

Tournaments  
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Tournaments Policy

a) Each Association granted an HEO Tournament Sanction shall ensure that the HEO policies are enforced. Tournaments presented on behalf of Associations or Leagues by third party entities (e.g. Sensplex) are permitted. These tournaments must have an administrator, appointed by the Association or League applying for a sanctioned tournament, available in person to deal with any issues arising during the tournament such as code of discipline offences and to ensure all code of discipline offences are reported as required after completion of the tournament.

i) Applications for Tournament Sanctions must be filled out on the online sanction form, with all pertinent information filled in. Emailed or faxed sanction applications will be held until we have received a cheque payable to HEO or an e-transfer.

ii) All applications for House League Tournaments shall clearly indicate if Body Checking rules are to be in effect.

iii) All application forms must be signed by the President of the local Minor Hockey Association along with the District Chairperson.

iv) The fees for Tournament Sanctions will be set yearly. Tournament Sanction Refunds will only be issued if the entire tournament is cancelled.

v) Any tournament playing rule, other than discipline, which are to be different from Hockey Canada's regulation J Hockey Tournament Regulations, must be submitted with the tournament sanction application for approval.

vi) Each Minor Hockey Association shall be granted ONE tournament sanction per annum for each division and category in which that Association has a team registered. In addition, with the exception of certain tournaments sanctioned by HEO on a long-standing basis (e.g. Bell Capital Cup, Silver Stick), all tournament applications must be restricted to a maximum of 16 teams per division.

b) The Tournament Chair shall verify all team lists and Affiliated Lists. A team that has left its official team list at home will have to arrange that verification of the players from the District Chair or their delegate is given to the Tournament Chairperson before that team is to be allowed to participate.

c) All players may be required to sign a Player Eligibility form prior to the first game of the Tournament and may be requested to sign in prior to each game as required by the Tournament Chairperson.

d) When house league players are affiliating with competitive teams they may only affiliate with the lowest competitive category team.

e) The Tournament Chairperson shall submit to the District Chairperson all game sheets and Game Incident Reports at the conclusion of the Tournament. The District Chairperson retains these for a period of one year

f) The Tournament Chairperson shall notify the District Chairperson of all penalties that warrant suspension. The tournament suspension report must be forwarded to the HEO office at the conclusion of the tournament to ensure distribution to out of Branch authorities as required.

g) The HEO Code of Discipline shall be applied.

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h) It is recommended that a number of properly qualified First Aid Personnel, (e.g. St. John Ambulance) be in attendance whenever possible.

i) A team must give both verbal and written notification with a minimum of 10 days of their intent to withdraw from a tournament. This withdrawal also must be due to UNAVOIDABLE circumstances. The Coach of a team that enters a Tournament and fails to appear will be suspended until a formal hearing is conducted by the HEO Discipline and Appeals Committee.

j) The Coach of any team which enters a Tournament and fails to continue playing in any Tournament games will be required to attend a formal hearing conducted by the HEO Discipline and Appeals Committee. Such incidents shall be reported within 24 hours by the coach to their District Chairperson. The District Chairperson is responsible for reporting such incidents to the HEO Discipline and Appeals Committee within 48 hours.

k) Formation of All Star Teams for Tournaments is prohibited.

Note: An All Star Team is a team which has one (1) or more players that are not on their official team list

l) Any Hockey Eastern Ontario Minor association team, which is not registered in a duly sanctioned HEO Minor Hockey league, will be not be permitted to play in any HEO sanctioned tournaments or out of Branch sanctioned tournaments.

m) A "Minor AA" team may be allowed to play in a "Major A" competitive tournament with approval of the Tournament Chairperson and the other teams involved. Before accepting a "Minor AA" team in a "Major A" tournament, the Major "A" teams that applied must be accepted first. This also applies for "AAA" division.

n) Similarly, before accepting a "Major A" team into a "Major AA" category, the Tournament Chairperson must first accept all "Major AA" teams that have requested application to the Tournament by the application deadline (if any). This also applies to "AAA" division.

o) For further clarification, no "Major" team can play in a higher division "Minor" category, nor can a House League team play in a "AAA", "AA", "A", "B" Competitive Tournament.

p) No competitive team tournaments of the same division and category shall be held within fifty (50) kilometres of each other, unless the HEO Executive member responsible for Tournaments gives special approval after consulting with the Minor Associations and District Chairs involved.

q) No recreational team tournaments of the same division and category shall be held within twenty (20) kilometres of each other, unless the HEO Executive member responsible for Tournaments gives special approval after consulting with the Minor Associations and District Chairpersons involved.

r) HEO registered teams may not participate in a non-sanctioned tournament. Players registered on a HEO registered team may not participate in a non-sanctioned tournament from August 15 to May15. (Players are obligated to play for their registered team until the end of the season)