



January 2026

Mustangs Monthly

Laurier vs. York Women's Game

Friday January 10, 2026
6:00PM (doors open at 5:00PM)



The Laurier Golden Hawks return to the Fergus Sportsplex! Each Mustang player gets 2 free tickets (from your Team Manager) and get your extra tickets [HERE](#)

Please sign up [HERE](#) to help at the event! This is one of the last opportunities to earn your volunteer hours, and this event is made possible entirely by volunteers.



Holiday Development Sessions Open for Sign up

A couple of opportunities are available for sign up [HERE](#). The follow sessions will be power skating based and run by Eddy Gaffney for REP players. Eddy has over 10 years of hockey school instruction experience with top-tier organizations including Varsity Hockey, Canadian Hockey Enterprises, and Power Hockey Development

U9/U11: December 27 | 6:30-7:30PM | Fergus Pad B

U13 to U15: December 27 | 8:30-9:30PM | Fergus Pad B

A goalie development session (for both REP and LL) will be hosted by Mustangs' Development Coach Mike Polan who is partnering with Ryan Ketner and Bulldog Goaltending Academy. Special 2 hour session.

December 28 | 7:00-9:00AM | Fergus Pad B



Opportunities



Looking for Community-Minded Volunteers – Join Our Board!

We're looking for enthusiastic folks to join committees of our Board of Directors. Not sure what that means? No problem! It's a great way to get involved, meet community members, and support our players and programs. Roles vary in time commitment, and we'll help match you with something that fits your interests and strengths. You don't need to be a hockey player—just organized, enthusiastic, and ready to make a difference.

Interested? Email grmdevelopment@gmail.com to learn more!



Building Team Spirit: U7s at the Storm Game!

Our U7 Mustangs had a fantastic time at the Storm game, and with a huge turnout of 38 players! It was great to see so many players and families out together, cheering, having fun, and showing strong team spirit. A memorable outing for our youngest Mustangs!



Victory Vault

Win thousands in cash prizes while ticket proceeds fund the Grand River Mustangs initiatives and directly help our young athletes. Victory Vault offers Ontarians weekly chances to win cash prizes while supporting young athletes across the province. The more you share and buy the more you can win! For more information click [HERE](#).

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Holiday Parades

Our Mustangs spirit was on full display as players, families, and coaches took part in three local holiday parades in Arthur, Elora, and Fergus. Nearly 4,000 candy canes were handed out, spreading smiles throughout the community. A special shoutout to U18B (Team Burnett) for collecting food donations for the local Food Bank. Thank you to Reliable Ford, Rock Interiors, and Fairfield Farms for providing vehicles and the wagon to make our float possible.

Holiday Cards for Seniors

Several teams took time to decorate Christmas cards for local seniors, which will be delivered on December 24, helping bring smiles and warmth to our community during the holidays.





Local League Update

With our Mustangs Local League season nearing the halfway point, there are a few things to be aware of as we head into the new year.

Grouping of Teams Based on Record

Teams will be moved into different divisions based on their record, in order to bolster competitiveness in the second half. Game and practice schedules for all our teams should be updated by early January.

Playoffs and Championship Day

The top 4 teams in each division will play semi-final and championship games in late-March/early-April. (For U9/U7, this may just be a single "celebration round" game against a similar opponent in your division.)

For more information on the above and more, check the [KGLL Policies Manual](#) and/or reach out to Dan any time with questions.

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Wishing all of our Mustangs teams the best of luck at the upcoming Jason Cripps Tournament. Go Mustangs and enjoy every moment!

Schedule can be found [HERE](#).

Season's Greetings

As we head into the holiday season, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our players, families, coaches, and volunteers for being such an incredible Mustangs community. We wish everyone a joyful and restful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

