
2016-2017 HCHA TOURNAMENT HOCKEY

1. Provide a more competitive playing environment for our hockey players to further develop skills and enjoyment of the game in conjunction with their House Team schedule.
2. Obtain a structure that will coincide with HCHA House schedule to not disrupt the House program.
3. Tournament Teams will be created by a scheduled draft separate from the House draft prior to the first week of the season.
4. Tournament Teams in each division will be allowed, at a minimum, 10 practice ice slots.
5. Tournament Teams will play in a minimum of 2 additional tournament dates TBD with the Scheduler of HCHA. (Cost to be on the players/parents for hotels, food & transportation)
6. Tournament Teams will have the ability to schedule additional games, but all games/practices must be booked through the HCHA scheduler and MUST not conflict with the House division they are in. The additional Ice Cost is subject to the discretion of the Ice Arena.
7. Based on interest and coaching support, the league may support a second Tournament team in each division called "Tournament Team II".
8. All Tournament Teams rosters will be submitted to the HCHA Board for final approval.
9. Please see below for additional Guidelines

HURON COUNTY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION-TOURNAMENT TEAM GUIDELINES

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The following rules and guidelines represent the spirit under which HCHA will administer its Tournament Teams. Every attempt will be made to ensure that they are administered fairly for all concerned.

Should the President, Vice President, and Team Coach agree unanimously that an exception or alteration is required in a specific case, they will do so within the spirit of this document and with the support of the Board of Directors.

Interference in the selection process is prohibited. Any evidence of interference in the selection process will disqualify the offending party from participating on any HCHA tournament teams for the upcoming season.

Tournament Program Mission

The Huron County Hockey Association Tournament program is designed to offer the participants of HCHA a competitive playing environment that further develops skills and enjoyment of the game in conjunction with their house hockey league schedule. A primary goal of the HCHA Tournament Program is to develop the players' skill level to the extent that he/she is prepared to advance to the next level of play.

Objective

Huron County Hockey Association (HCHA) supports one tournament team at the Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and Midget divisions, if there is enough interest and players to fill each team. Further, IF there is a demand and there are players to make up a second tournament team with enough coaches HCHA will consider supporting a 2nd tournament team within each age division. The tournament teams are comprised of players who have been evaluated and chosen in an Open Tryout to participate on a team that will play additional tournament and/or games under the HCHA banner. Players are chosen based on above average skills and team play as determined by the tournament team head coach and evaluator(s).

Head Coach Selections

- HCHA Board of Directors will accept self-nominations for the Tournament Team Head Coach positions for each division (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam & Midget) at a date prior to the Board Meeting date TBD.
- Recommendations must be submitted through the HCHA Coaching Director.
- HCHA Board of Directors will review nominations/recommendations for each division tournament head coach at the named board meeting.
- Tournament team head coaches will be named before the tryouts, when possible, based on the board majority vote.
- Players of the board selected head coaches (tournament team) will be evaluated during the open tryout to earn a spot on the team.
- HCHA will not accept or determine any assistant coach assignment until the team roster is complete.

Open Try-Outs

- Open Tryouts: **ALL HCHA Players** in good standing are eligible to try-out.
- One open tryout will be held in November for each division to measure players skating and skill level. Evaluations will be run by the tournament team head coaches and evaluators. Evaluators will consist of the Head Coaches of each division (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and Midget). There may be on ice helpers to assist in running drills. The on ice helpers do not have any input in the selection process.
- The tournament team head coach, evaluators, and HCHA President, Vice President will meet to finalize the individual tournament rosters before player notification.
- Any evidence of interference in the selection process will prohibit any coach or member from participating on any HCHA tournament team for the upcoming season.
- The tryout in each division will be for BOTH tournament teams. If there are enough players to field a tournament and 2nd tournament team, then team assignment will be determined by this evaluation in addition to house evaluation scores. Families will not be able to “choose” their team. The teams will be determined in order of performance, meaning the top scorers will field the 1st tournament team and then the next group will field the 2nd tournament team.
- Tournament Team 1 will be filled first.
- If there are enough qualified players to comprise a competitive 2nd tournament team and there is coaching support, a decision will be made to fill a 2nd tournament team roster.
- Tryout information will be posted on the league website and emailed to all members.
- Players must attend the evaluations unless otherwise approved by the ace coordinator in conjunction with the Tournament Team 1’s head coach.

Evaluation Guidelines

- Tournament Team 1 & 2 player evaluations will be based on skating and skill evaluation as well as game situation play.
- Goalie Evaluations:
 - Tournament Team 1 and tournament team 2 goalie evaluations will be held during the player evaluation by division.

Please note

- The decision to field BOTH a Tournament Team 1 and Tournament Team 2 will be decided at the time of evaluations.
- The decision as to field either only a Tournament Team 1 or both a Tournament Team 1 and Tournament Team 2 will be determined by the number of players who attend the evaluation, the ability of those players to perform at a higher level, and if there are coaches who commit to coaching these teams.
- Board approval will be required to field two teams. Finally, there will be NO additional tournament teams formed following the Novembers evaluations.
- All teams must be finalized at the Tournament Team 1 and Tournament Team 2 evaluations.

Player Notification & Acceptance

- Every player will receive a telephone call from the head coach indicating if the player has been awarded a position on Tournament Team 1 or Tournament Team 2 roster.
- Players that have not been selected will be called and receive positive feedback on skills for improvement as determined by the independent evaluators.
- Parents will enter a verbal agreement with the coach to accept the roster position on Tournament Team 1 or Tournament Team 2.
- A contract will then be sent electronically to the parent indicating the required deposit and fees for the upcoming season.
- All of these documents must be signed and returned to the league along with the initial deposit in order to secure a roster spot.

Tournament Team 1 / Tournament Team 2 Player Fees

- All Tournament Team 1 and Tournament Team 2 team costs are the responsibility of the chosen members. Expenses will be divided evenly between all Players on the roster.
- Tournament Team 1 and Tournament Team 2 Fees will be approximately \$210.00 for Squirt, Peewee and Bantams. Midgets-approximately \$225.00
- Players/Parents by division will be notified of additional expenses for the cost of tournament fees.

Fees include

1. Ice Cost
2. 2-Tournament entry fees
3. Jerseys and socks (To be returned after the season)

Expenses responsible to families in addition to the Tournament Team 1 / Tournament Team 2 fees

1. Hotel: Members are required to stay in hotel room blocks, if mandated by tournament rules. If tournaments do not require it, members may book their hotels independently or the Tournament Team 1 or Tournament Team 2 manager may obtain a group block at a local hotel at a discount group rate. Most hotels range from \$109.00-\$129.00.
2. Food: Everyone is responsible for his or her own meals.
3. Player & Family Transportation
4. Any additional games/tournaments the Head Coach schedules with commitment from his/her team that DOES NOT interfere with the House Schedule.

Payments

- All payments for Tournament Team 1 and Tournament Team 2 members will be made payable to HCHA
- Any player accepting a position on the Tournament Team 1 or Tournament Team 2 roster must have all house league fees paid in full.

Team Guidelines

- A player cannot miss any regular season house games because of a Tournament Team 1 or Tournament Team 2 event.
- Players must participate in all Tournament Team 1 or Tournament Team 2 team events. (Unless prior authorization is obtained through the Head Coach)
- Tournament Team 1 and Tournament Team 2 players, coaches and parents are representatives of HCHA and as such should be mindful of their words and actions and shall abide by the HCHA code of conduct guidelines. Misconduct at tournaments will NOT be tolerated by HCHA Board.

Team Conduct

Coaches and/or Managers, as circumstances warrant, may be suspended by the Association for a period that the Association may determine appropriate, for the following reasons:

- Participating in tournaments, exhibition games, team functions without the appropriate approvals.
- Physical or verbal abuse of players, parents, on-ice officials, opposing team members or Association officials.
- Any player involved in and/or leaving the bench during the play of the game to participate in a fight will be removed from the team.

Tournaments and Games

- Each Tournament teams will play a minimum of 6 tournament games for the season. Usually play 4-5 per tournament.
 - The amount includes two (2) tournaments
 - If a tournament team would like to participate in an additional (third) tournament:
 - The individual team would need to conduct a team vote and have enough to field a competitive team.
 - The fees for the additional tournament would not be included in the HCHA Tournament Team fees. This would be an additional cost to the Tournament Team 1 and Tournament Team 2's families.
 - HCHA will set aside two (2) blackout weekends to allow Tournament teams to attend tournaments. They are January 22, 2016 in Detroit and March 4, 2016 in South Bend.
 - The Tournament Team 1 and Tournament Team 2 Director will review and recommend the tournament schedule (dates and locations) to the HCHA Board and Tournament Team 1 / Tournament Team 2 head coaches in a timely manner. This will give all parties involved the opportunity to review and provide input before the HCHA Board approval.