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## ALLIANCE HOCKEY BULLETIN

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**To:** Representative Council

**Re:** 2024-2025 Tournament Policy

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- **The Development Phase, September 3-29 is considered *pre-season* therefore, any tournament participation during this timeframe does not count towards a team's seasonal tournament allotment total. Teams must still adhere to OHF Regulation G4 (i).**
- **Any violation of the Tournament Policy will be handled as per the sanctions outlined below.**

Below is the Tournament Policy for the 2024-25 season as ratified by the ALLIANCE Hockey Representative Council on April 24, 2024:

### 4.8 Tournament Policy

.1 ALLIANCE Hockey has implemented the following:

#### U8 MD:

- Teams are permitted a total of 4 Festivals/Jamborees within the Regular Season schedule and 1 post-season Festival/Jamboree (must be half-ice).

#### U9 MD:

- Teams are permitted a total of 4 tournaments within the Regular Season/Tiered schedule: 2 half-ice and 2 full-ice tournaments.
- All teams will participate in the post-season ALLIANCE Hockey MD Championships which does not contribute to the tournament allotment.

#### U10 -U18 BB-B:

- Teams are permitted a total of 4 tournaments within the Regular Season/Tiered schedule.
- Christmas Tournaments (Dec. 26-Jan. 1) are included in the total.

#### U10 - U18 AA-A (Seeded):

- Teams are permitted 4 tournaments within Regular Season/Bristol/Constellation schedule.
- Christmas Tournaments (Dec. 26-Jan. 1) are included in the total.
- The number of tournaments entered before or after the Bristol/Constellation split may be determined by the local Association, keeping in mind the number of weekends available in the first and second half of the schedule. League play will occur through at least March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Bristol/Constellation seeding will typically occur in late November or early December. Exact dates will be determined based on the total number of teams.
- No tournaments are permitted during Playdowns.



### U10 - U18 AAA:

- Teams are permitted 4 tournaments within the Regular Season schedule.
- Christmas Tournaments (Dec. 26 -Jan. 1) are included in the total.
- No tournaments are permitted during Playdowns.

### **NOTES:**

1. All post-season competition is considered *Playdown* hockey unless otherwise noted.
2. A *Christmas Tournament* is defined as the week between December 26 and January 1.
3. In most cases, weekend omissions are for tournaments and for definition purposes will include team functions other than tournaments i.e. team building weekends, educational trips to NCAA Schools, etc.
4. If Seeded teams split: Any additional tournament requests must be directed to the Association Representative Council Member and will only be considered once Playdowns are complete or if a team can provide proof of an opening in the schedule due to a bye or early playdown exit. Cancelled Tournaments will be handled the same way.
5. A Silver Stick tournament qualifier and final will count as one tournament should a team have success in advancing to a final event.
6. Penalty to teams who do not adhere to the Tournament Policy:
  - a 5-game suspension to the Head Coach,
  - a \$1500.00 fine to the Member Association and,
  - the immediate withdrawal from the Tournament.
7. No tournaments are allowed prior to the start date(s) outlined by the OHF. (*September 20 for 2024-25 season*)
8. All participants will play meaningful hockey until at least March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **11.4 Tournaments During Playdown Competition:**

.1 There will be no tournaments scheduled after the start date of Playdowns for U10 and above Pavilion (AAA) and Seeded League hockey. The only exceptions may be the Quebec Peewee Tournament, Canada/Ontario Winter Games, and the Silver Stick Finals.

