

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EDINA JUNIOR GOLD/BOYS U16
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Junior Gold is a competitive hockey program, not a recreational league. The Junior Gold program is comprised of three divisions -- Junior Gold A, Junior Gold B and JG16. The JG16 division was created by the Metro Hockey League to allow underclassmen the opportunity to play with others of the same relative age and skill level, while continuing to pursue the goal of playing on the Varsity, Junior Varsity, or Junior Gold A or B in the future. Each level has a state tournament and Edina teams at all levels have a strong history of sending teams to the tournament.

If you were NOT rostered on a hockey team at the end of the previous season (2024 – 2025) or did not notify the EHA that you were unable to play last season due an injury, you can register for the EHA with the following understanding: You must make Jr. Gold A or be JG16 Eligible (Birthdate after 5/31/2008) Additionally, if you fit this criteria, you must meet with the Jr. Gold Lead Liaison before tryouts to ensure a complete understanding of the policy. This shall be subject to the sole discretion of the Jr Gold Lead Liaison.

Minnesota Hockey and Metro Hockey rules require players born on or before 5/31/2006 must play at either the A or B level and cannot play JG16. Based on the number of players that must play at the A or B level, the number of returning and projected players, we are planning on 1 A, 2 B and 2 JG16 teams.

A coach considers many factors when selecting a team -- skill, drive, determination, commitment and safety are but a few. Each season brings a fresh start for team selection and we will be having an open tryout - each player has an equal opportunity of making a team. **Returning players are not guaranteed team placement based on last year's team level.**

To make sure you have the most current information, please check the Jr Gold page often. This can be done by going to www.edinahockeyassociation.com, click on the teams tab then choose Jr Gold.

For players who are not eligible to register with EHA or who would like to play in a recreational league, Metro Hockey League offers the XL League. Information and registration links are available at www.MinnestoaHockey.org.

AGE CUT-OFFS

Age eligibility for JG16 is June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2010. Jr. Gold eligibility is June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2010.

REGISTRATION & FEES

Online registration will be open until Nov. 15. Players who want to skate must first register with USA Hockey by following the link on the EHA 2025-2026 registration page. When your registration with USA Hockey is complete, you will receive a bar code that will enable you to register with EHA. EHA registration Fee is \$1260 for a skater and \$740 for a goalie.

Rostering Fee: A team rostering fee will be charged to the following teams: Jr Gold A \$3,900, JGB \$1,300, JG16 \$1,300. Each of these teams have either more D6 games, longer games, coaching stipend for non-parent coaches, and/or more referees, and hence will be charged for those additional costs. The rostering fee will be assessed through a charge to team accounts within 60 days of team formation.

YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE WITH USA HOCKEY AND EHA BEFORE YOU STEP ON THE ICE FOR EARLY ICE OR TRYOUTS, AND COMPLETE SAFE SPORT, if you are a 2008 birth year or earlier, you will be required to take the SafeSport Core Training or Refresher Course prior to participation for the 2025-26 season.

For those players that tryout and make a High School team, the EHA will promptly refund your registration fee. The fee to USA Hockey, however, is not refundable.

- Please note that any player that participates in the tryouts but decides to quit BEFORE the team draft will receive a full refund less \$200 for cancellation and administration fees, not including the USA hockey registration fee, which is non-refundable. If a player quits after the team draft, no refunds will be given.
*The Junior Gold refund policy is an exception and deviates from our standard EHA refund policy.

The Edina Hockey Association (EHA) has an extremely strong tradition with over 1,200 players and about 80 teams. EHA hopes each family understands there is significant time and effort surrounding the registration fee amount for each level. Beyond the registration fee funds, EHA relies heavily on sponsors, donations, advertising and fundraising to keep registration fees at the most reasonable level possible. EHA's financial goal is to breakeven each year.

Registration fees are utilized to pay for operating expenses:

- Tryouts
- Practice ice time purchased by EHA
- Tournament gate fees
- Metro Hockey fees (games, referees, other fees)
- EHA equipment
- Other required operating expenses

Note: Registration fees do not include any potential team assessments for purchasing additional practice ice time, dryland, coach equipment, etc.

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, Metro Hockey fees and number of tournaments and related gate fees.

EHA received many compliments allowing families to pay for registration fees using their credit card on an installment basis. This option is available for the 2025-2026 season.

- Families have the option to pay the entire amount immediately
- Installment payment plan
 - Initial payment due at registration
 - First half of remaining balance due December 15, 2025
 - Second half of remaining balance due February 15, 2026

EARLY ICE

EHA will again be offering Early Ice warm-ups on Nov.5th and Nov.6th for all **registered** skaters and goalies. There is no additional charge for these ice sessions.

Jr Gold Early Ice groups will be sent out the evening of Monday Nov. 3rd. Please check the Jr Gold page as well for updates Teams> Jr Gold/16U

TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be held on Nov. 15, 16,18 and 19.

Jr Gold Tryout groups for session 1 on Saturday will be sent out the evening of Friday Nov. 14th. Please check the Jr Gold page as well for updates.

Attendance at tryouts is mandatory. If a player does not attend the final tryout session, he will not be placed on a team. The only exceptions to this will be injured players or players with previously approved conflicts due to school or church.

The skating session a player attends during tryouts may not be indicative of the team to which that player is selected INCLUDING THE LAST TRYOUT SESSION.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *During the early ice and try-out process, the Edina Hockey Association website > Teams> Jr Gold/16U will be the sole communication tool for updates, changes to group assignments and Team Postings. If you do not have access to the internet, please let one of the Jr Gold Liaisons know when you check your player in for grading.*