



# Hockey Program FAQs

George McDougall High School

2018-2019

## What is GMHS Hockey Academy?

- The Bisons Academy is a program designed specifically for the Bisons Athletic Association with the goal of enhancing player growth and development, coach development and parent education.
- The team program involves the Midget AAA Bisons morning campus at Ron Ebbesen Arena where student-athletes achieve daytime practices, additional training, and development and academic credits within the daily academic timetable. The Bisons Academy works alongside the Airdrie Global 10-12 program in all academic related experiences.

How do I start?

- In order to attend the Hockey Academy at George McDougall High School, students and parents must complete all parts of the **“GMHS Hockey Application Package”** and meet with administration for approval.
- In addition, Global Sports Academy requires a program application form.

Do I have to attend George McDougall High School?

- **No. you can attend a school of your choice; however, the programming is designed to occur within the regular daily academic schedule of Airdrie Public high schools, and full participation in the Bisons programming is expected.**

What is an “In Area” student athlete?

- **“In-Area” student-athlete means the student is currently attending one of the three Airdrie public high schools.**

What is an “Out of Area” student athlete?

- “Out-of-Area” student-athlete means any student not designate to one of the three Airdrie public high schools.
- Out of Area student-athletes must meet with admin and complete the “**Out of Area Application Form**”
- We ask that Bisons students enroll at George McDougall High School PRIOR to the school year. This will allow them to be enrolled in classes at the beginning of the year.

What if my son  
gets released  
from the Bisons?

- Student athletes have the opportunity to remain in Global Sports academy, stay at George McDougall or return to their community school.
- Students must complete the “**GMHS Transfer Out Withdrawal Form**” when leaving GMHS. After meeting with the administration, the student will be released, and able to return to a school of their choice.

How do the academics work in morning academy?

- The “Global” block is delivered during the first block of the day. This includes all CTS-related course work, on-ice practices (in-season) and multi-sport sessions and off-ice training sessions (offseason).
- The second block of the day is a humanities (English and/or Social Studies) course delivered by a Rocky View School Division teacher at our morning campus.
- For transfer ease, students will be enrolled in ELA during semester 1 and SS during semester 2 (with a plan to complete both by April). To allow students to return to their home schools following the hockey season, teachers will include formative and summative assessment, and detailed outcome based feedback that will be available through PowerSchool.



Where do the hockey players go in the afternoon?

- **Student-athletes return to their designate school where they continue with their other academic commitments.**
- **We intend to schedule students to complete courses in the GMHS classrooms, however if scheduling issues occur, the student-athlete may be enrolled in a "WeConnect" course, during which they will complete an online class through Rocky View Schools Online.**

Is  
transportation  
covered?

- Hockey players are responsible for their own transportation to the morning campus and returning home from school at the end of the day. Global assists in coordinating transportation efforts and solutions during the school day in conjunction with the school division and applicable families. As of now, due to insurance and divisional restrictions, students are not allowed to car pool between the rink and school.

What does the hockey program include?

- The program includes, and is not limited to: Bisons and Global led practices, off-ice training and off-ice skill integration sessions designed by PEAK Power Development, multi-sport sessions, academic support, coaching and leadership, team and individual video sessions, mental health expertise (Mindful Athletics), mental performance training (Inner Mind), guest speakers, G23 medical access, “Bisons Club” incubator, parent education and development, team mentorship, networking and next step progression plan for players.

What does the  
hockey program  
cost?

- All pricing is set by the Bisons Athletic Board and found on their website:  
[www.bisonshockey.ca](http://www.bisonshockey.ca)

Does Global Sports choose the Bisons team?

- **No. The team is evaluated and selected by the Bisons Coaching Staff**

Does Global  
work with other  
associations?

- **Yes. Global operates programs in multiple school divisions and with multiple associations. Each program is unique and specifically designed based on the individual association needs.**