

## **32. TOURNAMENT ENTRY**

32.01 Any Team wishing to enter a Tournament must first submit to the MHL Office a Tournament Permission Form accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) permission fee.

Where a MHL Schedule exemption is required, the Tournament Permission Form must be submitted.

(a) House league teams must submit a Tournament Permission Form at least 3 weeks prior to any tournament which starts up to the third Sunday following the convening period end date. Tournament permission forms for all other tournaments must be submitted 6 weeks prior to the tournament start date.

(b) "A" teams must submit a Tournament Permission Form at least 6 weeks prior to the tournament start date.

Any team who enters a tournament without a Tournament Permission Form will be subject to sanctions by the MHL Board of Directors or Special Committee including denied future Tournament permissions and may result in the suspension of Team staff.

32.02 The Tournament Permission Form MUST be signed by the applicant's Association President, or his designate, prior to submission.

32.03 Permission will only be granted for a maximum of two (2) Tournament entries per Team where league game scheduling changes would be required to enable the Team to attend said Tournaments. Permission may be granted to enter additional Tournaments only on the strict understanding that no scheduling changes would be required. THIS RULE WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MHL WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

32.04 A Team involved in the playoffs may be granted permission to enter GTHL, OMHA and Minor Hockey Alliance sanctioned Tournaments only, conditional on keeping their MHL playoff schedule commitments. Failure to do so will result in the Team being suspended from further playoff games and subject to such disciplinary and financial action as is provided in the MHL Rules and Regulations.

32.05 Each Team granted permission to enter a Tournament must submit copies of the Official Game Sheets from the Tournament to the MHL Office within forty-eight (48) hours of the Team's return so that any player and/or Team Official infractions may be properly dealt with by the MHL disciplinary procedures. Failure to comply with this Rule 32.05 will result in the Team being denied future Tournament permissions and may result in the suspension of the Team staff.

32.06 A Team may not enter two (2) Tournaments at the same time.

32.07 The Head Coach of any Team, once accepting an invitation to a Tournament, who fails to notify the Tournament Chairperson that the Team cannot meet its obligation to the

Tournament at least 3 weeks before the Tournament, or withdraws during the Tournament, may be suspended up to 6 games. In addition, the Association may face a fine of up to \$500.00.

32.08 Any Team wishing to make an overseas trip must make application to the GTHL Office no later than 90 days prior to the Team's scheduled departure date. All such applications must comply with GTHL Rules 11.5 and 11.6 and Hockey Canada overseas trip rules shall apply unless stated otherwise.

32.09 Teams wishing to host a Team from overseas must submit a formal letter of application to the GTHL Office, with copy to the MHL Office, no later than ninety (90) days prior to the overseas Team's proposed arrival, such letter of application to include:

- (a) name, age level and classification of overseas Team;
- (b) name, age level and classification of hosting Team;
- (c) confirmation of affiliation with the I.I.H.F. or its Member Federation;
- (d) places and dates of proposed games, if available, at time of application;
- (e) hosting fee of \$100; and
- (f) a listing of any other Teams the host will be contacting regarding playing a game against such overseas Team.

32.10 No Team shall compete in any Tournament unless that Tournament has been granted a Hockey Canada Tournament Sanction Permit by the minor hockey Branch in whose territory the Tournament is to be conducted or the minor hockey committee or association that is recognized by the Branch. For purposes of clarification of this Rule, a Tournament being hosted by the minor hockey association in Gravenhurst would require a Tournament Sanction Permit issued by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.