

OZAUKEE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (OYHA)

Game Limit Policy:

The Ozaukee Youth Hockey Association (OYHA) is committed to following the USA Hockey American Developmental Model or ADM. As such, it is essential that coaches, managers, parents and players understand the game limits for each age-level. These game limits are an important part of the proper development of young hockey players. No games should be scheduled before November 1st.

USA Hockey ADM Suggested Game Limits:

Mite / U8

16 to 20 games (exclusively cross ice games)

Squirt / U10

20 to 25 games

Pee Wee / U12

30 to 35 games

Bantam / U14

40 to 50 games

**SOURCE: admkids.com*

The USA Hockey suggested game totals are based on an approximately 3:1 practice to game ratio. At this time, OYHA cannot offer that number of practices per week. As such, the OYHA policy is recommends games toward the lower end of the suggested game range.

OYHA Maximum Game Limits:

Mite / U8

20 games

Squirt / U10

25 games

Pee Wee / U12

35 games

Bantam / U14

50 games (we recommend that our Bantams play the middle of the USA recommended games!)

The following games are **not** counted against the above totals:

- Invitational Tournament Games, Play down Games & State Tournament Games.

Definition of A “Game”:

Since OYHA encourages the use of “small area games” and intra-squad scrimmages as a coaching and teaching tool, these will **not** be counted as a game for game limit purposes. In order to avoid anyone taking advantage of this allowance, any scrimmage that involves **any** of the following **will** be counted as a game.

- two teams from different clubs
- two teams from OYHA playing with their set rosters
- one or more official referees
- an official score being kept

Exceptions To The OYHA Game Limits:

NO Team may exceed the game limits without the approval of the *full* **Hockey Development Committee (HDC) and the OYHA Committee.**

As noted above, games played at invitational tournaments, WAHA Play down games and the WAHA State Tournament games are not counted against the game limit totals. (Invitational tournaments guidelines are below).

Coaches and Managers who knowingly and purposely exceed the game limits may be permanently removed from the coaching & managing pool at OYHA.

OYHA Tournament Limits

Since tournament games are not counted in the season game limits, it is important that we set a limit for the number of tournaments each OYHA team may participate in for a given season. Additionally, it is important that we recognize the financial pressure, family schedules, playing in multiple tournaments puts on our hockey families.

The OYHA Tournament Limit for 10U (Squirt) through 14U is three (3) per season.

8U (Mite) teams are allowed two (2) per season (revised beginning 2017/18 season)

No OYHA team is **required** to do three (3) tournaments per season.

Many of our OYHA families have multiple kids in hockey.

To help control costs for our member families, **OYHA recommends only one (1) of these tournaments be a “travel” tournament requiring an overnight stay at a hotel. The other two (2) should be kept within reasonable driving distances - under 90 minutes.**

Non-travel tournament locations would include Sheboygan, Waupun, Fond du Lac, Sun Prairie, Kenosha, West Bend, etc. Any other location needs to be approved by the *full* Hockey Development Committee (HDC) and/or the OYHA Committee.

A list of invitational tournaments is available on the WAHA Website

If a team is fortunate enough to qualify for The WAHA State Tournament, this will not be counted against the tournament limit.

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