



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT INVITATION

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My name is Andrew Fedurko and I am the General Manager and Head Coach of the expansion Mackenzie Mountaineers Junior A Hockey Club, in the GMHL's West Division. I would like to extend a formal invite to any skilled hockey players within your community to join our team for the 2021-22 training camp. The GMHL has the highest concentration of Indigenous athletes of any hockey league in the world, and since 2006, has helped over 889 players advance to higher levels of hockey,

Our training camp will take place in Mackenzie, BC on Saturday Sept. 24 & Sunday Sept. 25, with an optional orientation night being held on Friday Sept. 23.

The Mountaineers staff is highly experienced and seeks to promote its players to higher levels. Please see the attached team information document for details on the team identity, coaching and management, the town of Mackenzie, and more.

The Alan Sheppard Arena within the Mackenzie Recreation Centre will be the home of the Mackenzie Mountaineers. Since 2015, the district has been awarded over \$5 million towards the new additions to the facility. Arena spectators have a significant seating area complete with overhead heaters, and access to an elevator to the top of the bleachers for viewing. It is a robust facility which is home to a 25-metre pool, hot tub, sauna, weight room, cardio centre, fitness program, ice rink, restaurant, child's play area, and the public library. Other resources include: six renovated dressing rooms, treadmills, ellipticals, rowing machines, stair-climbers, stationary bikes, weight room, plate-loaded equipment, free-weights, synergy machine, swimming pool, a hot tub, rock-climbing wall, and an outdoor ice-rink.

Junior A hockey is a full-time commitment, and our mandate is to develop young men into complementary athletes, as well as complementary human beings. As such, all players must sign a code of conduct ensuring that they will always



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represent themselves, their teams, and their communities in a professional manner. Please see the accompanying code of conduct document for more information.

The GMHL West uses the academy-based collegiate and European pro model which offers the players 4 consecutive days of dedicated practice each week, usually Monday to Friday for a minimum of 90 minutes. The players will also return to the rink each day for off ice, weight training, nutritionist, video analysis (team and individual), and more. The players use the week to prepare for their 2 weekend games each in a 42-game league schedule. These players will be developed by professionals who will ensure that they improve as much as possible and are prepared for the next stage of their hockey careers.

Annual Tuition for the Mackenzie Mountaineers Junior A Hockey Club is \$15,000CDN, and \$500/m for billeting. Athletes will be provided with working opportunities within the community to help cover these expenses. Tuition is due in full by Oct. 1. Deposit of \$2500 due on contract signing. This tuition includes:

- All Billeting (food accommodation, rides to the rink, internet access, etc). All billet families are thoroughly screened and also sign codes of conduct. Local players tuition will be adjusted for billet costs.
- All Equipment including: Gloves, helmets, visors, pant shells, tape, laces, practice/game jerseys, socks.
- Sticks as a deep discount- Pro-stock sticks for \$80 each- potential stick deal in the works as well
- All travel costs for the season including bus, meals, hotels, etc. This includes showcase and all-star games.
- Access to team facilitated part-time work (when available) to assist in paying team costs.
- Goalie will work with Toronto Maple Leafs' goalie coach, Steve Briere, for 12-months in his remote player mentorship program.

The cost of training camp is **\$200 CAD.**



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If you are interested in attending, please [REGISTER HERE](#). You may pay via EMT, which is to be sent to the email address below.

Here is a [team information package](#) for you to review.

If you have any questions or would like to connect, please contact me at [andrew@mackenziejuniora.com](mailto:andrew@mackenziejuniora.com) OR at 1-647-401-4609.

Regards,

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