



Rep Teams Tournament Directive

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Approved by Vote: Rep Operations Committee

Purpose:

To ensure tournament participation supports player development while balancing rest, family time, and financial responsibility. This directive aligns with the FMMHA Financial Policy, is mandatory for all teams, and allows flexibility in exceptional cases with approval from the Rep Operations Committee (Division Director, VP Rep) and oversight from the VP Rep Operations.

1. Guiding Principles

- Tournaments should complement the **coach's season plan** and support player development goals.
- Families are entitled to **weekends off** throughout the season to allow for rest, recovery, and family time.
- The number and type of tournaments should be balanced with the volume of league games, travel distance, and overall costs.

2. Tournament Budget Presentation

- **Manager Responsibility:**
 - Before committing to any tournament, the Manager must present a detailed cost breakdown to parents, including:
 - Tournament registration fees
 - Travel costs (bussing, mileage)
 - Accommodation costs
 - Estimated food/meal costs

This presentation must be made prior to any vote or financial commitment.

3. Parent Approval Vote

- A **team vote** must be conducted anonymously (paper ballot or approved online tool).
- **Minimum 90% parent approval** is required for the tournament to proceed, and any non-vote is considered a 'No' response.
- Attendance and vote results must be documented in the team meeting minutes.

Division Director Final Approval: After the parent vote, the Division Director must review and grant final approval. This review ensures:

- The tournament is appropriate for the team's level.
- The team has adhered to tournament guidelines and maximum limits.
- The parent vote was conducted impartially and fairly.

4. Affiliate Player Participation

- Affiliates may only attend tournaments if the team is short-rostered due to approved reasons such as injury, illness, or suspension. In extenuating circumstances where a player cannot attend for a reason not listed, the Head Coach may consult with the Division Director to verify and approve affiliate participation.
- No more than **three affiliates** may be added per event.

5. Approval Chain

- **Out-of-province tournaments** require:
 - Prior approval from the VP Rep Operations
 - Submission of a **separate tournament budget** to the VP Finance for review and approval.

6. Special Cases

- The following tournaments are exempt from parent approval and are automatically included in the team budget if teams are accepted:
 - **Pre-Season Ice Breaker/Exhibition tournaments**
 - **Wickfest** (Huskies teams only)

7. Communication & Transparency

- Costs must be communicated clearly to all families, with opportunities for questions prior to the vote.
- Updates to actual costs must be shared promptly once itineraries and bookings are finalized.

8. Balance & Wellbeing

- Teams are limited to a **maximum of three tournaments per season**, including pre-season Ice Breakers and mandatory league tiering tournaments.
- Teams are encouraged to schedule thoughtfully to ensure players still have sufficient weekends off.
- Coaches should schedule tournaments to avoid overloading players during periods of heavy league play.

9. Compliance & Accountability

- Managers are responsible for following this directive.
- Non-compliance may result in review by VP Rep Ops and VP Finance and could result in the tournament being disallowed from the team budget or team sanctions if repeated.



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