

# HHGC Connections

September 2021



## Welcome back families!

Fall is finally here, with back to school and back to gymnastics all happening this week! The recreational fall session began Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> and we are so excited to see you all back in the gym and working on your new levels and skills.

We want to welcome you all back into the gym with the safest, most fun possible for the fall 2021 session. We can't wait to work on the fun, fitness, and fundamentals of gymnastics with the amazing support from our coaches to assist our wonderful athletes in the best environment for gymnastics possible.



In an effort to continue to improve the experience of our Recreational Program, we've made some wonderful new organizational changes. Emma Keough, previously our most seasoned senior coach, has been promoted to the position of **Recreational Supervisor**, where she will continue to support all the junior coaching staff, be the gym-point person on Sundays, and oversee Birthday Parties.

We also have a new face starting with us this Fall. It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome **Emily Danecker** our new **Assistant Recreational Director**. Emily started gymnastics when she was three years old and immediately fell in love with the sport. She competed in women's artistic gymnastics for many years before finishing her competitive career at the age of 22. Since then, she has kept active by participating in competitive cheerleading with Brock University and local all-star teams. Emily has over a decade of coaching experience, is a fully Level 2 Certified W.A.G. Coach and has worked in many areas of gymnastics including, competitive, recreational, trampoline, tumbling, and more! Emily's passion is working with children to progress them further in life developmentally and work to engage them in a positive and progressive manner.

Please be sure to carefully read through our news page on our website as we outline everything you need to know for the Fall, as well as our COVID-19 Protocols.

We look forward to seeing you all in the gym!  
Alyssa Lopez, Director of Recreational Programs

### Important Dates:

- Sept 6—HHGC Closed
- Sept 8—Comp / Interclub training resumes
- Sept 11—First Day of Fall Programs
- Sept 27—Competitive / Interclub Parents Meeting
- Oct 11—HHGC Closed—Happy Thanksgiving

Winter Registration  
begins

October 15th!



## Competitive, Interclub and T & T Update:

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new team members! It is good to be back in the gym with our athletes full swing with an exciting coaching team who are ready to take the dreams and make them a reality.

After a short summer training and many sore muscles we are back to our regular season training. We are looking at a more normal season, with competitions starting in January for some groups and levels. We will continue to build our recovery phase after a few months of not being in the gym, but very soon we will be in full training mode with the new skills and routines for the competitions that are ahead of us.

We encourage every parent from our competitive program to do their best bringing their athletes on time to the gym (much of it depends on you). As attendance is very important for competitive training please do your best to not to miss training and if you do need to miss please let Coach Florin know if there are any days your athlete will be missing.

We will be holding a "Competitive Parents General Meeting" on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM via Zoom. We will send the link to all parents in a separate email. We will present the information we have so far pertaining to the competitive season and what we are hearing from Gymnastics Ontario and what the vision is for the year.

We would like to remind parents that if they are in need of a new training suit they have until September 17<sup>th</sup> to order from the Jagwear link that was sent out. We also want to remind our Interclub parents that the training suit is now strongly encouraged to be worn as this promotes team unity. If anyone needs the link to order please let us know. We will be providing information on the Competition suits later this month once we know more about the competition dates and registration.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our parents meeting and to an amazing year!

## SUMMER CAMP 2021

Summer Camp was a huge hit this year, for both the campers and the coaches and we are so happy to see how much fun you all had and we can't wait to get it under way again next year.



Our day camp and parkour programs were full every week of the summer and all of the athletes and coaches had a blast! We ended camp with an amazing magic show that had all the kids over the moon and we empowered the campers to design a garbage bag costume for the coaches and this was a huge hit for everyone. Thank you to everyone who joined us this summer, we cannot wait to see everyone again next year!



Thank you for your support!



## ***Message from the Board Chair....***

### **Best Wishes Bill on your retirement!**

Bill has been a permanent fixture around Halton Hills gymnastics since October 2009. You would have been most likely seen him in the halls high fiving kids or checking in with parents! You may have also seen him doing some maintenance duties! You could also find him at gymnastics competitions cheering on the athletes and celebrating them doing their very best!

Fun Fact - Did you know he was an ex-CFL player? Bill was a gentle giant but he had a fierce loyalty to Halton Hills Gymnastics! He served with a big heart and it was seen in all that he said and did for HHGC. His commitment was seen even in driving from Barrie each day for 12 years.

Here is what some of the Staff and Coaches had to say about him at this farewell!



*"You have always had a passion to create a wonderful, caring environment for the children and young adults to learn and grow."*

*"Your constant positive energy was always so inspiring!"*

*"You will forever be the most kind and warm-hearted man I have ever met. I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to grow up in this gym. It is the way it is because of you, and I thank you for that. This will forever be my home. You have built a community and team at HHGC, and have done amazing things for everyone here."*

*"You learn theory from books and get inspired by people who are a living example", Bill you have been a great example of what a true leader IS. You inspired me to excel in what I do and do my best. Thank you."*

*"I appreciate how strong of a role model and mentor you've been to me and I will do my best to carry forward your legacy. I think in football, that's called "running the play".*

With all this in mind and so many more comments to the same effect, we would again like to thank Bill Harrison for all his investment, love, care, and concern for the Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre over the years. There will never be a way to thank you enough for all you have done.

We are excited to announce that at the end of each gymnastics season, the Board of Directors will be awarding The Bill Harrison Award of Excellence.

This award is given each year to the the staff member that we feel best exemplifies high standards of servant leadership. They quietly yet competently complete tasks. Raising the bar as they go and their example encourages others to do the same.

Bill, your contribution and commitment to excellence is unmatched. Thank you for your years of service and for making the drive from Barrie to serve the Community of Halton Hills! All the best as you enjoy your retirement!

Sincerely,

Charlotte Fishback

Board Chair, Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre

# COVID POLICY UPDATE

## Vaccine Passport System Roll Out

### General Notes:

### Ontario's Vaccine Passport – Effective September 22<sup>nd</sup>

- The Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre **will require Guest/Visitors** aged 18 or older, provide proof of their full vaccination status.
  - Masks will remain mandatory regardless of vaccination status
  - All youth 17 and under who are participating in a program at HHGC will be exempt from the passport program and having to provide a negative Covid test but will be subject to our screening policy upon entering the facility.
  - Safety is our number one priority, and HHGC will continue to follow the guidance and mandates rolled out by the Province of Ontario, our local Public Health Unit and Gymnastics Ontario.
- Vaccination for HHGC Staff is not mandatory but for those who have not self-disclosed their vaccination status will be subject to rapid testing.

**All patron-guests 18+** entering our facility (accompanying a Kinder program, participating in a drop-in or birthday party) will be subject to screening protocols, and will be required to provide proof of their vaccine receipt showing they are fully vaccinated with a piece of Government issued ID.

- If patron-guests 18+ do not wish to disclose their status or state they are not vaccinated they may notify HHGC management who is able to be a 'caregiver' for their kinder-child/birthday party participant.

- If the guest chooses not to disclose, and is not open to assigning someone to be a caregiver – they will not be permitted entry. In this instance, prorated refunds will be issued for HHGC programming.

Should you have any further questions regarding our COVID-19 safety protocols, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [info@haltonhillsgymnastics.com](mailto:info@haltonhillsgymnastics.com) .

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work collaboratively to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

## HHGC COVID-19 SCREENING

IF YOU ANSWER NO TO ALL OF THE SCREENING  
QUESTIONS - YOU MAY ENTER OUR FACILITY

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THE  
QUESTIONS - YOU MAY NOT ENTER THE FACILITY

**Are you experiencing:**



- A Dry Cough
- Headache
- Fever
- Fatigue

Is anyone in your household sick?

Have you been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 ?

Have you been asked to self-isolate?

Have you travelled out of the country in the last 14 days?

Please Note: Masks must be worn in our facility