



NOHA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
RULES & REGULATIONS



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HOSTING A TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Application Process

1. Requests to Host will be received at the NOHA Office until **October 1st**. Associations must be in good standing with the NOHA. Find the application form on the NOHA Website.
2. Hosts will be selected by the NOHA Playoff Committee at the October Board Meeting. Applicants will be notified the following Monday. Hosts must confirm their acceptance, the tournament arena, and contact by **November 15th**.
3. All Hosts must complete an Information Package that will be sent by the NOHA Office which must be returned by **December 1st**.

Schedules

1. After **December 1st**, Hosts will be forwarded the final Team List, a Schedule Template, and Scheduling Guidelines. Any requested time or position changes must be forwarded to the Playoffs Chairperson and NOHA Office for approval.
2. Schedules must be approved by the NOHA Council Director and forwarded to the Playoffs Chairperson and NOHA Office by **January 30th**. If Hosting more than one Tournament, an overall schedule must accompany individual schedules.
3. Schedules will be approved by the Playoff Committee within 7 days of receipt. If schedules are not received by **January 30th**, the Playoff Committee will complete them.
4. Upon approval, Schedules will be sent to Teams and posted on the NOHA website. No changes may be made without approval.
5. Opening Ceremonies, if held, must be included on the schedule and Teams must be advised. They should not exceed 15 minutes.
6. During Daylight Savings Time, games cannot begin until 9:00am.

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TOURNAMENT HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

The Tournament Host Must:

1. Provide a table and chair for the NOHA Representative, along with an outlet and an Internet Connection. This table will be for registration, electronic gamesheet management, trophy display, and any other NOHA information.
2. Secure appropriate ice time, change rooms, on and off-ice Officials, and volunteers to run the tournament. The Host should book an extra hour of ice in case of delays, or have an agreement with the facility. A minimum of two volunteers must be available at all times during the Tournament.
3. Secure hotel accommodations/room blocks for participating Teams. Hotel information is to be included in the Host Information Package. The Host is not responsible for any accommodation charges.
4. Complete the Tournament Schedule as per the NOHA Schedule Template. Ensure adequate flooding is arranged.
5. Ensure the NOHA-supplied iPad is available for electronic gamesheets.
6. Provide warmup and game pucks.
7. Have two sets of sweaters (light and dark) in case of a sweaters conflict.
8. Create a plan to present Opening Ceremonies, MVP Awards, Medals, and the winning Trophy. The NOHA Representative will assist in handing out the Championship Medals and Trophy, but the presentation is to be completed by the Tournament Host.
9. Provide a large, physical scoreboard to be displayed and updated by the Host volunteers.
10. **Uphold the Tournament to NOHA Tournament of Champions standards. Successful tournaments include healthy snacks for players, local promotions, and good organization.**



TEAM APPLICATION

1. Teams may apply to participate in the NOHA Tournament of Champions by completing the Team Application form on the NOHA website.

Applications and fees must be received at the NOHA Office by **December 1st**. This includes the Host Team. After December 1st, if applying Teams have not paid, the Association will be invoiced the fee plus a \$50.00 late fee.

The fees for the 2022-2023 season are as follows:

U11 & U13	(\$730.09 plus \$94.91 HST) –	\$825.00
U15 & U18	(\$884.96 plus \$115.04 HST) –	\$1000.00

2. Change of Category requests must be received with the application by **December 1st**. Criteria for Change of Category can be found on the NOHA Website.

3. Associations with multiple teams in any one category may apply; however, where additional entries cannot be accepted, the Playoff Committee will notify the Association by **December 31st**, and the participating Team will need to be identified by **January 30th**.

4. A complete Team List/Roster with Player Numbers must be sent to the Host Contact by **February 11th**.

5. Teams should have a set of light and dark sweaters to avoid a sweater conflict.

6. The NOHA Tournament of Champions takes precedence over any other tournaments or league games.

7. The NOHA Tournament of Champions is optional. Please refer to the NOHA Constitution Regulation 11 for all regulations related to the Tournament of Champions.



NOHA RESPONSIBILITIES

The NOHA will:

1. Collect all registration fees.
2. Approve all tournament schedules prior to sending.
3. Send fee for each entry in the tournament to the Host Centre at least one week prior to the tournament:
 - U11 & U13 \$620.09
 - U15 & U18 \$774.96
4. Provide Championship and Finalist medallions for presentation at the conclusion of the Tournament of Champions.
5. Provide Championship trophy to winning team for presentation and allow the team to keep the trophy until they leave the ice after the Championship game.
6. Supply the winning team with a keepsake plaque.
7. Ensure that a Council Director or their Appointee will be present at all Tournament games to confirm rosters and update scores.
8. Ensure that the Referee-In-Chief or their Appointee will be available should any problems arise.

OFFICIALS

1. The NOHA District Referee-in-Chief will be in charge of the Officials for the Tournament of Champions.
2. Should the Referee-in-Chief not be available, they shall appoint a qualified person with the approval of the NOHA Council Director.
3. The Officiating system must be one Referee and two Linespersons for U13, U15, and U18 Games. The Two-Official system will be used for U11. Any changes must be requested and approved by the Playoff Committee.
4. Playoff rates will be as listed on the NOHA website.
5. Timekeepers must be able to properly complete a game sheet and be able to make announcements on the public address system (if available).



TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Teams are guaranteed a minimum of 4 games in Preliminary Series format leading up to the Semi-Final and Final Games on Sunday.
 - During Preliminary Series, Teams will be given 2 points for a win, and 1 for a tie.
 - There will be no overtime in Preliminary Series games.
2. At least 3 hours must lapse between games in any series (the end of the 1st game and start of 2nd game for each team).
 - No games are to be scheduled before 8:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. For U11, the Preliminary Series games must be ended by 8:45 p.m.
 - Teams will not play more than two games per day.

3. Home Teams should wear light-coloured sweaters and socks, and visiting Teams should wear dark-coloured sweaters and socks. In case of a sweaters conflict, the team with two sets of sweaters will wear the opposite colour, or the Host will provide the extra sweaters.

4. All games will be as follows:

	Stop Time (3 Periods)	Scheduling Time
U11	13 minute stop time	1 hour & 15 minutes
U13	14 minute stop time	1 hour & 25 minutes
U15 & U18	15 minute stop time	1 hour & 45 minutes

Games are to be played to completion.

5. The ice should be re-surfaced as follows:
 - a) Warm-ups will be 3 minutes in length
 - b) No flood for U11 teams between the 2nd and 3rd period, but a **2-minute break at the bench.**
 - c) U13, U15, & U18 – flood between the 2nd and 3rd period and after the game **OR** every second period. **This must be announced before the start of the Tournament.**
 - d) Overtime – after the first 10-minute overtime period, the ice will be resurfaced. It will then be resurfaced every second period.
6. NOHA Tournament of Champions will be played under Official Hockey Canada, OHF, and NOHA Rules and Regulations.
8. Time-outs are allowed for all divisions of hockey in the NOHA. Each team shall be permitted to take one 30-second time-out during the course of regular playing time or overtime.
9. Team Representatives must sign the NOHA Team Roster in front of NOHA Representative at registration. Once the roster has been declared, it cannot be changed.
10. Affiliated players will be allowed among the Team’s 19 players and must be declared at registration and appear on the team’s HCR Roster.



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- If two affiliated teams play the same weekend, the names should be included at registration on the Hockey Canada Approved Roster Sheet. The only time they can use these affiliated players is when the lower team has finished their series.

11. If any player or team official is ordered to the dressing room for the balance of the game, they shall be subject to further disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the NOHA Representative.

12. Game Forfeit (as per OHF Regulation A 7) – A team does not appear for that game. When a game is declared forfeited due to the non-appearance of the team (Hockey Canada Rule 78 d), the team in attendance shall be declared the winner and the score recorded as 5-0. Please refer to OHF Regulation A7 for other game forfeiture situations.

13. TIE BREAKING – See Tie-Breaking Document.

14. In the Semi-Final and Championship games, the Home team will be determined by the following:

One Division	Home Team is the highest placed in Preliminary Series
Two Equal Divisions	If two first-place Teams win Semi-Finals, then the two-Team tie breaking rule is used.
	If one Team won their Division and the other came second, the Team that won will be Home Team.
	If the Teams come from the same Division, then the First-Place Team will be Home.
Seven or Nine Teams	Coin Toss by NOHA Representative in presence of a representative from both Teams.

16. The Semi-Final and Final games will be played until a Winner is declared. If at the end of regulation time the score is still tied, the teams shall take a two-minute rest at their benches and the following will then apply:

- i.) If the Referee feels it is necessary, they may order the ice to be cleaned at the end of the three regulation periods
- ii.) Teams shall not change ends
- iii.) The puck shall be faced off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten-minute sudden-victory overtime period.
- iv.) If the score is still tied after the sudden-victory ten-minute period, the teams take normal break between periods and return to play sudden victory periods of normal length per division. They now change ends.
- v.) The ice will be resurfaced after the first 10-minute overtime period, then be resurfaced every second period.
- vi.) Any overtime period is considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties remain in force.
- vii.) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period(s), the game will be declared a loss for that team.



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- viii.) The NOHA Representative or their Appointee has the authority to render a decision under any emergency situation.
21. Teams will **not** shake hands.
22. Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in the NOHA, OHF, Hockey Canada Constitutions, By-Laws and Regulations, or the NOHA Tournament of Champions Rules and Regulations, the NOHA President or their designate may grant special dispensation from these Constitutions, By-Laws, and Regulations. Any decision as to what qualifies for special dispensation, shall rest solely with the NOHA President or their designate in its absolute unfettered discretion, and the decision based on its own merits of the situation on special dispensation shall be final and binding upon all parties.

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Teams must be advised in advance and have the option of participating.
2. Participating players must be in full equipment.
3. Must be included on approved schedule and should not exceed 15 minutes.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

1. Officials remain on the ice.
2. Medals are presented to Teams.
3. The trophy is given to the winning Team and returned once they are finished.
4. The winning Team keeps the plaque.

OHF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The winner of the NOHA Tournament of Champions in the Divisions of U13 AA, U13 A, U15 AA, U15 A, U18 AA, and U18 A will represent the NOHA at the OHF Championships.

If the NOHA is hosting the OHF Championship and the Host Team qualifies for the Tournament of Champions Finals, then the Winner and Finalist will both represent the NOHA.