



BYHC Supplemental League and Additional Team Activities Policy

Purpose

The Baltimore Youth Hockey Club (BYHC) recognizes that supplemental leagues, tournaments, and additional team activities may provide valuable developmental opportunities for players and teams. This policy establishes a consistent process for approving supplemental activities while ensuring transparency, financial accountability, and alignment with the Club's goals and resources. BYHC tuition is established based on each team's planned seasonal programming. Activities added after team formation are considered supplemental and are the financial responsibility of the participating families.

Board-Approved Supplemental League Participation

Each season, the BYHC Board of Directors, with input and recommendations from the Hockey Directors, may designate specific teams to participate in supplemental leagues.

When a team is approved for supplemental league participation prior to tryouts:

- Participation will be communicated before and during the team selection and tryout process.
- Associated league fees will be incorporated into the team's tuition structure.
- Families accepting a roster position on the team are committing to participation in the supplemental league and the associated costs.

Team-Initiated Requests for Supplemental League Participation

Teams not previously designated for supplemental league participation may request approval through the following process.

Step 1: Parent Communication

Once team rosters have been finalized, a Head Coach wishing to pursue participation in a supplemental league must first consult with and receive approval from the Hockey Director(s)



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before presenting the proposal to families. The Head Coach must then communicate the proposal to all rostered families. The communication must include:

- Expected schedule and travel requirements.
- Estimated additional costs per player. Cost estimates must be obtained from the Club Treasurer prior to distribution to families.

Step 2: Team Vote

An official BYHC-approved poll must be conducted among rostered families.

To advance a request to the Board:

- At least 70% of all rostered families must vote in favor of participation.
- The poll results must be submitted to the Board.

Step 3: Board Review

Upon receiving the request, the Board of Directors will review the proposal and consider a recommendation from the Hockey Directors before making a final determination.

The Board will consider:

- Player development benefits.
- Impact on club operations and scheduling.
- Financial implications.
- Alignment with BYHC goals and policies.

Approval is at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. No coach, manager, or team representative may commit BYHC to participate in a supplemental league prior to Board approval.

EJEPL Participation Requirements

Because of league declaration deadlines, any team wishing to participate in the EJEPL must complete steps 1-3 outlined above no later than the first week of May. Requests submitted after the first week of May may not be considered due to league registration deadlines.

Additional Tournaments

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Teams may seek to participate in tournaments beyond those included in the team's advertised seasonal plan. Before committing to any additional tournament beyond the club allocated tournaments:

- The Head Coach must communicate the proposed tournament, expected travel requirements, and estimated costs to all rostered families. Estimated costs must be confirmed with the Club Treasurer prior to communication with families.
- Participation must be approved by a majority (70%) of rostered families.

Additional Practices and Team Activities

Teams may seek additional developmental opportunities beyond those included in the team's advertised season plan, including but not limited to:

- Additional ice slots or practices
- Skills clinics
- Off-ice training sessions
- Exhibition games
- Special Events

After receiving preliminary approval from the Hockey Director to explore an additional activity, coaches and team managers must clearly communicate the anticipated costs and time commitment to all rostered families. Cost estimates must be confirmed with the Club Treasurer prior to being communicated to families. The team may not be committed to participate until all required family, Hockey Director, and Board approvals have been obtained.

Financial Responsibility

Any supplemental league, tournament, practice, clinic, exhibition game, or other team activity that was not included in the team's originally advertised seasonal programming shall be funded entirely by participating team families.

BYHC shall not provide subsidies or reimbursement for additional activities that were not included in the team's original seasonal budget and tuition structure.

For any approved supplemental activity:

- Participation fees will be assessed separately from the team's original tuition.
- All costs associated with the activity shall be borne by the participating team families.
- Additional costs will be divided equally among participating families.

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- All approved supplemental league fees must be paid according to BYHC payment schedules before participation begins.

Costs may include, but are not limited to:

- Tournament entry fees
- Supplemental league fees
- Additional ice rental costs
- Referee fees
- Facility rental fees
- Training or instruction costs
- Travel-related team expenses
- Other activity-related expenses

Coaches and team managers are responsible for clearly communicating all anticipated costs to families before seeking approval for any supplemental activity.

Exceptions

The Board of Directors reserves the right to grant exceptions to this policy when circumstances warrant and when doing so is determined to be in the best interests of the BYHC and its members.