

OMGHA 2011-2012 Squirt Parent Meeting Agenda

A. Tryouts

- Tryouts will begin on Monday October 24th and finish on Sunday October 30th.
- The first session is a Pre-Skate to walk them through the drills. No evaluation is done during this session.
- At sign-in for the Pre-Skate each player will be assigned a number and given a tryout jersey.
- Players must wear a black helmet during the tryouts. No stickers or names are allowed on the helmet.
- Players must wear OMGHA issued socks (preferably MG or Osseo colors, but Supermite socks are allowed) during the tryouts.
- Players must wear a colored mouth guard during the tryouts.
- During the next four sessions the players will be evaluated. The drills for each session are posted on the website.
- Group assignments for each tryout session will be posted on the web site and at the arena. Group assignments for your player may change for each session. CHECK THE WEB SITE OFTEN!
- Goalies will have a separate Pre-Skate and will skate separate for the first session. They will be with the skaters for sessions 2, 3 and 4. Check the group assignments to see which group they will be with.
- A Pre-Tryout Camp is available, sign up on the OMGHA web site.

B. Teams

1. Formation

- Teams will be formed the night of the final tryouts.
- Teams will be posted on the website by 6:00 PM the day following tryouts.
- You will be contacted by your coach and/or manager shortly.
- Managers will hold a team parent meeting after rosters have been announced.

2. Coaches

- Coaches must be registered with USA Hockey and with OMGHA.
- Coaches must have a current Level 2 CEP card.
- Coaches need a background check and need to fill out an application.
- Coaches must wear an approved helmet with a chinstrap snapped.
- Coaches must sign a Code of Conduct form.

3. Manager

- The manager will handle all forms and paperwork for the team.
- The manager will reserve a block of rooms for the away tournament. Parents are responsible for making their own reservation.

- The manager will collect monthly subsidies.
 - The manager will assign parents to be locker room attendants, as well as timekeepers, scorekeepers and to the penalty box for D3 games.
4. Players
- Each player should bring their own water bottle.
 - Each player is required to have a colored mouth guard.
 - Players must sign a Code of Conduct form.
5. Parent Duties
- Parents must sign a Code of Conduct form.
 - During the season a parent will be in the locker room whenever there are players in the locker room. This is for practices and games. Parents who perform this function must fill out a background check form.
 - Parents will be assigned as timekeepers, scorekeepers and to the penalty box for D3 games by the manager.
6. Expenses
- Team manager will go over costs during the team parent meeting.
 - Ice time is the biggest expense at an average of \$185 per hour.
 - Tournaments are the 2nd biggest expense with entry fees from \$500-\$900 with some tournaments having a gate fee of \$200-\$300 per team.
 - Other costs that a team may have: team apparel, team parties, etc.
 - Costs are covered by subsidies. Subsidies are 4 monthly payments, due on the 15th, from November thru February.
 - Personal fund raising and financial assistance are available. See the web site for details.
 - Please pay timely. Late checks put your team manager in a tough spot.
 - Subsidies vary from \$200 to \$250 per month for the four months.
7. Fund Raiser
- New fund raiser.

C. Season

- Practices will start the first week in November.
- Expect your team to have on/off ice activities 3-4 times per week.
- There will be regular Skills training sessions with FHIT throughout the season. These are for both the players and the coaches.
- Dry land training facilities are available and it is strongly recommended that all teams utilize them. There is no additional cost for the team.
- USA/MH Hockey rules limit the Squirt level to a maximum of 35 games per season including all games/scrimmages/tournaments.
- A “controlled scrimmage” is considered a game.
- Each team will play 16-18 games against District 3 opponents.

- Most teams will participate in 4 weekend tournaments. One of which will be out of town. (Hotel needed). Additional tournaments may be added at the team's discretion.
- The tournaments will consist of 3 to 5 games.
- Most teams will play their first tournament over Thanksgiving weekend. The remaining tournaments will be in December, January and February.
- There will be an end of year tournament for District 3 around March 1st.
- The Squirt level is considered a "Development" program and therefore there are NO regional or state tournaments.