

# Travel Tournament FAQs

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**Q: How many tournaments are teams scheduled for each season?**

A: Teams are scheduled for 4 tournaments each year – 2 local and 2 travel. We try to space them apart so teams do not have back-to-back travel weekends. For travel tournaments (greater than 60 miles away), a hotel block will be reserved. The expectation is that teams use this block; if not, please alert the WYHA Travel Director ([tourneydirector@wayzatahockey.org](mailto:tourneydirector@wayzatahockey.org))

*Quick version: 4 tournaments (2 local, 2 travel), use the hotel block if provided.*

**Q: Why do we sometimes travel far only to play teams we normally face locally?**

A: Unfortunately, we have no control over which teams register for a tournament. Often, the same popular tournaments attract the same teams you already play in the cities.

*Quick version: We can't control who else signs up, so repeats happen.*

**Q: What do B1 and B2 levels mean, and how do they differ outside Minnesota?**

A: Minnesota uniquely separates levels into B1 and B2. Outside Minnesota, levels are typically just A, B, or C. In Canada, teams are tiered differently as well. Some tournaments—especially those near borders or with smaller associations—advertise as “B,” allowing both B1 and B2 teams to compete in the same bracket.

*Quick version: Only Minnesota has B1/B2; other places combine them.*

**Q: Why can't the Association put a credit card down for team hotel blocks?**

A: Most hotels require a credit card to secure team blocks. If teams do not fill the block, the Association can be charged for unused rooms. Because of this financial risk, the Association is not comfortable covering hotel blocks directly.

*Quick version: Teams, not the Association, are responsible for hotel blocks.*

**Q: Who controls which teams are in tournaments and how brackets are set up?**

A: The Association does not control team placement or brackets. These are



determined by the hosting Associations.

*Quick version: Host Associations decide brackets, not us.*

**Q: Why do Wayzata teams have to pay to play in Wayzata-hosted tournaments?**

A: Wayzata hosts 6 tournaments each year across nearly every level of hockey. These are “pay-to-play” events, meaning ice, referees, gifts, medals, and other costs are all covered by tournament fees. This is why even Wayzata teams pay entry fees.

*Quick version: All teams pay fees, even Wayzata teams, to cover costs.*

**Q: Why is only one team per level usually allowed in a tournament?**

A: Whenever possible, only one Wayzata team per level is entered in a tournament. This avoids the uncomfortable situation of paying \$1,500+ to face another Wayzata team and possibly knocking each other out of the tournament.

*Quick version: We avoid Wayzata teams playing each other in tournaments.*

**Q: Can teams choose their own hotel for tournaments?**

A: Not always. Some tournaments dictate which hotels teams must stay in, often due to agreements made after prior years’ experiences. Representing Wayzata well ensures more flexibility and better options for future tournaments.

*Quick version: Sometimes the tournament chooses the hotel, not us.*