



POLICY TITLE: TOURNAMENT POLICY

Effective Date: May 21, 2020

1.0 PURPOSE

Tournaments can be an important part of the ringette experience. Most teams enter tournaments each year, although it is not mandatory. Attendance at an excessive number of tournaments during a season has several negative affects including, but not limited to: altering the competition to training ratios as recommended in the LTAD Framework, causing issues relating to practice and game scheduling and rescheduling, putting increased financial and time strains on families, reducing time for athletes to engage in alternate activities and potentially limiting access to tournaments by other teams. When teams are away at tournaments and ice needs to be returned, as it can affect SGRA's ability to procure ice in the future.

This policy outline rules for tournament attendance for each season.

2.0 SCOPE

All teams registered in Spruce Grove Ringette Association.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

1. Tournaments are defined as those sanctioned by Ringette Alberta.
2. Two or more exhibition games requiring overnight travel and/or absence from two or more practice days in a single weekend may be considered a tournament under this policy. It is required that teams notify their Divisional Director prior to attending these games for approval from the Board.

4.0 REQUIREMENTS

As such, each SGRA team may attend a MAXIMUM of:

- Active Start – 2 tournaments/jamborees per season;
- U10 – Step 1, 2, 3 – 3 tournaments per season
- U12 - 4 tournaments per season
- U14 - 5 tournaments per season
- U16 - 5 tournaments per season
- U19 - 6 tournaments per season

These maximums include the SGRA Sweetheart Tournament(s) and excludes league championships, provincial play downs, Provincial Championships, Western Canadian Championships and National Championships.

The SGRA Sweetheart Tournament attendance is mandatory. The only exception is when the date interferes with the provincial play downs or provincial championships. If this occurs the tournament

maximum will remain the same for U14/16/19.

5.0 APPLICATION FOR TOURNAMENTS

All Team Managers are required to communicate to their respective Division Director all tournaments applied and accepted in to.

6.0 COMPLIANCE AND CONSEQUENCES

Conditions which may prevent compliance to the above requirements must be brought to the attention of their Division Director by the head coach or team manager prior to accepting and attending additional tournaments. Requests for exceptions to the above requirements may be brought to the SGRA Board for consideration and decision. The decision is final and not appealable.

Failure to adhere to this policy will result in disciplinary action under the SGRA Code of Conduct and the SGRA Disciplinary Policy, which may include removal of practice ice and/or suspension of coach(es) or other sanctions deemed appropriate.

During tournaments and exhibitions game, disciplinary actions from Ringette Alberta and Black Gold League will apply.