

First year U10 and Squirt parents:

Moving up to traveling hockey is a very exciting event in a child and parent's life. There is some important information that the Edina Hockey Association wants to share with the parents of all first year traveling team players.

Please read through this information carefully, as it is important to understand the commitment necessary for a positive experience at the U10/Squirt level for you and your child:

- 1) **Time commitment:** The average ice time per week will increase significantly. A typical mite week would involve an average of 2 ice sessions. At the U10/Squirt level, it will increase to an average of 3-4 for a B team, and 4-5 for an A team. Additionally these ice times will often involve longer practices requiring greater child focus, attention, and effort than seen at the Mite level.
- 2) **Attendance policies:** This is now a traveling team and players are expected to attend 80% or more for B level teams and 90% or more for an A level team.
- 3) **Cost:** The cost for U10/Squirt will be significantly higher than the Mite fee due to the increased ice time and tournament fees. The season total cost will average of \$1200 for a B level team, and \$1800 for an A level team.
- 4) **Tryouts:** Unlike Mites which may have only one grading session, there will be a multi-day try-out and it can be more stress for child and parent
- 5) **Out of town tournaments.** There will be at least one out town tournament during the season. This will involve travel and hotel expenses.
- 6) **Metro area tournaments:** Each team at the U10/Squirt level will have two local tournaments along with a tournament hosted in Edina. A year-end District tournament will be held as well. These tournaments generally involve 3 or more games and will be held over 2-3 days, generally weekends.
- 7) **Parent volunteer duties:** As a parent, you will be relied on by your team to volunteer services for a variety of team needs. This ranges from team manager duties, tournament volunteer roles, and year-end party coordination, just to name a few.

We at the Edina Hockey Association hope you find this information useful. Best wishes for a successful hockey season.