

# NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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## **NOHA AAA Scheduling**

## **Purpose**

Over the past ten (10) years the NOHA is down approximately 500 Officials. The policy below is meant to try and reduce the strain on Officials within Districts where AAA hockey is played.

## **Objective**

Coordination between all AAA teams, including U18 teams, will be required for this policy to work effectively. If this policy is used effectively and coordinated between Teams within the same Association, it will have a significant impact on scheduling of Officials within Districts.

## **Example** (weekend of scheduling in one centre from this past season)

Date	Time	Home	Away	Arena	Level	Officials
Day 1	12:30pm	Team 1a	Team 2a	Arena 1	U12 - AAA	3
Day 1	6:00pm	Team 1b	Team 2b	Arena 2	U13 - AAA	3
Day 1	4:00pm	Team 1c	Team 2c	Arena 3	U15 - AAA	4
Day 2	9:30am	Team 1a	Team 2a	Arena 1	U12 - AAA	3
Day 2	11:00am	Team 1c	Team 2c	Arena 3	U15 - AAA	4
Day 2	9:30am	Team 1b	Team 2b	Arena 2	U13 - AAA	3

#### **Policy**

With the implementation of this policy, no Association can schedule more than two (2) AAA series in a single day unless games are being played back-to-back with the same number of Officials required per game.

#### **Alternatives**

An alternative to this policy would be to remove the four-official system at the U15 and U14 levels. While this may seem insignificant it would free up other Officials to skate elsewhere during the weekend.

Scheduling AAA games in sequence would allow Officials to skate back-to-back games and minimize the strain on Officials within a District for a weekend. If U12 and U13 games could be grouped together and U14 and U15 together, this would have a significant impact on a District for a weekend.

#### **Holiday Weekends**

Games over Thanksgiving weekend cannot be scheduled; over the past couple of years, it has proven extremely difficult to assign games on this weekend. Where possible, games should be also be avoided during Family Day weekend.