



First year 10U 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 10U/Squirt level for you and your child:

Important note regarding the total cost of travel hockey

The Edina Hockey Association registration fee covers the costs of jerseys/socks, tryouts, practice ice (up to a budgeted amount per level), games, tournaments, District 6 fees, City of Edina parks and recreation fees, as well as the administrative costs of the Association. In addition to the registration fees, it is important to understand that each travel hockey team will also charge a team assessment to cover additional team costs such as team parties/banquets, additional practice ice/scrimmages, coach's gifts, away tournament meals, among other costs. The team assessments can vary widely from team to team, typically averaging between \$400 to \$600 per player, but may be higher in some circumstances. In addition, other costs such as equipment, away tournament hotel rooms, optional team apparel, etc. will be incurred directly by you.

The Edina Hockey Association's goal is to ensure all Edina children who want to play hockey can do so. Considering the total cost of travel hockey, if you believe you are going to have difficulty affording hockey this season, we strongly encourage you to consider applying for a scholarship for the registration fee to bring down the total cost of hockey or develop payment plans that will work with your financial situation. More information about EHA financial-aid/scholarships can be found on the Registration Page under Financial Aid Policy.

EHA primarily uses historical operating results to gauge the registration fee as well as a host of estimated figures or data such as; number of registered players, ice time hourly rates, District 6 fees and number of tournaments and related gate fees.

EHA received many compliments for allowing families to pay for registration fees using their credit card on an installment basis. This is for Traveling players only.

- Families have the option to pay the entire amount immediately
- Installment payment plan
 - Initial payment due at registration (See Attached Registration Fees)
 - First half of remaining balance due November 15
 - Second half of remaining balance due January 15
 - **Please note for Jr Gold U16 and Girls U19**
 - Second and third installment payments will be on December 15, and February 15.



Additional Information

- 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 10U/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 10U/Squirt will be significantly higher than the Mite fee due to the increased ice time and tournament fees. The season total cost will average \$1,200 for a B level team, and \$1,800 for an A level team.
- 4) Grading and Tryouts: Unlike Mites, which may have only one grading session, there will be a grading session and then a multi-day tryout consisting of skill drills and scrimmages and it can be more stress for players and parents.
- 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 10U/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.