



Policy Name: HNO AA Tournament of Champions		Date of Approval: January 30, 2026	Effective Date: June 1, 2026
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Tournament Participation

1. The AA Tournament of Champions will be held for U11, U13, U15, and U18 divisions of play.
2. The Tournament will be open to bona fide AA teams and AA Development Stream teams from the East and West Zones, as defined in the AA Development Stream Policy.
3. Participation in the Tournament of Champions is optional. The registration deadline is December 1st.
4. All participating teams must be in good standing with HNO.
5. Entry fees are set at fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) for U11 teams and seventeen hundred dollars (\$1700) for U13, U15, and U18 teams.
6. Payment is due at the time of registration. Cancellations received in writing before December 15th will receive a full refund less a five-hundred-dollar (\$500) cancellation fee. No refunds will be issued after December 15th.
7. All teams must submit team rosters and jersey numbers at the time of registration.
8. All team coaches and safety personnel must meet Regulation E certification requirements.
9. HNO-carded High School teams are eligible for the U18 AA Tournament but may not use players older than the current season's U18 age category.
10. Travel permits are not required for the Tournament of Champions.

Tournament Host

1. Hockey Northwestern Ontario will host the AA Tournament of Champions annually.
2. HNO will distribute team packages—including arena maps, hotel information, and event contacts—at least thirty (30) days prior to the event.
3. All tournament schedules will follow HNO templates. Consideration will be given to teams traveling the farthest distance.
4. HNO will finalize the tournament schedule by February 10th following the February 1st internal deadline.
5. The final schedule will be provided to participating teams no later than February 15th.

HNO Obligations

1. Approve the tournament schedule within ten (10) days of February 1st.
2. Provide a Championship Trophy to the winning team for presentation, to be retained until June 1st.
3. Provide a Championship Banner for on-ice presentation following the championship game.
4. Provide Champion and Finalist medallions for presentation at the conclusion of the tournament.