

SQUIRT/10U FAQ's

Congratulations you're now a Squirt! Here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. **Travel** - All of the Squirt teams travel. Wayzata has 4 sheets of ice that are "Home Ice". Plymouth Ice Center (PIC) and Wayzata Central Middle School (Central). Many games will be played there, but at the Squirt level there are district games that will be played at other rinks in District 3. Please refer to MN Hockey, District 3 for more details. There are approximately 3 tournaments, 1 or 2 of which will be out of town. Typically Fargo or Duluth, but can be anywhere we can get in. The higher level of Squirt, the higher the amount of travel. Typically the "A" team travels a little bit more than a "C" team and has a higher assessment as a result.
2. **Assessments** - Registration fees are all inclusive at the Mite levels, but for Squirts and higher there is a registration fee with assessments to follow. Assessments are determined by the team, typically an additional \$1000-\$1500 + the \$490 registration fee for a grand total of \$1500 - \$2000. The registration fee is collected first at the time of registration. The assessment fees are then collected by the team treasurer and can usually be split over 3 or 4 months. You can work out a payment plan with your treasurer. Team assessments cover ice time, referees, team building exercises, dry-land training and some travel costs (Not Hotels), etc... This budget is determined by the team based on its individual needs. Typically the higher level teams are a bit more expensive than the lower teams.
3. **Team Managers** - For those who may have fulfilled this role during the Mite years, and are planning to continue, keep in mind that there is quite a bit more asked of the Team Manager now that teams are playing league games and traveling to out-of-town tournaments. There is a lot of information on the WYHA website that can be found by going to Resources > Team Manager Info. The District 3 website also has some resources available. In addition, you may also want to seek out someone you know who has previous experience as a Team Manager for a travel team to find out more about the role before volunteering. It's not an overwhelming task, but it does require a good amount of organization and ability to get things done.
4. **Volunteer hours** – You will still be required to complete the DIBS hours for the association as usual. Additionally, there are going to be team commitments also. You will be called upon to do tasks based on the team needs. These include, but aren't limited to running the clock, scoreboard and penalty box. This is required for both home and away games. This is typically organized through the team manager and he/she can be referred to once assigned. There will be some training classes early in the season to run the clock and it count towards your DIBS hours. It is also an easy way to fulfill your DIBS requirements during tournaments as most parents don't know how. They are often unfilled compared to other volunteer jobs.

More FAQ's can be answered on the squirt page. www.wayzatahockey.org > Teams > Squirts >