

Unsanctioned Tournament Policy

This policy covers any MHL team that wishes to participate in tournaments held during the summer months.

It should be realized by coaches, parents and players that in general these summer tournaments are NOT SANCTIONED by any minor hockey governing body (e.g. in Southern Ontario the governing bodies would include the Greater Toronto Hockey League, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario). In an unsanctioned tournament, none of the players or the coaching staffs of participating teams would receive the benefit of the Canadian Hockey Association's insurance coverage.

A sanctioned tournament is granted a Canadian Hockey Association Tournament Sanction Permit by the appropriate governing body and this Permit must be made available by the tournament organizers to any team that wishes to peruse it. Accordingly this is the only type of tournament where the M.H.L. will grant permission for its teams to enter. We cannot and will not provide any team with permission to enter an unsanctioned tournament because by so doing we could be construed as providing comfort where none can legally be provided.

We acknowledge that many teams view these summer tournaments as opportunities to fine tune their skills before the start of the regular season. However, we want everyone to be cognizant of the risks involved and therefore we have instituted a policy that will apply to any M.H.L. team entering an unsanctioned tournament at any time:

1. The team MUST NOT portray itself as representing any of the Mississauga Hockey League's Area Associations nor may it use any Area Association's name or uniforms;
2. The team will be considered a "summer" or "travelling" team for this purpose and will not have any connection to the Mississauga Hockey League. Furthermore it will not have the protection of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of the Mississauga Hockey League or any Area Association;
3. The team must be responsible for its own insurance coverage where the tournament itself does not provide same. If the tournament organizers claim to have insurance coverage, the team's coaching staff should ask to see a copy of the insurance policy;
4. Any Team Official registered with or desiring to register with the Mississauga Hockey League for the regular season will be subject to the League's disciplinary procedures should he or she violate this policy.

This policy applies equally to any of the League's referees. They must remember that if they officiate at an unsanctioned tournament they are not representing the M.H.L. and therefore they MUST completely cover up or remove the League crest on their sweaters. This policy may be amended or added to at any time at the discretion of the League.