

# “No skipping hockey for in-season sports anymore”

*Exceptional 3 on 3 “Bubble Kid” Hockey Leagues Since 2004*

**\* It’s ESP’s “Combined Spring / Fall” League for Squirt “Bubble A” Players**

**Who:** More than a decade ago, ESP Hockey became the true champions of fringe players. Once again our 3 on 3 “Bubble Kid Hockey Leagues” will feature a level for athletes who were most recently **strong players** on a B1 squirt team. It’s primarily for 2<sup>nd</sup> year squirts but some 1<sup>st</sup> year players of similar skill will also play. **Squirt “A” role players who landed on the “A side” of the Bubble**, should also be eligible to play!!!

**Where:** The Cottage Grove Ice Arena – Studio Rink... This is not some inferior split ice 3 on 3 “touch up deal”. The unique 130’ x 65’ fully enclosed ice sheet shown below is the real thing. It’s the centerpiece of the developmentally superior venue that we’ve perfected over the past several years.



**When:** The league is split into **two seasons**. It’s **six 1.5 hour games** (9 hours) in the spring commencing week 3 in March & ending week 3 in May. **The final six 1.5 hour games** for fall will begin week 3 in July & will end week 3 in September. Each team should expect 2 to 5 games on varying weeknights & 6 to 9 games on weekends as a typical game day mix. League approved player substitutions are allowed with signed waivers.

**Why:** 3 on 3 hockey creates quick hands, quick feet, and quick thinking. It also builds a more creative player & enhances ice vision & instincts. These are true separators between similarly skilled athletes. This is your player’s chance to have their “Ah Ha” moment... Big ice 5 on 5, or even full size sheet 4 on 4 can’t offer that?

**What:** We will look to field 5 or 6 teams per level from all parts of the metro. A few from out-state are likely as well. The teams will generally play each other two to three times over the entire year. We understand how to create team & player skill parody & are quite fanatical about it. Competitive games create additional developmental value. A tight range of player ability team by team creates numerous individual battles that either player can win. This creates **Elevated Skill Progression**. Our **Leapfrog Effect** is unmatched.

**Cost:** The team fee is **\$2590** (Just \$14 per hour per player) based on the bare minimum 9 skaters & 1 goalie we’ll allow. But we **strongly recommend 11 skaters and 1 goalie** so in season sports, AAA, and or summer vacation conflicts are covered with enough remaining players for at least 2 lines each game. The fee is just \$216 per player with 12 per team. The fee includes jerseys for all rostered players. **Either way, 3 on 3 games provide over 40% more player puck time than 5 on 5. It’s like playing “26” Showcase games per year in less than half the dates & it’s way more fun!** If you have a few players but can’t field a full team, we’ll work to place them on a team in need of players so they won’t miss out on a unique hockey opportunity!!

**Format:** “Full” 1.5 hour games. “Mid-game” resurface, Level 3+ USA Hockey, MSHSL, or NCAA referees. Low contact all levels. Penalty shots for rules violations. NHL Icing. Touch-up offsides. Website scores & standings.

**Stature:** The ESP Hockey “Bubble Kid” 3 on 3 leagues, 3 on 3 tournaments, & round robin events have hosted over 450 teams & over 4500 players since 2004. We believe we have virtually perfected 3 on 3 hockey with our format as it rewards both skill and discipline. **It’s so much more than simple pond hockey! We play it like a real game...** No take outs, no cherry picking, & no Level 1 referees... The speed, the flow, the intensity, & the seriousness in which the players treat their opponents is created from that & establishes our claim of superior developmental value, & it’s a blast! **Please visit our website at [EspSelectHockey.com](http://EspSelectHockey.com)**

\*The bubble A squirt level is explained in detail as to player skill in a coach’s only attachment that can be found on our website. The sheet’s designed to assist coaches in building a competitive team for the league no matter what community they’re from. So if you received this brochure from your coach, your player is considered properly skilled to play at this level, regardless of what winter team he was placed on.

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