

Hello Parents with Kids moving up from Mites/U8 to Squirts and U10, please review the information about some of the changes you can expect as you look forward to our upcoming season. It has some key dates and items to be aware of for a number of areas.

Attention Squirt/U10 Parents:

Hello everybody - We hope you are having a great summer! As things move back into a normal state, we are hopeful we will be back to a normal hockey season as well. With all the challenges from last year we thought it best to put out some general information for first time parents with players moving from Mites/U8 to Squirts/U10. Below are some key items to consider as you plan things out for next Fall/Winter and Spring related to Rogers Youth Hockey and the Anoka-Rogers Coop seasons with key dates and schedules.

Pre tryout skates- Skaters will have an opportunity to prepare for tryouts in optional organized sessions the few weeks before tryouts begin. Youth/Boys pre-skate sessions are organized separately and require an additional registration. Girls pre-skates sessions are included in the registration fee, times will be posted on the Anoka tryout page. Information for this will be posted on the Rogers Youth Hockey Site once it is available. Due to ice constraints there is a limited number of spots for each level.

Tryouts/Evaluations – Youth/Boys Tryouts will start on Friday, September 24 (boy goalies only) and run through Monday, September 27 (all skaters and goalies) for the boys.

Girls tryouts are hosted at Anoka and will likely take place in the first two weeks of October. Once Anoka Ice Arena firms up their ice schedule the tryout times will be posted on the Anoka Youth Hockey Webpage and a link provided on the RYHA Girls page.

Tryouts are very important times to be on the ice as we do not provide alternative dates as we bring in outside evaluators to watch. Teams will be formulated within 2 days of tryouts being completed, with teams beginning practice within a week of team selections. Please be prepared for your player(s) to touch the ice multiple times a day over the course of three days. Times and groups will vary and may change day to day. These groups will be posted on the Tryout tab of RYHA's website, so please check that daily during the tryout process.

Season - The season will start immediately after teams are declared. Different than Mites/U8s, travel level teams will practice during the week and on weekends. Squirt and U10 teams will generally be on the ice or utilizing the dryland facility 3-5 nights per week.

Another difference is their tournament and game schedule. Squirts and U10s may play up to 35 games, depending on the number of District 10 teams at that level, going into the district tournament. This also includes 2 local tournaments and 1 out of town tournament.

District Tournaments – District Tournaments conclude the season and are usually done by Late February and Mid-March. Once these dates are posted we will update everybody. We are aware of Spring Break Times and Rogers Hockey does not control this schedule.

Key Dates:

Squirt Tryouts: September 23 – September 27

Girls Tryouts: tentatively 10/2-10/12 more details coming soon

D10 Tournament (Tentative Dates): March 7 – March 13

Billing and Cost- Another change from mites/U8 will be the cost of the program and payment options. Squirt seasons range from \$950 to \$1150 based on team level. The payment can be made in full at the beginning of the season or spread out over four payments. U10 Skaters will pay a \$345 registration fee to RYHA and will then be billed monthly by Anoka for ice, scrimmages, and other costs. The full season cost for youth and girls is very similar.

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