



U11 Development

This is an advanced level of U11 Hockey. Players must try out at this level, by doing evaluations in both skills and game formats. For the 2025/2026 season, the plan is to have three U11 Development teams (A, B, C). If the numbers, playing ability and ice availability are there, we may look to add a second C team. The total number of players that choose to try out for Development will determine if that is the actual number of teams that we will have. There will be two goalies per team if the numbers and ability are there. Goaltenders in U11 Development can only play that position and will not be able to play any another position during the season.

If you choose to try out for U11 Development, there are added expenses and expectations than those required in the recreation division. You will be required to pay a tryout fee of \$125.00. If your child is selected for a U11 Development team, there is an additional fee to KMHA to cover the extra costs, including additional ice time. This is called a carding fee, and it is set at \$350. Each U11 Development team will have a team budget, voted on and approved by the parents, to cover expenses for the season. Those expenses include tournaments, apparel, team functions, and any other items the team agrees on.

Development teams will receive two full ice practices per week. One practice will be in the late afternoon/early evening and the second being on a weekday morning at 6:00am before school. The practice times will be the same day and time throughout the season. The U11 Development teams will travel for league games within the Thompson/Okanagan. In some circumstances, teams could travel outside of the region for a league game. Teams may attend up to 3 out of town tournaments and host one home tournament.

U11 Development is a more competitive level of hockey where players are expected to have a full commitment to their team. Players must attend all practices and games, apart from an injury or illness. It is important for families to understand the commitment required before signing up for U11 Development.