U10 Step 1 and 2

| Season Length | 20 Weeks |
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| Months | Mid-September to Mid-February |


| U10 Step 1 and 2 <br> SEASON STRUCTURE |  |  |  |
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| Total Sessions | Minimum | Ideal | Maximums |
| Dryland | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Practice <br> $\bullet \quad$ Minimum 45 mins <br> $\bullet$ <br> Maximum 60 mins | 18 | 20 | 20 |
| League / Exhibition Games (combined) | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Non-Elimination Tournament | 0 | 1 mid-season <br> end of season | 1 mid-season <br> 1 end of <br> season |
| Total ice hours per week average <br> excluding non-elimination tournament | 0.9 | 1 | 1.5 |


| U10 Step 1 <br> Sample Season Based on Maximum Scenario | Additional Activity |  |
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| Week 1 | Shared ice practice | Team Event |
| Week 2 | Shared ice practice | - |
| Week 3 | Shared ice practice | - |
| Week 4 | Shared ice practice | Game 1 |
| Week 5 | Shared ice practice | Game 2 |
| Week 6 | Shared ice practice | Game 3 |
| Week 7 | Shared ice practice | Team Event |
| Week 8 | Shared ice practice | Game 4 |
| Week 9 | Shared ice practice | Game 5 |
| Week 10 | Shared ice practice | Non-elimination tournament |
| Week 11 | Shared ice practice | - |
| Week 12 | Shared ice practice | Game 6 |
| Week 13 | Shared ice practice | Game 7 |
| Week 14 | Shared ice practice | Team Event |
| Week 15 | Shared ice practice | Game 8 |
| Week 16 | Shared ice practice | Game 9 |
| Week 17 | Shared ice practice | Game 10 |
| Week 18 | Shared ice practice | - |
| Week 19 | Shared ice practice | Non-elimination tournament |
| Week 20 | Shared ice practice | Team Event |

## Active Start, U10 Step 1, and U10 Step 2

| GAME STRUCTURE: |  |
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| Team Format: | Four teams. One hour ice slot |
| Dressing Rooms | Two teams share. |
| Benches | Teams share benches, e.g., <br> $\bullet \quad$ Team A and Team C on home bench <br> $\bullet$ <br> Team B and Team D on visitor bench |
| Ice Size | Active Start: Cross-Ice |
| Rink Dividers | Preferred. Not mandatory. |
| Net Size: | Small net (52" $\times 36^{\prime \prime} \times 24^{\prime \prime}$ with 2"posts) (pylons where net to available) |
| Net Placement | See rink diagrams |
| Ice markings | See rink diagrams |
| Game Format: | 3 v 3 plus goalies, U10S1 and S2 must pass over ringette line |
| Team Size | Ideal is 10 <br> $\bullet$ <br> multiples of three plus one is recommended, e.g., 7, 10, 13 <br> $\bullet$ <br> maximum of 13 per game preferred for quality ice time for all players |
| Positional <br> Specialization | Rotate through goalie position between games No <br> set positions |
| Playing Time | Equal. |
| Goal Equipment | Active Start <br> Stick |

## GAME MANAGEMENT:

| Game Sheets | Yes, to record attendees (players and coaches) |
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| Score, Statistics <br> \& Standings | No goals announced in arena. <br> No score posted in the arena or on websites. No <br> standings. |
| Warm Up | 5 minutes while set up being completed. |
| Shift Length | 90 seconds. Buzzer to change run by minor officials <br> Change of players included in 90 second shift length. |


| OFFICIATING: |  |  |  |
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| Officials | A Coach from each team will facilitate safe and continuous play | Goal is scored, infraction, ring out of play | Objective: continuous play <br> - Ring at hockey face off dot (AS) or "starting point" (U10) <br> - Defending team must back off to halfway <br> - Infraction = change in possession <br> - Ring out of play = last team to touch will defend |
| Penalties/ Infractions | - No one in penalty box <br> - Particular attention to safety: Crease (U10) Dangerous use of stick Body/Boarding |  |  |



B Blue Dots 6 in．$(15.24 \mathrm{~cm})$ Diameter
＊ICE SURFACE MARKINGS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF CENTER ICE ARE A MIRROR IMAGE OF THE MARKINGS TO THE RIGHT．

