



GAME SCHEDULES

ARRANGING A SCHEDULE FOR A TOURNAMENT:

The first step in organizing any tournament schedule is to determine the tournament format best suited to the specific age divisions and calibre of teams.

Three factors to consider when determining the best tournament format:

1. the number of team entries
2. the time allotted for playing the tournament
3. the facilities that are available.

Other considerations:

MAXIMUM NUMBER of GAMES per DAY	⇒	Please note OWHA Rule Two I(18): <i>“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 two (2) hours rest or three (3) hours scheduled between games.”</i>
TEAM TRAVEL:	⇒	Take into account the travel time for teams coming from a distance in scheduling their first & potential championship game time
SCHOOL DAYS	⇒	Take all steps possible to avoid having players miss school time
PLAYER’S AGES	⇒	Please note OWHA Rule Two I(19) <i>“...Novice and Atom Divisions must have games which are scheduled to start no earlier than 7:00a.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.....”</i>
CALIBRE of PLAY	⇒	It is wise to schedule Novice & Atom games in the same facility as higher calibre games (Midget, Intermediate & Senior A, AA etc.). Where the higher calibre games may take a little extra time, the time delay can be made up with the novice & atom games (few penalties and lower risk of injury)
OPENING CEREMONIES	⇒	Build in extra time for the opening ceremonies <i>(don’t forget the set-up & take-down times i.e. red carpet)</i>
FLOOD TIME	⇒	Ensure time is built in for ice re-surfacing
OVERTIME	⇒	Build in a time cushion for potential overtime games in play-off rounds (quarter-finals, semi-finals & finals).
INJURY TIME	⇒	Potential for injury time (ambulance call).
ON ICE PARTICIPATION	⇒	OWHA Sanctioned Tournaments are for groups of 5 skaters and 1 goalie per team. Any request for a variation of the format must be submitted in writing to the OWHA Tournament Committee prior to advertising or conducting any event for approval.
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AFFECTING TOURNAMENTS	⇒	All tournaments should have a policy in place in the event of an emergency situation that may IMPACT tournament SCHEDULING. ie: Inclement Weather