



# GKHAT Chat

Spring 2025

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**Do you want to get more involved in the club but aren't sure where to start? Visit the new tab on the GKHAT website [HERE](#) that has information on all the ways we could use your help in making our club great!**

**We are currently recruiting for 2025 Auction Planning committees & support in the registrar function.**

## 2025-26 GKHAT Board

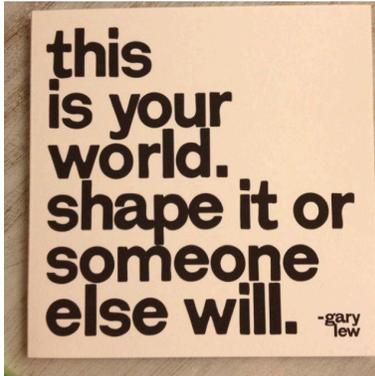
Our Annual General Meeting took place on April 15th and **we had one of our biggest turnouts ever for an AGM!** Thank you to those who attended and volunteered to join the board, committees and just plain offered to get involved and help!

### 2025-26 GKHAT Board of Directors & Committee Leads

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**YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

## Get Involved:



Positions/Support we are looking for:

- Volunteers to help with organizing this year's auction with direction from Allison Clare
- Support in the registrar role - a job made much easier now that we have our new website!
- Members interested in joining the Yurt replacement committee
- Building a general list of parent volunteers we can draw on as needed, both on and off snow.

Please contact [volunteer@gkhat.ca](mailto:volunteer@gkhat.ca) and Rachelle our volunteer coordinator can connect you with the right person so you can get involved!

GKHAT is a volunteer driven organization; parent volunteers fuel all aspects of GKHAT and play a major role in the success of our programs. The club relies on generous volunteer contributions to keep the club running smoothly.

We are a welcoming team, and have a place for anyone who is interested in participating. No experience with ski racing or previous board membership is necessary. This is a great way to help support and shape the quality of your child's ski experience.

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## 2025-26 Registration - 2-day pricing!

### What you need to know:

- Registration will open **June 19** and close on **July 19**.
  - U6 minis - capped at 12 Saturday & 12 Sunday.
  - Ski Academy - guaranteed spots for 9, will consider more if we GKHAT can make it work.
  - Kimberly race fees included in U10 registration fees. Last season there were 52 GKHATer at this race and we hope for another large contingent this season.

GKHAT will continue to offer 2-day programming (U8-U16) with the huge discount of 50% on the second day. Last season we had 21 multi-day athletes as young as U8 and all the way up to U16. The benefits to training 2-days a week are many! Some include:

- SIGNIFICANT improvement: when your athlete trains 2 days a week on snow, the development we have seen in the past is massive.
- Different coaches and new friends: your athlete will likely have an entirely different team and coach on the two different days.

- Practice at different disciplines: your athlete will get broader training of Giant Slalom, Slalom and Ski Cross when training twice a week. Head Coach Ryan often sets one discipline on Saturday and the other on Sunday. By training both days, your athlete will be guaranteed to improve at both!
- You can miss a day or two: other sports, ski races, birthday parties, illness, holidays. These are all conflicts that can pop up during the short winter season. GK HAT has consciously reduced the price of the second day because we know that your athlete likely will miss a day or two. No one likes to waste \$.
- Its very economical. You can register any combination of Friday/Saturday/Sunday ages U8 through to U16.

If you are considering registering your athlete for our 2-day programming but have some questions, please reach out to Rocky Baker at rbaker@gkhat.ca or text at 403-869-9072. She'll be happy to answer your questions and talk to you into doing it :)

**2025-26 Pricing Structure** (does **not** include BC Alpine fees which will be added at time of registration)

Pricing	Program	2025-26
U6 Mini	1-day	<b>\$630.00</b>
U8	1-day	<b>\$755.00</b>
U8	2-day	<b>\$1,132.50</b>
U10	1-day + race	<b>\$1,005.00</b>
U10	2-day + race	<b>\$1,417.50</b>
U12	1-day	<b>\$845.00</b>
U12	2-day	<b>\$1,267.50</b>
U14	1-day	<b>\$845.00</b>
U14	2-day	<b>\$1,267.50</b>
U16	1-day	<b>\$845.00</b>
U16	2-day	<b>\$1,267.50</b>

Note: GK HAT does have financial assistance available for those who need it. Contact [financialassistance@gkhat.ca](mailto:financialassistance@gkhat.ca) if you require support.

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## 2025-26 Ski Academy

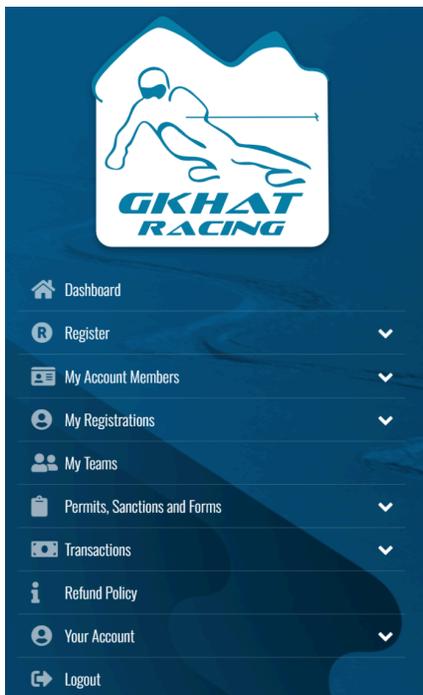
The GK HAT Ski Academy Program is for grade 8 and 9 students who want to learn what it takes to train at a competitive level, and build the skills needed to be a high level skier in any discipline. This program runs from September to May, one afternoon a week, starting with dryland training in the fall and transitioning onto snow with some pre-season sessions at Lake Louise until Kicking Horse opens.

The full program description for Ski Academy is available on the website. If you have questions about Ski Academy please get in touch with Program Director Ryan Ford [headcoach@gkhat.ca](mailto:headcoach@gkhat.ca). Registration will be open for this program on June 19th and we expect it to fill up. There will be guaranteed 9 spots so don't delay in registering. GK HAT might be able to accommodate more, but subject to a review by Ryan and the board. This year's program fee will be \$1475 plus BC Alpine fees.

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## NEW WEBSITE

Landra Melton, our fearless IT director has been working hard to create a new website and registration system. It looks amazing!! We will be sending out additional instructions and screenshots to guide you through registration in June. Here is a little sneak peek...



## Golden Kicking Horse Alpine Team

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 Participant

[Register as a Participant >>](#)

English

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## Fundraising & Sponsorship

### YURT Replacement Plan

Now that Kicking Horse will be getting a fire hall, GK HAT can solidify the plans to replace the yurt! Our main focus for fundraising will be raising the funds, expertise and materials needed for the new structure.

**Where do you work?** Does your employer offer a grant/donation matching or sponsorship program that could benefit our plans to replace the GK HAT Yurt? Do you have any creative

fundraising or granting ideas for us? We encourage all GKHAT families to put on their idea caps and help us out. Personal and corporate donations are always welcome! These funds go directly into our new build account, we are currently sitting at \$50,000 so we are on our way with a long road ahead. Please contact Dan @ [equipment@gkhat.ca](mailto:equipment@gkhat.ca) to discuss further.

### **Auction**

The annual online auction held in the fall will continue to be a mandatory fundraiser aimed at keeping program costs as low as possible for families (details available in the updated Parent Handbook and more info to come once registration for next year is complete).

### **BC Gaming Grant Application**

Work to re-apply for the BC Gaming Grant is well underway. Big thanks to **Jess Joy** who is behind the scenes helping us with this one!

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## **Follow us on Social Media**

Did you know GKHAT is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram?



- Facebook: [GKHAT](#)
- [Facebook Gear/Equipment Buy and Sell](#)
- Instagram: [@gkhat.racing](#)
- Twitter: [@GKHAT](#)

Follow us and watch for updates, photos and more ski content as the season progresses.

Also, check out our [GKHAT Buy and Sell page](#) on Facebook where we can help each other outfit our racers with the right gear and equipment for next year!

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# **GKHAT Sponsors**

## **GOLD**



Silver

