**OMHA Tournament Policy**

This policy provides the guidelines for the number of tournaments teams are allowed to participate in. It is recognized that tournaments are an important part of a hockey season. It provides an opportunity for both players and parents to bond and have fun.

The intent of this policy is to protect families from undue financial burden and also to prevent overloading players due to a high volume of tournaments throughout the season.

Booking tournaments is a challenge for many teams and as an association, we should collaborate with other teams in the same division to provide all teams with equal opportunity to attend tournaments.

* All teams can attend a **MAXIMUM of 3 tournaments**, including their home tournaments (if

applicable).

* Teams in female divisions that participate in two (2) home tournaments (Female Hockey Classic and Initiation Tournament) will be permitted two away tournaments
  + One ‘away’ tournament’ requiring a hotel
  + One ‘local’ tournament within 100 km driving distance of Okotoks (for example Blackie, Calgary, Airdrie, Cochrane)
* No tournament sanctions will be given following the March 13-15, 2026 weekend. March 13-15th is the final weekend teams can enter a tournament.
* CAHL Teams:
* No tournaments during the tiering round (October 17th to November 9th, 2025) and the first 2 weekends of league play (November 21st to November 30th, 2025)
* Tournaments ***may be*** booked during the tiering break (November 14th to 16th, 2025)
* No tournaments the last weekend of league play (U11-U15 - Feb 6th to 8th) and for U18 (Feb 13th to 15th, 2026)
* No tournaments during playoffs (Feb 13th until eliminated) and for U18 (Feb 20th to eliminated)

*All tournament dates and travel permits must be sent to division directors as soon as they are confirmed to assist in scheduling.*

Special requests may be sent to the Executive for approval but must be done so PRIOR to booking the tournament. Requests done after booking tournaments will be denied.

The executive reserves the right to deny any request to ensure the policy is applied consistently across the association.