

**Tournament Related (new) motions and reminders about existing rules**

Below are some of the new rules for tournament participants and hosts, including reminders of some key rules:

*The deadline for the submission of the sanctioned event applications will be June 15th, 2018 .*

Fines for the host (partial list only):

8.1.3 Host running a sanctioned invitational tournament without an approved schedule - \$500.00

8.1.12 The use of shoot outs for anything other than to determine a winner in a tie game during 3 on 3 tournaments - \$500.00.

8.1.13 Host posting tournament schedule without Provincial G&T Committee approval - \$500.00

8.1.14 Host advertising specific sanctioned event details (date, division, registration, fees) prior to receiving approval - \$100.00.

Fines for teams (partial list only):

8.8 Withdrawing from Tournaments 8.8.1 Teams withdrawing from a tournament after the withdrawal deadline and before the tournament schedule is posted shall be fined the equivalent of the team entry fees (payable to the ORA) with the host keeping the non-refundable team entry fees.

8.8.2 Teams withdrawing from a tournament after the withdrawal deadline and after the tournament schedule is posted will pay the team entry fees (nonrefundable) and will be fined as per the forfeit of the game sanctions as they will be considered to forfeit their games. 8.9 Forfeit Game During Tournament 8.9.1 Any team who voluntarily forfeits a game during a tournament will not be eligible to proceed to semi-final or final games. 8.9.2 Teams that voluntarily forfeit a game during a tournament will be fined five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per game.

Suspensions - NEW:

*Any four minute fully served penalty that cannot be served during the remaining clock time of the game shall result in a one game suspension. This includes any such fully served penalty assessed after the end of the game.*

Reminder that ALL 4-minutes penalties should be reported by BOTH teams. This is especially important with the new suspension rule. The offending team must also submit a copy of the game sheet.

Provincial Teams

## Provincials

### Provincial Dates & Locations:

U12 Event	Mar 1-4	Waterloo
AA's	Mar 8-11	Gloucester
Univ Event	Mar 8-11	Gloucester
A's	Mar 15-18	Kitchener

### Motions of relevance to Provincial teams:

*Effective the 2017/18 playing season, if a team that is ranked in the top 14 according to the ORA rankings is to be prevented from attending the Provincial Event by a host or Regional Representative, then that team will be invited to attend Provincials – expanding the specific “A” division.*

*Effective the 2017-18 playing season, any 18+A University team intending to proceed to a Provincial event must participate in the University division at the final Provincial event providing there are 5 University teams willing to attend a Provincial Event.*

*Effective 2018 the U14A division be all inclusive at the Provincial Event. Teams will be placed in tiers according to Provincial rankings.*

*Effective the 2019 Provincial Championships, the first championship event – will host U16AA, U19AA, 18+AA, 18+A and 18+A University divisions. The second event will host U14AA, U14A, U16A and U19A.*

Hosts for the 2019 submitted to ORA for approval:

U12 Event	Guelph
AA's (first event)	Waterloo
A's (2nd event)	Newmarket

### Provincial Divisions:

The tournament assignment process went fairly well this season. The efforts put into by the WORL teams to minimize duplication of tournaments was beneficial for the most part - thank to Chris Sharpe for his work on this.

The G&T committee was further challenged to maximize the number of hosts hosting divisions, avoiding “super tournaments”. This created a challenge to minimize exposure to other teams in the same division, especially with divisions of 4 and 5 in some tournaments.

U12P teams are reminded that with a large number of smaller tournaments, that they may be moved to ensure competitive play in as many divisions as possible.

A reminder to ALL Provincial A teams to provide feedback on any team they may feel should not be in the A division before Dec 4th. Your comments are confidential, however you are truly the eyes and ears at the tournaments and have the best possible feel for your own division.

#### Regional Teams:

Regional planning has started EARLY this year with the 2018 Regional event being hosted jointly in Kitchener, Waterloo, and Woolwich beginning on Thursday March 29th, with finals on Saturday March 31.

Teams looking to book accommodations for this event are encouraged to contact ASA.

Watch for notification of Minor Official signups on the Region website.

#### Substitutions:

If you know your team will need substitute players, especially for a tournament, please arrange this well in advance. Special requests may need G&T committee approvals and you **MUST** be prepared for your substitution to be denied if it is not by the book. Waiting until the week of the tournament does not change the rules. Waiting until 30 minutes before game time does not constitute an emergency.

Changes this year and last for substitutions should help some teams but may hinder others. These changes are:

AA teams may not use lateral substitutions. What does this mean? You may not use AA players from your level as tournament substitutions. This was put into place due to team complaints about opponents using selected substitutes to replace missing, weaker players. This change also means that Regional G&T can approve your subs without needing to go to the G&T committee, including for ranking games.

18+AA teams may use U19AA players as substitutes.

18+A & Jacks teams may NOT use U19 players who will turn 17 or 18 by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the playing year. - this was withdrawn after a 1 year trial.

18+A & AA teams may still use lateral substitutes.

#### Reminders on Substitutions:

Players registered on teams U19 & under can only substitute in one (1) tournament per year (goalies are exempt). In addition there are strict substitution restrictions on players U12 & under, and these **INCLUDE** goalies. These are Sport Development rules which will be followed closely by G&T.

Players registered on 18+ teams may substitute in two (2) tournaments (again, goalies exempted).

A player is considered to have substituted if she (or he) dressed for at least one game at a tournament and went out on the ice to warm up and play, even if they were not actually played (which just FYI would be against Fair Ice Policy for most age divisions).

Goalie substitution is goalie for goalie. If there are no skater (i.e. non-goalie) substitutions, then you are not restricted by the 12 skater rule.

As soon as you have one (1) skater substitution (skater for skater) you may not have more than 12 skaters in total, or the number of skaters you have on your TRF if less.

In addition you may have a total of 4 subs at a tournament in total. This includes both goalies and skaters. This could be 4 players (the same 4) for every game or it could be one different player for each of 4 games, but the total may not exceed 4.

At no time may your roster size be increased with substitutions. (Note that there is one exception to this rule re 2nd goalies at provincials)

Provincials substitutions:

Players who have previously substituted are available for Provincials, but for U12 & under, the Sport Development rules still apply.

New this year: Teams U19 & under can take a 2nd goalie to Provincial Events under contract and are no longer constrained by the Fair Ice Policy for that goalie. However there are restrictions on the number of games that player can play unless the team's first goalie is injured or otherwise unable to play at all.

Please contact G&T with any questions you may have on substitutions.

See you at the rinks!

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