



GKHAT Chat

September 2025

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IMPORTANT! With the implementation of our new website and registration system by our amazing board member Landra Trevis, GKHAT is moving away from monthly GKHAT Chat emails. We encourage you to regularly check the website www.gkhat.ca for updates and stay current with our Whatsapp Groups. Contact registrar@gkhat.ca to be added.

2025-26 Season Schedule

Some but not all dates have been set for the upcoming season. Please visit the website to check for updates:

- **September 18** - Ski Academy starts
- **October 22** - Parent meeting (all parents)
- **November 8:** Deadline to submit auction items
November 7-8: Ski Swap Weekend (actual Swap is on Saturday Nov 8, 2025, with equipment drop off on Friday Nov 7, 2025)
- **November 14-22** Online Auction Fundraiser is LIVE!
- Tentative Pre-season Lake Louise Training Dates (U12-U16)
 - Nov 15-16
 - Nov 22-23
 - Nov 29-Nov 30
- **December 12-14 First GKHAT Weekend (U8-U16)**

Missed Program Registration - Good News!

Registration filled very quickly this year, we have just a couple spots left in specific age groups:

- U8: 1 Friday, 4 Saturday, 4 Sunday spots
- U10: 1 Friday, 2 Sunday spots
- U12: 1 Friday spot
- U14/U16: 2 Saturday spots

These will be filled on a first come, first-served basis. Please reach out to vp@gkhat.ca if you would like to register an athlete. Payment will be due via credit card at time of registration.



GKHAT Parent Meeting - October 22 from 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/rye-gkqw-ain>

Or dial: +1 647-734-7345 PIN: 648863043

Join us for an overview of the season including important information for parents and athletes and a chance to ask questions about the upcoming season. New and returning families are welcome.

2025 GKHAT Auction - Time to start thinking about auction items!

Planning for this year's auction is well underway. As outlined in the **Parent Handbook** on the GKHAT website, our online auction is vital to keeping registration costs as low as possible for families, which is why participation is mandatory for all GKHAT families, including Mini GKHAT skiers. Last year's auction broke ALL the records - bringing in a huge \$35,000! Let's make this year another huge success.



Requirement: All GKHAT families, including minis, are required to secure an auction item(s) with a minimum value of \$150 (per family, not per child), or make a familial donation to GKHAT in the amount of \$300. Please note that this requirement is not meant to add financial burden to a family and we will be sending out additional information and resources to help you secure the best, most interesting auction item possible. The goal is for our families to secure a business donation to the auction and not pay out of personal pocket. If you have questions, you can contact Allison Clare at aclare@gkhat.ca

Auction item drop off deadline: **November 8, 2025**. Drop off locations in Golden and Calgary will be available - and new this year you can drop your item off to us at the Ski Swap.

Auction is LIVE: November 14th to 22nd

Item pickup: for successful bidders November 23 NOON to 3:00PM in Golden (or other arrangements for Calgary pickup).

THANK YOU to Tracy Van Zalingen, Nicki Gleeson, Erin Kennah & Dan Dressler for volunteering to help our board with this very important fundraiser. Your time is so very appreciated!

2025 GKHAT Ski Swap: November 8th

We are excited to announce we are holding a Ski Swap again this Fall on November 8, 2025 at the Golden Rec Plex! We successfully implemented a new ski swap system and it made the weekend soooo easy for all! It was a fun and rewarding event, thanks to a small, dedicated group of volunteers.

This year the event will be organized again by the team of two Sarah's:

- **Sarah Recoskie** is our “boots on the ground” lead - she will be organizing the volunteers, the setup, takedown and making sure the moving of gear and people is smooth!
- **Sarah O'Connor** is our administrative lead - making sure the administrative side of the swap moves smoothly (paperwork, tagging, tracking and money moving)



Three small changes for this year's event:

- Selling fee is a flat \$3/item rate
- GKHAT will earn a small 10% commission on all sales - these funds will go directly to help pay our coaches and buy safety equipment like radios
- Payment will be accepted in cash, credit card (3% additional fee) or interact (no additional fee).

A callout for day-of volunteers will be made in the fall - and any volunteers get first shopping rights on all the goodies!! For general inquiries about the event or **if you know of vendors** interested in participating in the swap please contact skiswap@gkhat.ca

A special thanks to the Town of Golden and Day2Day Books for sponsoring the ski swap!

2025-2026 Race Committee

GKHAT will be transforming our well loved, in-house Cookie Cup to the new “Recoskie’s Cookie Cup Nancy Green Race”. We will be inviting clubs from Fernie, Windermere, Red, Whitewater, Kimberley and Lake Louise to come join in the 2-day Cookie Cup magic. We are planning (subject to change) to have a timed race (top 10 to be awarded), speed trap, dual race challenge, ski cross on Saturday. Then followed by the U12 Ski Cross Ladder

and All-Mountain Challenge. The winner of the All-Mountain Challenge will win the Recockie Cookie Cup - a new trophy to be awarded to the team that obtains the most points.

In order to make this jump from Cookie Cup to an official Nancy Greene race, GKHAT will need many volunteers to plan and facilitate this event. We are looking for volunteers to join a Race Committee which will plan, train and execute this race in its grander format. ZERO experience is required. Leads include: Amy Bellomo, Rocky Baker & AJ Booker. Please email Rocky if interested at vp@gkhat.ca

GKHAT Sponsors

GKHAT is actively seeking sponsors for our 2025-26 season. Sponsorship will help us maintain vital resources like our team van, equipment, and facilities, as well as subsidize training, coaching, races, and events. In return, we offer a range of tailored benefits designed to maximize the sponsor's exposure and engagement with our community. These benefits include brand visibility, community engagement opportunities, and participation in events, depending on the sponsorship level.

New this year, GKHAT will recognize gift-in-kind donations as part of our Sponsorship Program. Donation levels and recognition benefits available include:

Corporate logo on GKHAT van
 Corporate logo posted on race hut at Kicking Horse Resort*
 Corporate logo on Sponsor banner displayed at GKHAT yurt at Kicking Horse Resort*
 Corporate logo on GKHAT webpage

Sponsorship Level	Min	Max	Van	Race Hut	Yurt	Website
♦♦ DOUBLE BLACK	+\$2,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
♦ BLACK DIAMOND	\$1,000	\$1,999		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
● BLUE SPONSOR	\$500	\$999			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
● GREEN SPONSOR	\$0	\$499				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**some conditions/limits apply*

If you or a business you know is interested in supporting our team, please reach out to soconnor@gkhat.ca

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our current sponsors: Dogtooth Construction, Selkirk Sports. And past sponsors: Kardash Heating, Sagelink Oilfield Services, Gurski Electric, and Golden Alpine Holidays. Your generous support keeps us moving forward!

Equipment and Racing Gear

Check out our [GKHAT Buy and Sell page](#) or the [Ski Racing Buy & Sell Canada](#) group on Facebook where we can help each other outfit our racers with the right gear and equipment for next year! Refer to our website: [Golden Kicking Horse Alpine Team : Website by RAMP InterActive](#) Consider shopping at our ski swap on November 8th!! If you need help, as always please get in touch with us at info@gkhat.ca.

Follow us on Social Media

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- 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.

Selkirk Ski & Bike Discount



Selkirk Sports continues to offer a discount for GKHAT athletes on tuning services with a punch card program. Additionally, GKHAT athletes receive 20% off soft goods and ski services. All other goods are discounted at 10% off for our athletes. Thank you Selkirk Sports for your generous support!