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ALLIANCE HOCKEY BULLETIN

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To: Representative Council

Re: 2025-2026 Tournament Policy

4.8 Tournament Policy

1. The Development Phase, September 2-28 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 G3 \(i\)](#):

(i) *Development Phase and Tournaments for U11 and above*

- i. *For the Divisions of U11 and above following Labour Day Monday there is a twenty-seven (27) day Development Phase where teams may only practice and play a maximum of four (4) exhibition games or two (2) exhibition games and one Tournament in accordance with G3(i) ii, and two (2) practices for every one (1) game.*
- ii. *For the Divisions of U11 and above beginning the eighteenth (18) day after Labour Day Monday Tournaments may begin.*

2. All post-season competition is considered *Playdown* hockey unless otherwise noted.

3. A Christmas Tournament is defined as the week between December 26 and January 1.

4. In most cases, weekend omissions/blackouts are for tournaments and for definition purposes, includes other team functions such as team building weekends, educational trips to NCAA Schools, exhibition showcases, etc.
Weekend omission/blackout Definition: any event or circumstance that would take away a potential Regular Season scheduling opportunity.

5. 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.

6. A Silver Stick tournament qualifier and final will count as **one** tournament should a team have success in advancing to a final event.

7. Any violation of the Tournament Policy will be handled as per the sanctions outlined below:

- a 5-game suspension to the Head Coach,
- a \$1,500.00 fine to the Member Association and,
- the immediate withdrawal from the Tournament.



8. No tournaments are allowed prior to the start date(s) outlined by the OHF. (*September 19 for 2025-26 season*)

9. As per Structure Policy 11.4, 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.

U8 MD:

- Teams are permitted a total of 4 Festivals/Jamborees within the Regular Season schedule.
- All teams shall participate in the ALLIANCE Hockey U8 MD Jamboree which does not contribute to the tournament allotment.

U9 MD:

- Teams are permitted a total of 4 tournaments within the Regular Season/Tiered schedule: 2 half-ice tournaments and 2 full-ice tournaments.
- All teams shall participate in the ALLIANCE Hockey U9 MD Championships which does not contribute to the tournament allotment.

U10 -U18:

- Teams are permitted a total of 4 tournaments within the Regular Season/Tiered schedule.
- Christmas Tournaments are included in the total.
- The number of tournaments entered before or after AA-A / BB-B League tiering may be determined by the local Association, keeping in mind the number of weekends available in the first and second half of the schedule. ALLIANCE Hockey highly recommends that no teams schedule blackouts/omissions on back-to-back weekends.
NOTE: Seeding typically occurs in late November or early December with exact dates determined by Rep Council.
- No tournaments are permitted during Playdowns as outlined above.

