

**BAUER****A/B World Hockey Invite*****FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

**Q** What are the dates of The 2016 Bauer A/B World Hockey Invite? When does my team have to be ready to play and when can we depart?

The A/B tournament will be conducted November 4-6, 2016. All teams must be ready to play their first game on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. All championship games conclude by 3:30pm on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Every team should arrange to be in on Thursday night November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

Almost every team will play 2 games on Friday and 2 games on Saturday. All semi-final and championship games are on Sunday, and are always over by no later than 3:30pm. You will play games on Sunday, if you qualify for the playoffs, starting at 7:00am. Some consolation games may fall on Sunday as well.

**Q** What are the 2016-2017 Playing Levels?

<b>Squirt/Atom (2006-2007)</b>	Youth ages 9 and 10
<b>Peewee (2004-2005)</b>	Youth ages 11 and 12
<b>Bantam (2002-2003)</b>	Youth ages 13 and 14
<b>Midget 15 &amp; 16 (2001-2000)</b>	Youth ages 15 and 16

**Q** How do I apply for the Tournament?

One may apply for the event by submitting the on line application. To be considered for an entry spot both the application and deposit fee must be submitted. Once the application is received, it is input into our database. An email is then sent out automatically to the email address indicated on the application (please be sure your email address is accurate to ensure that the return email is sent to the correct address). This email acknowledges receipt of your application as well as provides you with further information. This email is not a final offer of acceptance into the tournament.

**Q** What is the cost of the tournament?

The total entry fee is **\$1,300.00**. A \$150 discount is offered for teams paying in full by May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and for Clubs/Associations bringing multiple teams (3 or more). Only one discount will be permitted (cannot combine both) off the full entry fee. A \$425 Deposit fee will be due for all teams applying to the Bauer World Hockey Invite (\*subject to availability). Final balances will be due by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**BAUER****A/B World Hockey Invite****Q How do I know you have received all my information?**

A team checklist for each age level will be posted on the website in early July. This online document details various information that needs to be completed including application, deposits, balance, hotel forms, team roster etc. The website is updated every few days to keep track of what the Bauer World Hockey Invite has received and what is still missing from each accepted team. Please note that **final team balances are due by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. Any team not paid in full by this date will lose their spot.

**Q What are the "A" & "B" qualifications/parameters and what do they mean?**

Every year we simply try to have as many competitive games for all teams entering our tournaments. Nothing is better or does more to keep interest high in tournaments than evenly contested games. Our intent is to try and determine where each "A" & "B" level team will fall and work extremely hard to make sure we have good match ups for all the teams involved. We will ask plenty of questions and will communicate with your team coach/manager to help both of us determine the proper level of play. USAH (and each individual state) plus Hockey Canada (Ontario AE-DD) have vastly different name interpretations for each level of play. Please contact our Tournament Coordinator for more information on the varying amounts of competitiveness for the "A" & "B" levels.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES** - In general, lower alphabet letters (A) are better than higher alphabet letters (B). Double and Triple alphabet letters (AA, AAA) should be considering the Bauer Series event in Chicago, Illinois and not this A/B event in Sarnia & Port Huron.

**"A" LEVEL** (Travel or Tier 2 Hockey) is a competitive level where teams are formed by tryouts to determine roster/team placement. This level is considered the 3rd level of travel hockey falling behind AAA and AA levels of play. The "A" level may be the 2nd and possibly 3rd travel team chosen within a club. We will likely field multiple levels (A1, A2) within this tournament. Some teams may be true minor (1st year) players at their age division.

**"B" LEVEL** (Recreational) or a more accurate description could be Travel "B". Typically teams are generally more competitive than "C" House level (\*not offered) and travel to other rinks to compete against other clubs. This level is also considered a step below "A" but in some cases 3rd or 4th travel teams ("A" level) in a club may be a great fit for the "B" level. We will likely field multiple levels (B1, B2) within this tournament. Like the "A" level, we will likely field multiple "B" levels (B1, B2) within this tournament.



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\* **"C" LEVEL** (House) Not Offered. This is a playing level that typically have no tryouts and an everyone plays (balanced ice time) philosophy. Some clubs/associations have player drafts to equally disperse player talent across all age level teams. This level is strictly for Novice Hockey Players and clubs are prohibited from loading up with one dominant team. Teams may play in leagues with other teams in their region.

Your submission of the application and past season's results will be evaluated. The Bauer World Hockey Invite staff reserves the right to select from the list of applications and make appropriate placements. Once approved, the completion of the registration procedure (payment, hotel forms and roster) must be completed. The Bauer World Hockey Invite Tournament Committee will use a criteria system to choose teams. It's always best to get your applications in early. Feel free to give us whatever information you think would help us better make the right decisions regarding acceptance, brackets, etc... This information is used when determining the appropriate divisions which could possibly include A1, A2, B1 and B2. Our committee requests that each team send in game results from last season, including all exhibition games, tournament games and league games.

### **Q How many teams will be playing?**

We anticipate approximately 100 Teams participating.

### **Q Where do teams come from?**

We will get teams registering from all over the United States and Canada.

### **Q Do you accept Mite/Novice age teams?**

No. Mite/Novice teams are not permitted to play in the event, regardless of where/how they are registered, i.e. USAH or Hockey Canada.

### **Q When will we know if we have been accepted?**

All competitive **"A"** and **"B"** teams that apply before May 27<sup>th</sup> will be guaranteed acceptance immediately. All other teams will be notified no later than Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. **\* If total applications once again exceed the number of teams the tournament can accept ~ earlier notification will be given.** Please note that all offers of acceptances are tentative until your application and deposit are received.

### **Q What is the Refund Policy?**



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Any team **not accepted** to the Bauer World Hockey Invite will be refunded their entire deposit by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Any team **accepted** to either the “A” or “B” Divisions has a non-refundable deposit. If we have a team on the waiting list who can replace your team prior to August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 then your deposit refund will be issued. **No refunds (deposits or full team entry fees)** will be issued at either A/B divisions after August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **Q Do I have to stay at Designated Hotels?**

All accepted teams must stay in authorized tournament hotels and submit all pre-registration forms. All hotels are in close proximity to arenas, restaurants, shopping malls and other attractions. A hotel tournament packet will be emailed out to all accepted team contacts by **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016** and also posted on the web site under Accommodations. Typically our hotel coordinator will release all Hotel Assignments on or before Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Any and all questions regarding Hotels must be directed to Greg Tam directly @ [gtam@200x85.com](mailto:gtam@200x85.com)

### **Q Do I need to make my own travel arrangements?**

Yes, all travel arrangements are handled by each team/family on their own.

### **Q Where are the games and age levels played? Do participants play in more than one ice arena?**

We will be utilizing a total of 7 ice facilities and 11 sheets of ice for the A/B event. We will likely rotate specific age levels and divisions around a certain demographic area. You will likely have games at a couple different sites/arenas which may possible include crossing the Blue Water Bridge which is the international crossing between the US and Canada. Please be sure all travelers have passports or federally approved documents to enter each country. More information is available under our Information Section on the website.

### **Q When is the tournament schedule released?**

The schedule for the 2016 Bauer World Hockey Invite will be released on **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. We make every attempt not to make changes to the schedule after the release dates, however sometimes things happen that are out of our control and changes are made. It is important to monitor the website at **[www.bauerinvite.com](http://www.bauerinvite.com)** for updates. We will send emails as well. Please be sure we have your correct email addresses (coach & manager) on file in order to receive these important updates.

### **Q Our Head Coach has more than one team to oversee can scheduling arrangements be made?**

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We understand there can be personal conflicts that may hinder some coaches with multiple teams. Although we cannot promise that we can accommodate everyone's request. If a request is put in prior to **July 15<sup>th</sup>** we will make every attempt possible to help coordinate your games. Let us know your conflict and we will make every effort to accommodate your request.

**Q How and when do we submit our team roster for the tournament?**

An ON-LINE LINK will be posted in **late September** for submitting your team roster. Your team roster must be submitted on line by no later than **October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. This ON LINE roster link is used for the tournament program and score sheet labels. . A certified team roster from your governing body (hard copy) must also be sent in. Game sheets will be **pre-filled** by our staff prior to the tournament starting. It is a good idea to have extra labels in the event your team advances past the round robin portion of the tournament.

**Q What Rules do you play by? What are the rule differences between USAH and Canada?**

Teams must be affiliated with one of the following: CHA, USA Hockey or IIHF. The **2016** Rules and Regulations will be posted on **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** when the tournament schedule is released. All games are operated under USAH Rules and Regulations. Neck guards are only required and mandatory if your US state/affiliate requires them. All USAH registered players, including goalkeepers in the Peewee (05, 04) through Midget (U15 & U16 age classifications are required to wear a colored (non clear) internal mouthpiece that covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. Canadian teams will abide by the equipment requirements of their governing organization. For the first violation of this rule, the team shall be issued a warning. A misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player or goalkeeper of that team for a subsequent violation during that game. For Squirts and Peewees - USA Hockey replaced the delayed offside rule with an automatic whistle. Consequently, if a player is offside, the whistle will be blown immediately. If the offside is accidental then the face-off will occur just outside the offensive zone blue-line, an intentional offside will be whistled down with the face-off occurring in the violating team's defensive zone. Checking is only permitted at the 2003 and older age classifications.

**Q What do we need to provide as part of tournament sanctioning?**

It is very important we receive a copy of your **Travel Permit** (if required by your state/affiliate) and **Certified USAH/Hockey Canada Roster** by **October 14<sup>th</sup>**. These permits and rosters must be approved/signed by your governing body/affiliate. If you have an electronic version of these documents please email them to Barbie Purpura @ [barbie@200x85.com](mailto:barbie@200x85.com) If you do not have an

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electronic version then you can fax the documents to 630-929-7538. Please be sure you bring your approved roster sheet and travel permit as back up to the tournament as well.

**Q What is the Tournament Sanction number?**

Sanction number is: **MIT1716666213**

**Q Do you accept non-sanctioned USAH, Hockey Canada or IIHF teams?**

No, you must be properly registered with your National Governing Bodies.

**Q What is the roster limit?**

USAH permits 20 players to be included on your team roster.

**Q How many Games are Guaranteed and what are the Length of Game Times?**

All teams will be guaranteed 4 games. Game Time lengths will be as follows:

Squirts and Peewees will play three (3) x thirteen (13) minute stop time periods.

Bantams and Midgets will play three (3) x fourteen (14) minute stop time periods.

**Q When does my team need to Check In and Register at the Tournament?**

All teams will check in and register one (1) hour prior to their first scheduled game (at the designated arena) on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition, each team picks up there 200x85 Bauer Team Credentials/Lanyards, Duffle Bag, Water Bottles, and additional tournament information prior to their first scheduled game.

**Q What other activities encompass the A/B tournament experience?**

We will always put on an AMAZING tournament and will have many exciting and new Experiences to announce as we get closer to the tournament dates. Over the course of the weekend - Bauer Hockey will put on their fantastic Demo Experience to test out the latest Bauer hockey equipment and there will be celebrities, interactive exhibits, booths, games, displays and much more. We would encourage all family members and friends to take part in this incredible 200 x 85 experience!

**Q Is there a Gate Fee for the tournament?**



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No, we do not charge any entry fees for the Bauer World Hockey Invites. Any individual can attend any games for free.

### **Q Can I check out the Bauer World Hockey Invite as a spectator?**

Yes. Admission is FREE for every game. Come check out this fun event and great competition!

### **Q Will friends at home be able to watch streamlined video?**

We are currently in the process of partnering with a new video company for the 2016 event. Please stay tuned for more information which will be posted on our tournament Home Page.

### **Q Will there be pre-sales of tournament merchandise?**

Yes, we will have pre-sales available. An email will go out to all teams prior to the event in regards to Merchandise Sales. In addition, the tournament will also have on site sales at almost all designated ice facilities.

### **Q Will there be a photographer for the tournament?**

Yes. Later this summer ~ Under **Tournament Contacts** you will see the Photographers contact information for each level.

### **Q What is the 2016 Tournament Format? \* This is Tentative and may be adjusted after total registrations are complete.**

**Squirt/Atom (2006-2007) -Peewee (2004-2005)-Bantam (2002-2003)-Midget 15 & 16 (2001-2000)**

**Each Age classification listed above would start by offering separate divisions for "A1", "A2" and "B" levels.**

If it is a 8 Team Division: Each Division will comprise of 2 brackets of 4 teams each. Teams will play each team in their bracket once (3 games). All teams in each division (8 total teams) after the round robin will advance to the quarter final, semi final and championship round.

If it is a 10 Team Division: Each Division will comprise of 2 brackets of 5 teams each. Teams will play each team in their bracket once (4 games). The top two (2) teams in each bracket (4 total teams) after





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the round robin will advance to the semi final and championship round. Teams finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> in their bracket will have completed the tournament.

**I want to become involved as a sponsor for this event. Who do I get in touch with?**

Please contact Kevin Mann at [kmhinc@aol.com](mailto:kmhinc@aol.com)

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