

PLAYER PACKAGE 2020-2021





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## WEST NIPISSING LYNX JUNIOR A HOCKEY CLUB



The West Nipissing Lynx Junior A Hockey Club prides itself on offering its players and fans a top tier Junior hockey program. We are committed to offering our players quality training and development while under the reigns of our knowledgeable coaching staff, which in turn allows us to reach our goals of ultimately winning a championship and of moving players to greater levels of play such as: collegiate, semi-pro, and pro hockey leagues.

Our program offers a comprehensive balance of on and off ice activities including training and community involvement. Our players receive on ice training from our knowledgeable coaching staff along with access to state of the art off-ice training facilities. As our players are expected to be leaders both on and off the ice, the team will also partake in various community events such as: volunteering in schools, participating in fundraisers, interviews, etc.



The GMHL (Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League) is now the largest Junior A hockey league in Canada. Originally comprised of 6 teams back in 2006, the league has now grown to nearly 30 teams. As the only league in Canada with no import restrictions, and the permitted participation of 21year-old players, it's no wonder the GMHL's quality of play is consistently increasing. Having graduated over 400 players to greater levels of play, the GMHL is now recognized as one of the premier leagues in Canada.



## OUR PROGRAM & FACILITIES

**ARENA:** All West Nipissing Lynx home games are played at the Sturgeon Falls Arena. The arena holds approx. 400 fans and has an upstairs lounge for viewing and socialising.



**DRESSING ROOM:** The West Nipissing Lynx have their own designated dressing rooms. The room has its very own outside accessibility for team members only and includes professional player stalls for its entire team. It is widely known as one of the best dressing rooms in the GMHL.



**TRAINING FACILITIES:** Every Lynx player receives a membership to the West Nipissing Complex which includes state of the art weightlifting and cardio equipment along with access to a pool, hot tub, and sauna.



### *TRANSPORTATION & MEALS:*

The West Nipissing Lynx Junior A Hockey Club travels to all away games with a luxury coach busses.

**EQUIPMENT PACKAGE:** The Lynx players' equipment package includes: CCM helmet, CCM Tacks SR gloves, CCM warm -up suit, Team t-shirt & shorts, skate sharpening, and tape. Players also receive the use of the Lynx's team hockey bags, team pant shells, and team game and practice jerseys and socks for the season.



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### LIFE IN WEST NIPISSING & BILLETING

West Nipissing is a small community in northeastern Ontario with a population of approx. 16 000. It is located approx. 25 min West of North Bay, ON and 50 min East of Sudbury, ON. Known for its attractive residential settings, West Nipissing offers many great outdoor activities for its visitors.



Being in such a small community, the Lynx fans absolutely love their hockey. Here in West Nipissing, the Lynx are known as the premier event on weekends. On game days, you can sense the “buzz” around town as all of the Lynx fans are getting excited to see their team play. On a daily basis, players and staff members are constantly having to talk with local residents about the team’s past performances and upcoming games. Needless to say, in West Nipissing, Lynx hockey is the go-to event!

Billet families are crucial to the success of the Lynx organization. Our billet coordinator interviews the potential billet families and performs periodic check-ups to ensure our players are safe, well nourished, and feeling right at home. Billet families are required to provide 3 meals per day, along with obeying to the team’s billeting policies.

The cost of billeting is \$ 550 CAD per month.



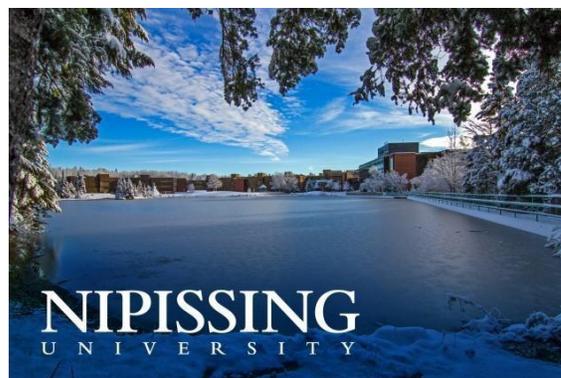


## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & EDUCATION



The West Nipissing Lynx are actively involved with its community and business partners. The Lynx partake in various community events such as parades, fundraisers, elementary school visits, and interviews. Our players stand out as role models and community leaders amongst their peers and local youth.

Located approx. 25 min East of West Nipissing is our local university “Nipissing University”. NipU offers its students a wide variety of undergraduate programs. It is also well renowned for its great student life. Players may find out more at [www.nipissingu.ca](http://www.nipissingu.ca) or by contacting any of the Lynx’s staff members.



Also located in North Bay, ON is Canadore College. Canadore also offers a wide variety of programs and courses all while offering its students a great “student life” experience. Players may find out more about Canadore College and their Program offerings by visiting [www.canadorecollege.ca](http://www.canadorecollege.ca) or by contacting any of the Lynx staff members.

West Nipissing also has two centrally located high schools (French or English). They are both near the teams’ arena and facilities and billet families’ homes.



## **STAFF**

### **HEAD COACH – JEFF MANCINI**



Coach Mancini brings a ton of experience both from a coaching perspective and as a player.

He spent his earlier days playing for the St. Thomas Stars (GOJHL) where he won a Western Jr. B League Championship and was a Sutherland Cup finalist. Jeff then enrolled at Western University (CIS or USports) where he spent 3 seasons for the Mustangs earning 2nd Team OUA All-Star honours. Upon graduation, Jeff took his talent across the border where he played 3 seasons in the Western Professional Hockey League (WPHL) splitting his time between the New Mexico Scorpions, San Angelo Outlaws, Amarillo Rattlers, and the Tupelo T-Rex's tallying a total of 65 goals

and 89 assists for a total of 154 points in a combined 203 games.

Mr. Mancini has also devoted his time coaching local players since his return to North Bay, having spent multiple seasons with the 1999 and 2002 age groups at various AAA levels. Most notably, Jeff was an assistant coach for the 2002's Team NOHA at the OHL Cup and the OHL Gold Cup where he was an instrumental piece in helping 10 of these players develop and ultimately get drafted in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).

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