



October 2025

# Mustangs Monthly

## ***President's Message***

**Dear Mustangs Families, Players, and Supporters,**

Welcome to a new season! Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we're thrilled to have you as part of our hockey family. The energy at the rink is electric, thanks to the people who make this association what it is.

### **Gratitude for Our Team Behind the Scenes**

Thank you to our Board, Coaches, and Team Managers for the many hours of preparation—from organizing schedules to securing ice and supporting our athletes. Your work makes this season possible.

### **Growth & Our 20th Anniversary Season**

Our association continues to grow in both Local Leagues and Rep Programs, providing strong development opportunities and higher levels of competition close to home. As we celebrate 20 years of Mustang hockey, we remain focused on building pathways for every player.

### **Communication & Feedback**

We're committed to open dialogue. Please share your ideas, questions, or concerns—your input helps us grow stronger together.

Here's to a season filled with growth, connection, and unforgettable moments. Let's make this 20th Anniversary our best yet!



**Sticks on the ice,  
Christine  
President, Grand River Mustangs**



# Current Volunteer Opportunities

## Volunteering & Community Spirit

One of the things that makes our association truly special is the strength of our community. Volunteering isn't just appreciated—it's essential. There will be many opportunities throughout the season to get involved, whether it's helping at events, supporting teams, or lending a hand behind the scenes. Once each family completes five approved volunteer hours, their volunteer deposit will be credited to their account for next season. It's a win-win: you support the Mustangs, and we all grow stronger together.



**SIGN UP**

*We are looking for volunteers for the following events:*

Remembrance Day Tournament

Remembrance Day Parade

Fergus Christmas Parade

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## Call for Committee Members

### Tournament Committee

Our annual Remembrance Day Tournament is a season highlight—bringing our hockey community together, honouring veterans, and creating lasting memories. Planning kicks off in September and October, and we need extra hands on the Tournament Committee for everything from prep to game-day support. Time commitment is flexible—every bit helps! It's also a great way to meet other parents and support our Mustang girls.

### Other Committees Looking for Volunteers

**Community Events** – Plan fun, engaging events for Mustangs families.

**Fundraising** – Lead creative initiatives that benefit all players.

Whether you have a little or a lot of time, your involvement matters. To help out, contact [grmhockeycommunity@gmail.com](mailto:grmhockeycommunity@gmail.com) or watch our social media for updates.

Committee work can also count toward volunteer hours.



# Other Opportunities

## Lead, Inspire, and Have Fun — Be an On-Ice Helper with U7

The U7 program is looking for dedicated on-ice helpers from our senior Mustang teams (U13 & up) for the 2025 season. Helpers will support coaches throughout the season (Oct–Mar) with drills, warm-ups, skill instruction, team spirit, and making the game fun for our youngest players. We're seeking up to 8 players who can attend most practices (Wed 5:00 PM & Sat 7:30 AM at the Sportsplex). Helpers will earn volunteer hours, receive a special Mustangs sweater, and be provided with training.

Interested Mustangs should contact Coach Richard at [grmu7hockey@gmail.com](mailto:grmu7hockey@gmail.com)

## We're Hiring Timekeepers!

Love being at the rink? We're looking for reliable timekeepers to join our team this season.



## Goalie Development Session

**October 5, 2025**

**8:00-9:00AM**

**Fergus Sportsplex**



## Holiday Card Contest

Calling all of our Mustang Artists to design a Holiday card to be printed and handed out to local Seniors in December. Design your Holiday themed card using the attached template (keeping your design within the box) and using lots of colour! We will select up to 4 designs to be printed on our Mustang Holiday cards that will be given out to teams to personalize and then delivered to local Seniors for some holiday cheer! Last year we delivered over 400 cards and received a lot of positive responses and smiles!

**Scan & Email your design to [grmhockeycommunity@gmail.com](mailto:grmhockeycommunity@gmail.com) by November 1st,**  
**[CLICK HERE](#) to access the template.**



# Upcoming Events

## Jersey Fitting Day

Monday September 29, 2025

6:30-8:00PM

Centre Wellington Sportsplex

Need a new personalized jersey? Join us at Jersey Fitting Day at the Sportsplex to place your order! Please note: league player jerseys are already included with registration. This fitting is for anyone rep or local league, who would like a personalized jersey with their name on it. Bring your shoulder pads to ensure a perfect fit!



## Grand River Mustangs Remembrance Day Classic Tournament

November 7-9, 2025

Centre Wellington Sportsplex

Hosted by the Mustangs – This special event pays tribute to our veterans while celebrating the spirit of competition and camaraderie. Stay tuned for updates from your coach or team manager about your team's involvement.

## Mustang 50/50 Storm Game

Sunday December 7, 2025

Times TBD

The Sleeman Centre, Guelph

Mark your calendars to attend this Storm game and help out with 50/50 sales! The stadium is usually sold out, making it a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the Mustang League. Stay tuned to our social media for game details and volunteer sign-up info!





# Upcoming Events

## Laurier Game at the Fergus Arena

Saturday January 10, 2026

Times TBD

## Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex

We're thrilled to announce that the Laurier Golden Hawks will be returning to the Fergus Sportsplex again this season! Last year's game was an incredible success, with a packed arena and an unforgettable atmosphere. You won't want to miss it! Included with your player's Mustang registration are two tickets per player (Team Managers will hand these out to players) - click link above to purchase additional tickets!



## Parade Season

Stay tuned!

Parade Season is coming fast - get ready to wear your colours and walk in the many upcoming parades (counts for volunteer hours and is a fun time for parents and players).

[CLICK HERE](#) to get those volunteer hours

## Save the Date – Year-End Banquet

Saturday April 18, 2026

It feels like the season just got underway, and yet here we are already planning our year-end celebration! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18, when we'll come together as a league to celebrate another fantastic season of hockey. The banquet is always a highlight—an evening of fun, memories, and recognition for all the players, families, and volunteers who make our league so special. You won't want to miss it!







# Program Updates

## Local League Program Update

We're excited to launch our Local League season with ice times starting this month! Players are gearing up for practices and games, and the buzz around the rink is building. Games are currently being scheduled and will be added to the schedule in the next few weeks as they are finalized. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers, bench staff, and team managers who are working tirelessly behind the scenes to get our teams set up for a successful season. Your time and dedication make it possible for our players to enjoy the game we all love — *we couldn't do it without you!*

## Rep Program Update

It's been an exciting start to the season for our Rep teams! Players and coaches have been working hard through practices and early season games, and the energy on the ice has been fantastic. Coaches and managers have been working behind the scenes to schedule games for the season. Thank you to all the families and volunteers who are supporting our athletes — your commitment makes a big difference. As we move into October, tournaments are kicking off, and we're looking forward to seeing our teams represent the Mustangs with pride across the province. Be sure to cheer them on and follow along for game highlights on our socials - *Go Mustangs!*



**We have our first banner of the season! Congrats to the U11A Team - Niagara Rapids Fall Classic Champions!**



# RINK TIPS - TO SURVIVE THE SEASON!

Hockey season is back, which means early mornings, cold rinks, and a lot of coffee. Here are a few “pro tips” to help you survive (and maybe even enjoy) the season:



- **Gear Hunt Champion:** Missing shin pad? Check the backseat of the car, the dog bed, and under the couch—because hockey gear has legs.
- **Coffee = Life:** 6 a.m. practices were invented to test your caffeine limits. Bring a travel mug the size of a goalie’s water bottle.
- **Layer Like a Pro:** Parents freeze in the stands while players overheat on the ice—no one wins. Dress smart, and bring a blanket.
- **Snack MVP:** Pack enough granola bars to feed the whole team—because someone always forgets.
- **Remember the Fun:** Wins are great, but the best part is the friendships, the laughs, and the memories (and maybe the Timbits after the game).



Good luck out there, Mustang families—you’ve got this!



## The Mustangs’ Organizational Calendar

This is the best place to find the most up-to-date schedule. We encourage all families to subscribe to the calendar so you always have the right schedule at your fingertips, as changes can happen throughout the season.

**SUBSCRIBE**

