



VOLUNTEER BOND PROGRAM
GRAND VALLEY AND DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
2017/2018 SEASON



Purpose:

To encourage all Grand Valley and District Minor Hockey (GVDMH) Association members to become actively involved in the operation and success of our Association.

Overview:

GVDMH is run completely by volunteers. Many of our members are unaware of just how much volunteer work and fundraising is necessary to operate a quality hockey program.

Although not everyone has the hockey experience or skills to assist as an on-ice volunteer, there are many other roles that contribute greatly to the success of our association. Examples of these opportunities include fundraising initiatives such as our Halloween dance, Hockey Day in Grand Valley, Bottle Drives, and Tournaments, as well as working the gate at our home games, selling 50/50 tickets, and helping with other community functions and events that GVDMH is involved in throughout the year. The volunteer bond program has been introduced to encourage our association members to step forward and get involved.

Value of Bond:

Every family with a registered player in GVDMH must provide a bond payment in the form of a \$200.00 cheque at the time of registration in order for your child to participate in the 2017/2018 season. The cheque must be post-dated for April 1st, 2018. You are required to provide ONE cheque PER family (not per player).

Commitment:

Volunteer commitment will be calculated based on a 10-point system per family. Approximately 1 hour of volunteer time will equal 1 point. You must be over the age of 14 years old to participate in the completion of bond points. The list of volunteer opportunities below gives an example of the types of duties that will be available in the 2017/18 year, although additional duties will become available throughout the year and will be posted on the GVDMH website in a timely manner.

Volunteer Opportunities (please note that all positions identified with * require the volunteer to complete the formal training courses required for these positions):

- Bench Staff (Head Coach*, Assistant Coach*, Trainer*) – 10 Points
- Team Manager – 10 Points
- Executive Member – 10 Points
- At-Large Bench Staff (Coach*, Trainer*, On-ice Helper (Preschool/Initiation Program divisions only)*, etc.) – 1 Point/game
- Gate/50-50 – 1 Point/game
- GVDMH Fundraising events (e.g. Halloween Dance, Bottle Drive, Hockey Day in GV, Duck Race food booth, Chase the Tornado Race) – 1 Point/Hour

- Tournament events (duties include set-up, clean up, kitchen duty, organizing awards/raffles, etc.)– 1 Point/Hour
- All other opportunities as deemed appropriate by the GVDMH Executive – 1 Point/Hour (These opportunities will be posted on the GVDMH website throughout the year).

If 10 points are not achieved and verified by the end of the season, your bond cheque will be cashed.

Opting Out:

Families choosing to opt out of the volunteer bond program may do so at the time of registration by submitting a cheque for \$200.00 with a current date and by checking the appropriate box on the volunteer bond policy agreement. This cheque will be cashed by GVDMH.

Process:

- Each family will be required to provide a post-dated cheque in the amount of \$200.00 payable to GVDMH dated April 1, 2018.
- Bond cheques are to be submitted at the time of registration.
- Cheques will be returned to those families who complete their bond by the end of the season. Volunteers who do not fulfill their total hours will have their cheques cashed. If a bond cheque is returned NSF, an additional administration fee of \$25.00 will be due. Players with a balance owing will not be permitted to register for the following season until the debt is cleared.
- Volunteer points/hours will be approved by GVDMH. Only designated Event coordinators, Team Managers, and Fundraising organizers will be eligible to sign off on volunteer hours worked. A signed, written receipt will be provided to volunteers upon request, at the time of a volunteer activity. It is the volunteer's responsibility to collect and submit receipts when their total points have been achieved along with the bond refund request form (located at www.gvmh.ca) to fulfill their bond obligation. It is up to each family to ensure that they fulfill their volunteer obligation and to retain records of their approved hours by the end of the season.

For more information on the Bond Policy, please visit www.gvmh.ca or contact the GVDMH Bond Director.