Center

9.2 I want to be in pictures

There will be a photo booth available for players at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Complex. Picture taking is FREE! The booth will be open:

-  Friday, February 21st from 4 - 7 p.m.
-  Saturday February 22nd from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.