

# FAQ for the U11 Hockey Season

## When does the season start?

- No evaluations start before the Tuesday following Labour Day

## How many conditioning sessions will there be, and are they mandatory?

- There will be a minimum of four (4) conditioning sessions prior to the evaluation sessions. Players must attend at least one of the conditioning sessions.

## How are teams made?

- Following the conditioning sessions, there will be a minimum of three (3) evaluation sessions. Players will be evaluated on skills and game play. Teams are made based on the results of their evaluation score.

## Does my child have to try out for a specific position?

- Goalies are asked to attend each session dressed as a goalie, and will be evaluated based on their goalie skills. Players however, will not be evaluated based on a specific position and will have time to “learn” their position before league games start.

## What happens if there are too many goalies during evaluations?

- Each team may take up to two (2) goalies - this is up to the discretion of the coaches and executive members. If your goalie doesn't make it onto a team, he/she will be given the opportunity to transfer to a different hockey association where there is a need for goalies, OR he/she will be placed on a team as a skater. (Team placement will be at the discretion of the coaches and executive members).
- If two goalies are placed on the same team, they will share the games with each other - one for one or they can choose to switch halfway through a game. This is discussed with coaches and parents at the beginning of the season.
- At this time, there is no registration discount for goalies.

## How many games are there in U11?

- Teams will play up to 20 league games.
- Teams can play in a maximum of four (4) tournaments.
- Teams can also play in exhibition games set up by coaches.
- League games end in early March, playoffs follow and run until the end of March. (You will also have practice ice until the end of March, even if your team doesn't make the playoff finals)

## Will we have to travel for games?

- Yes. APMHA has 2 home arena's, you will have home games and practices in either Almonte or Pakenham. APMHA is part of District 4 and you will have to travel as far as Osgoode for your away games. Other arena's include: Carleton Place, Perth, Lanark, Richmond, Sittsville, West Carleton.

**Are the ice times consistent each week?**

- No! U7 is the only age when ice times fall on the same days each week. In U11 you could have practices and games any day of the week. Be prepared to have games through the week starting at 7pm. You could have 3-4 ice times per week.

**What are team fees?**

- Team fees are set up after the team is made. Coaches and managers will look for tournaments and will set up team fees based on tournament costs. Team fees can also be used to purchase year end coach and player gifts and to do fun team building activities throughout the season (Icelynd, year end party, etc.). Teams are usually asked to run different fundraisers to keep the out of pocket amount lower. Team fee amount per player may not exceed \$250 (this amount is over and above the registration fee).

**Are there other expenses to know about?**

- You will be asked to purchase game socks. They are \$50 for a set - you MUST purchase through the APMHA clubwear rep.
- You may also choose to purchase a set of name bars. These are roughly \$25 for the set and you will keep them year after year.
- If your team chooses to travel to “away” tournaments, you will also have hotel and travel costs.

**Do we have to show up to each game and practice?**

- Unless you are ill, you should make every effort to attend all scheduled practices and games. The coaches work hard to make practice plans based on the number of players they have. Remember that your child is part of a team and therefore has a responsibility towards it. Excessive absences for practices and/or games will negatively affect the play on your child’s team. Therefore, every effort should be made to ensure that your child is present for a full season’s worth of practices and games.