



Addendum 1

Tier I, Tier II, and High School NTB Declaration Rules:

Season Dates:

Age Level Class	Tier I Allocations	Season Start Date	Season End Date	Credentials Due	State Tournament Start Date
Tier I 13O	6	9/1/2025	2/25/2026	2/1/2026	2/27/2026
Tier I 14U	12	9/1/2025	2/25/2026	2/1/2026	2/27/2026
Tier II 14U	N/A	9/1/2025	2/25/2026	2/1/2026	2/27/2026
Tier I 15O	5	8/8/2025	11/5/2025	10/20/2025	11/1/2025
Tier I 16U	10	8/8/2025	11/5/2025	10/20/2025	11/1/2025
Tier II 16U	N/A	8/8/2025	11/12/2025	11/1/2025	11/21/2025
16U STB	N/A	8/8/2025	11/12/2025	11/1/2025	11/14/2025
Tier I 18U	6	8/8/2025	11/5/2025	10/20/2025	11/1/2025
Tier II 18U	N/A	8/8/2025	11/12/2025	11/1/2025	11/21/2025
18U STB	N/A	8/8/2025	11/12/2025	11/1/2025	11/14/2025
High School (NTB)	N/A	9/1/2025	2/25/2026	2/1/2026	N/A

Declarations:

1. Teams must declare their level of play using an online form on the CHC website. The deadline to declare for Tier I or Tier II is June 1st. The declaration will be for the following classifications:
 - Tier I 13O*, 14U, 15 Only, 16U and 18U
 - Tier II 14U, 16U and 18U
 - High School (NTB)
 - Declarations for all other teams are due July 1st.
2. In addition, each declared Tier I, Tier II & High School team must submit a Declaration deposit to CHC by Sunday, September 15, 2025. The fee is set at \$2,500 per team and will be applied to the team's Tournament fee if they qualify for the state tournament. Failure to pay the deposit by September 15th will result in the team's declaration being removed.
3. If the team meets all the requirements, section IV & V below, but does not qualify for the Midget Tier I or Tier II tournament, the fee will be refunded or applied to the organization's CHC tournament fees. If the team does not meet all the requirements in sections IV & V below, the deposit will be forfeited to CHC.
4. Youth 16U and 18U teams that declared at the Tier I, Tier II, or State Tournament Bound level will have until September 15, 2025, to opt out of their declaration. 13O, 14U, and 15O Youth teams that declared at the Tier I and Tier II level will have until October 15th to opt out of their declaration. If a team opts out, all their results will be removed from the league standings, and the team's declaration will be Undeclared. Teams will not be permitted to drop from Tier I to Tier II or from Tier II to State Tournament Bound.

Rosters:

1. All USA Hockey rostering rules apply.
2. No player changes are allowed to national tournament-bound rosters after the earliest of these two dates: the start of the state tournament or December 31st (subject to change based on when the state tournament and the NE Regionals are scheduled)

3. Required Information – must be entered on the USA Hockey roster before 10/15/2025. Rosters are required to have.
 - a. Team Manager (do not use Primary Manager)
 - b. Locker Room Monitor (a minimum of 1)
 - c. Positions
 - d. Jersey numbers
4. High School Rosters – No more than 25% of the High School team roster players may be dual rostered on a National Tournament Bound Team (Tier I or Tier II)
5. All NTB rosters must be submitted no later than 10/15/2025
6. Vertical Movement – Allows Tier I teams to move players between their teams per the rules. Each program must designate one person responsible for submitting the vertical movement information.
7. Tier I 15O, 16U, and 18U Rosters - Rosters designated as Tier I have a limit of 22 players. Twenty-two (22) players may dress with a maximum of 20 skaters. Teams are not eligible for the increased 18U roster size until CHC declares them as Tier I.

Credentials

1. Books for all Tier I 15O, 16U, and 18U teams must be submitted to the CT Registrar **no later than October 20, 2025**. Books for all Tier II 16U and 18U teams must be submitted to the CT Registrar **no later than November 1, 2025**. All other books must be submitted to the CT Registrar no later than 2/1/2026. **Failure will result in the team not qualifying for States/Regionals/Nationals.**
 - a. Game Sheet game sheets and labels should be printed in alphabetical order.

Game Requirements:

1. A minimum of 20 games vs. teams at the same age classification or higher is required (USA Hockey 20/10 / High School 10/5 rule and subject to change with approval of the USA Hockey National Tournament Committee).
 - a. Tier I – Each team is required to play one game against each of the other teams at their respective age classification. The two teams will determine the home team. If they can't agree, then CHC appoints the home team.
 - b. Tier II 14U- Each team is required to play two games against each of the other teams at their respective classification (One (1) home and one (1) away).
 - c. Tier II 16U and 18U- Each team is required to play one game against each of the other teams at their respective classification. The two teams will determine the home team. If they can't agree, then CHC appoints the home team.
 - d. High School – Each team is required to play two games against each of the other teams at their respective age classification.
 - i. Only games vs. other High School teams will count toward the team's 10/5 game requirement.
2. Schedules for all required league games will be submitted to CHC (Admin@CHCHockey.org) no later than 8/15/2025. CHC will upload league games into the GameSheet scoring application.
 - a. Any team that does not submit its schedule by 8/15/2025 will have its declaration declined.
 - b. The CHC division director must approve any changes to the agreed-upon schedule. If the change is not approved and the game is not played, it will be considered a forfeit for the team that does not attempt to play the game.
 - c. Any team that forces a game to be forfeited will not be eligible for Tier I in the 2026-27 season.
3. Game sheets for all Tier I and Tier II teams, including non-league games, will be submitted to CHC.
 - a. League games
 - i. All CHC league games will use the GameSheet program for electronically scored games. There's no need to submit these game sheets.
 - b. Non-league Games or games vs. Non-CHC Opponents
 - i. Each team will submit all their score sheets via email by Tuesday at midnight after the game completion to MidgetScoresheets@CHCHockey.org.
 - ii. Game sheets should be submitted as either a PDF or JPEG and must be clear and legible.

- iii. Game sheet labels are required on ALL SCORESHEETS and must include all coaches on the bench and include their CEP number and level. Labels should be listed in order of the player's last name.
 - iv. For Tier I and Tier II Midget teams, one of the coaches must initial (LEGIBLY) each game sheet label (all three or four copies) to confirm players and coaches are appropriately crossed out if not in attendance.
 - v. Game sheets must have a date, rink, and both opponents listed on all copies. Game sheets without this information or illegible will be rejected.
 - vi. Game sheets not submitted by Tuesday at midnight will not count toward standings or the team's 20/10 rule / 10/5 rule.
 - vii. In situations where a team can play for more than one USA Hockey association, the scoresheet and jerseys must identify the association they're representing in that game.
- 4. Tier I 18U may play 17-minute periods with one ice cut during the regular season.
- 5. **Tier I qualifying round for age classifications with more declared teams than allocations:**
 - A. Start of Season (Aug) – 10/15/2025: The non-grandfathered/non-designated Tier I teams that are trying to qualify for open spots play each other once. The teams advance to Tier I based on standings and then schedule the grandfathered/Tier I designated teams. Games played during parity count towards CHC standings if they were against an opponent who qualified. Qualifying games must be scheduled and the schedule submitted to CHC before the start of the CHC season.
 - B. If a non-grandfathered/non-designated Tier I team fails to play all of the required "play-in" games, they will not be eligible for Tier I designation and will forfeit their deposit.
 - C. All Tier I rules will apply to any team playing to qualify for a Tier I roster, except for the Tier I roster limit of 22 players and vertical integration.
- 6. **Fulfillment of the game requirements is the top priority.** If any team fails to play all their required games or meet the requirements of sections IV and V;
 - a. The deposit will be forfeited to CHC. Any forfeited fees will be put toward the overall costs for the CHC State Tournament.
 - b. The team will be ineligible for State Tournament play this season.
 - c. The program will not be eligible to declare a National Tournament Bound (NTB) team at the same age classification next season.

Tournament Dates:

- 1. Tier I (4 Team) & Tier II (8 Team) 130 and 14U State tournament will be held the weekend of February 27th
- 2. Tier I 15O, 16U, and 18U State tournaments will be held November 1 – 2. The top 4 from each classification will qualify. The tournament format is Saturday: 1v4 for the 1st game and 2v3 for the 2nd game. Finals (if necessary) will be held on Sunday.
- 3. Tier II 16U and 18U State tournaments will be held November 21 – 23. The top 4 from each classification will qualify. The tournament format is Saturday: 1v4 for the 1st game and 2v3 for the 2nd game. Finals (if necessary) will be held on Sunday.
- 4. High School – Regular season standings will determine advancement to Nationals. If teams are tied in standings, there will be a one-game playoff between the tied teams.