

RULES POLICY

TOURNAMENTS POLICY

- (A) An OWHA registered team may participate only in tournaments which have been sanctioned by the OWHA or by another governing body affiliated with the International Ice Hockey Federation. The list of OWHA Sanctioned Tournaments may be found on the OWHA web page.
- (B) To be eligible to participate in a tournament outside Ontario, a team must obtain permission from the OWHA. A Sanction Request must be submitted on the OWHA's registration data system at least twenty (20) days prior to the event.
- (C) Only female teams which are registered with the OWHA or another governing body affiliated with the IIHF may participate in an OWHA sanctioned tournament.
- (D) There are four (4) types of tournaments:

1. COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENTS

TEAMS	PLAYERS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teams registered Competitive with the OWHA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teams from outside Ontario properly registered with their provincial or national governing body affiliated with the IIHF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teams registered Senior House League or Masters with the OWHA, only if they have played in fewer than two competitive tournaments during the season and subject to the agreement of all teams in the division. House League teams are not permitted to enter a competitive tournament.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Players properly registered on the competing OWHA team <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Players from outside Ontario properly registered with their provincial or national governing body affiliated with the IIHF
<u>Ineligible Teams</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All unregistered teams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All House League & DS Teams	<u>Ineligible Players</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All unregistered players

2. HOUSE LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS

TEAMS	PLAYERS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWHA House League registered teams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> House League teams from outside Ontario properly registered with their provincial or national governing body affiliated with the IIHF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teams registered House League within the OWHA may participate in an unlimited number of house league tournaments.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Players registered only House League and playing House League hockey within an association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Players from outside Ontario and properly registered House League with their provincial or national governing body affiliated with the IIHF
<u>Ineligible Teams</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any team registered OWHA or elsewhere as a Competitive or DS Team <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All unregistered teams	<u>Ineligible Players</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any player also registered on an OWHA Competitive Team is <u>NOT</u> eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All unregistered players

3. ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS

TEAMS	PLAYERS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teams made up of players who are from the same association, the appropriate age and registered with the OWHA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Players properly registered and from same association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pick-up form shall apply to house league players only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May use substitute house league players of the appropriate age provided the substitute house league player is registered with, & regularly participates on another team in the same association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive players from same team are eligible
<u>Ineligible Teams</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any team registered as an OWHA Competitive team <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All unregistered teams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FUNDamentals program participants	<u>Ineligible Players</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A house league player is ineligible if she is not registered with the competing team's association. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A competitive player is not eligible if she is not registered with the competing team. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute who is a competitive player. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All unregistered players

4. DS TOURNAMENTS

TEAMS	PLAYERS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWH A Development Stream registered teams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teams registered DS within the OWH A may play in three OWH A sanctioned DS tournaments. <u>Ineligible Teams</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any team registered OWH A or elsewhere as a Competitive or House League Team <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All unregistered teams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Only players currently rostered in an Association's House League may play on that Association's DS team. <u>Ineligible Players</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any player also registered on an OWH A Competitive Team is <u>NOT</u> eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All unregistered players

In summary

HOUSE LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS: For players who play House League hockey ONLY

ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS: For players who may play only House League hockey or may play both House League and Competitive hockey

DS TOURNAMENTS: For players who play House League hockey only and have been assigned to a DS team in accordance with OWH A regulations

- (E) A registered house league team may participate in an unlimited number of house league tournaments. House league tournaments are made up of teams whose players only register on one specific house league team roster.
- (F) A registered Senior House League team may participate in a maximum of two competitive tournaments and an unlimited number of Senior House League tournaments.
- (G) A registered Masters team may participate in a maximum of two Senior competitive tournaments and an unlimited number of Senior House League and Masters tournaments.
- (H) Any time a proposed host invites more than one team to participate in any games, exhibition or otherwise, they must apply for an OWH A tournament sanction, unless special exemption is received from the OWH A.
- (I) An application for a permit to host a Sanctioned Tournament must be submitted to the OWH A Office at least sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the tournament. The numbered Tournament Sanction permit, if granted, shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) The tournament must conform to all current OWH A By-Laws, Regulations, Rules and Policies. OWH A Minimum Suspensions must be observed. All suspendible infractions occurring during the tournament must be reported as follows:
 - (a) Within 48 hours of the end of the tournament, the tournament convenor or his/her delegate, must forward to the OWH A office, the Major Penalty Report Form, with applicable complete game sheets and reports.
 - (b) The coach or team official of a team whose member commits a suspendible offence must submit a copy of the game sheet immediately to the OWH A Office.
 - (c) Copies of game sheets confirming suspensions have been served, must be forwarded immediately to the OWH A office prior to the player(s) and or team officials returning to participation in any OWH A sanctioned game or event.
 - 2) The host of a Sanctioned Tournament must be a registered OWH A Association or an OWH A team. Exemptions would be made as follows:
 - 1. Written support from a local association AND
 - 2. Approval of the OWH A.
 - 3) There are four (4) types of tournaments:
 - 1. Competitive - rep teams
 - 2. House League - house league registered players
 - 3. Association - teams made up of players who are from the same association, the appropriate age and registered with the OWH A.
 - 4. DS - DS teams
 - 4) Tournaments cannot be held on the weekends of Provincial Championships without special approval.

- 5) All teams participating in the tournament must be properly registered with the OWHA or with their appropriate provincial or national governing body affiliated with the IIHF. All OWHA teams must carry a copy of the approved official OWHA roster. All out of Province teams must present at tournament registration their proper approval from their governing body.
- 6) All players participating in the tournament must be properly registered through the OWHA (or their appropriate provincial or national governing body affiliated with the IIHF) to play on the team with which they are listed, or qualified to play by a proper OWHA "Pickup Consent" form or IIHF equivalent
- 7) No player may play on more than one team in a tournament.
- 8) No team may compete in a lower category than the one in which it is registered with the OWHA except a team that has been re-categorized, shall have 30 days from the date it is notified of the re-categorization to play in any tournament that it is already registered in at the time of re-categorization. This does not apply if the team requests their own re-categorization.
- 9) Tournament hosts must apply for a Tournament Permit specifying the divisions that are going to be offered. There will be no "OPEN" categories.
- 10) Tournament hosts must first accept teams in their advertised OWHA category prior to accepting teams from a lower category. If teams of more than one category must be scheduled to play in the same division, the tournament host must explicitly advise all teams in the proposed division, giving them the opportunity to withdraw from the tournament with a full refund of their tournament entry fee. When competitive teams of more than one category must play in the same division, they should be adjacent categories (e.g. BB and B, or A and BB, or B and C, etc.).
- 11) Divisions of three teams or fewer can only proceed with the permission of all teams in the division.
- 12) All on-ice officials must be at least Level II HCOP currently registered referees, except for House League Tournaments or House League Tournament Divisions, where one Level I HCOP official will be permitted when paired with a minimum Level II official. If the on-ice officials are not OWHA registered officials, the Tournament Host must submit a list with the Official(s) name, registration number, Association and contact information, within 48 hours following the end of the tournament.
- 13) The fee for hosting an OWHA Sanctioned Tournament shall be \$10.00 per participating team. If, however, the Permit Application is NOT received at least sixty days prior to the first day of the tournament, the fee shall be \$12.00 per participating team.
- 14) For its first Sanctioned Tournament, the Host Committee must purchase an OWHA Sanctioned Tournament Banner, to be retained for use in future Sanctioned Tournaments. The purchase price of the Banner will be the current cost to the OWHA.
- 15) The OWHA Sanctioned Tournament Permit and Banner shall be prominently displayed in the tournament arena throughout the tournament.
- 16) The Permit Number is to be used on all advertising, invitations and correspondence regarding the tournament. The OWHA logo and name are registered trademarks and cannot be used without written permission from the OWHA.
- 17) The words "Sanctioned by the OWHA" are to be used in all tournament advertising. A sample copy of all tournament invitations/information must be sent to the OWHA Office.
- 18) No team may compete in more than three tournament games in one day. If more than one game in a day is required, there must be a minimum of 2 (two) hours rest or 3 (three) hours scheduled between games.

- 19) All Tournament schedules (game times, locations, divisions/categories) must be finalized and received by participating teams and the OWHa office two (2) weeks prior to the event. Novice and Atom Divisions must have games which are scheduled to start no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and no later than 8:00 p.m. Pee Wee Divisions must have games that are scheduled to start no later than 9:00 p.m. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$200.00 payable to the OWHa within thirty (30) days.
 - 20) Within one week following the end of the tournament the Tournament Host will forward to the OWHa Office the top copy of each game sheet, all "Pickup Consent" forms used in the tournament and a completed "Tournament Game Report" form listing the scores of all games in the tournament.
 - 21) The Major Penalty Report form, with applicable complete game sheets and reports, must be forwarded to the OWHa Office within forty-eight (48) hours following the end of the tournament.
 - 22) Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$200.00 payable to the OWHa within thirty (30) days.
- (J) No team/player may participate in more than one hockey tournament on the same dates.
- (K) Pickup Players:
- (1) Pickup players are permitted for tournaments only, and not for Regional Playdowns or Provincial Championships.
 - (2) Pick up players are not permitted to replace suspended players.
 - (3) For each pickup player used in a tournament, a team must:
 - (a) disclose in writing on the official game sheet that the player is a pickup player; and
 - (b) present the Tournament Host with a "Pickup Consent" form signed by the official contact of her team authorizing her to be a pickup for the specific tournament.
 - (4) A team may use a maximum of three (3) pickup players from;
 - (i) a lower category of the same age division,
 - (ii) lower category and/or lower age division, same category or lower,
 to bring the total team strength up to, but not to exceed the number of registered players on the team (examples: Bantam AA can pick up players from Bantam A, BB, B, C, House League, Pee wee AA, A, etc). Bantam C can pick up players from Bantam House League, Pee wee C, Pee wee House League, etc). House League teams may pick up a maximum of three (3) players laterally within the same category, same or lower age division.
 - (5) Pickups are to be registered OWHa players only and the pickup player may only participate with one team during the tournament.
 - (6) The OWHa Registrar may authorize lateral movement of a goaltender in any emergency situation.
 - (7) A player's own team must honour any suspension incurred by that player while acting as a pickup player for another team.
- (L) In the case of Association tournaments, the above noted provisions relating to "pickup players" and the requirements of the "Pickup Consent" form shall apply to house league players only. Any player registered as competitive may not be used as a substitute. If an Association team requires substitute players for a tournament because the team's regular players are unavailable, it may use substitute players of the appropriate age provided the substitute is registered with and regularly participates on another House League team in the same association. The tournament organizers will still require a fixed roster for each team prior to commencement of the tournament. Further, the tournament organizers may reject a team application by reason of the manner in which the substitutes are chosen.
- (M) The Regulation regarding Pickup Players and the use of the "Pickup Consent" form shall not apply to Senior House League Tournaments. Any substitute players used by a Senior House League team for a tournament must be registered with other Senior House League teams or House League teams.
- (N) "AA" category teams in Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Intermediate will not be allowed to enter "BB", "B" or "C" divisions of the next older age groups in a Sanctioned Tournament. "A" category teams in Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Intermediate will not be allowed to enter "B" or "C" divisions of the next older age groups in a Sanctioned Tournament. Intermediate "AA" & "A" teams may compete in Senior "AAA", Senior "AA" and Senior "A" divisions of tournaments.
- (O) The host of a Sanctioned Tournament must submit a list of participating teams to the OWHa Office and must submit a written confirmation to teams of their acceptance or refusal, at least four (4) weeks in advance of the tournament. Failure to comply may result in a fine of \$200.00

(P) Tournament Withdrawal

(1) Written notice of withdrawal from a tournament must be received by the Tournament Host four (4) weeks prior to the tournament. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$200.00 payable to the OWHA within 30 days.

(2) If a team withdraws from a tournament other than as specified in RULE TWO (I)(10), the following fines will be levied by the OWHA, to be divided 60% to the OWHA and 40% to the tournament host. All fines are in addition to the fine levied in #1 above.

7-10 days prior to tournament	\$100.00
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2-6 days prior to tournament	\$150.00
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0-1 day prior to tournament	\$200.00
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No show	\$300.00
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(3) Penalized teams may appeal these penalties on the grounds of unavoidable accident or unforeseen circumstances as per Appeal Procedures.

(4) The Tournament Host is entitled to retain the tournament entry fee of any team which withdraws 4 weeks or less prior to the tournament.

(Q) The OWHA may sanction a tournament involving a non-member or private enterprise entity so long as the OWHA Association or Team obtaining the sanctioning is the official OWHA host and maintains a material involvement in the planning, operation and financial oversight of the tournament.

(R) A full financial report must be received in the OWHA office within sixty (60) days after the completion of the tournament. Such non-member or private enterprise entity must have in place and file with the OWHA appropriate and adequate insurance coverage for the duration of the tournament.