

Policy 12 – Tournaments



Applies To: All CMHA teams, including all rostered team staff and families.

Purpose

To ensure all CMHA teams participate in tournaments in a fair, transparent, and development-focused manner that aligns with the association's philosophy and family expectations. This policy outlines limits, approvals, and procedures for tournament participation, including those that require travel outside the province or country.

Governing Principles

1. Mandatory Participation in Home Tournaments

- All eligible CMHA teams are **required to participate** in home tournaments designated by the CMHA.

2. Maximum Number of Tournaments

- Teams may participate in a **maximum of five (5)** [4 in-season, & either a pre/post season event] tournaments during the hockey season.
- Of the five allowed tournaments, **no more than two (2)** may involve an **overnight stay**.
- Any request to attend more than five tournaments requires **pre-approval from the CMHA Executive**.

3. Approval for Out-of-Province or Out-of-Country Tournaments

- Tournaments that involve **overnight travel outside of Ontario or Canada** require formal team approval.

- These tournaments **must not be proposed until the team is finalized** following tryouts.

4. **Voting Requirements for Out-of-Province/Country Tournaments**

- Approval must be obtained from **a majority (50% + 1)** of families on the team.
- The **Head Coach or designate** must present the tournament proposal and supporting rationale to all families.
- Voting will be conducted by **secret ballot**, with **one vote per player**.

5. **Custody Considerations in Voting**

- In cases of **joint custody**, each parent may cast **one-half vote per player**.
- In cases of **sole custody**, only the custodial parent may cast a vote, which counts as **one full vote**.

6. **Documentation and Reporting**

- Results of the vote must be documented by the **Administrative Coordinator** and retained as part of the team's season file.
- The CMHA Executive may request this documentation at any time.