



## 2012 Open Division State Tournament Hosting Guidelines



Once again CHC is asking member organizations to help us out by hosting the Open Division State tournaments at your facilities. The response last year to this request was quite generous and we hope you will all pitch in again this year. Hopefully this letter will outline the majority of the host site requirements for this season.

1. Tournament Formats:
  - a. 8 teams: 15 games, with two 4-team divisions playing round robin then 4 teams (two from each division) moving on to single elimination crossover and final games.
  - b. 6 teams: 12 games, with two divisions of 3 teams playing each team from the other division once, the top four teams overall will play in semifinal and final games with semi-finals seeded according to rank, with 1 playing 4 and 2 playing 3.
  - c. 5 teams: 11 games, with each team playing the others once, and the top two advancing to the championship.
  - d. 4 teams: 7 games, each team playing the others once, and the top two advancing to the championship.
2. The preferred 8-team tournament schedule would include one game for each team on Thursday or Friday night, two games for each team on Saturday with crossovers and final on Sunday. Finals must be played on Sunday, no Monday games will be considered.
3. Not more than one weeknight game will be allowed per team with weeknight start times beginning no earlier than 6:00 pm and all weeknight games concluding by 9:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday games to start no sooner than 7:00am and conclude no later than 9:00pm.
4. Saturday and Sunday game schedules must include a minimum 2.5-hour break in between games by any one team. No team may be required to play more than two games in one day.
5. We will need interested member organizations to submit proposals, including tournament dates, ice times and exact tournament game schedules by the next CHC Meeting November 15, 2011. Proposals can be sent by email to [chctournaments@chchockey.com](mailto:chctournaments@chchockey.com).
6. Upon receipt of acceptable ice schedules CHC will finalize and assign sites. This will be complete as soon as practicable, with a target date of December 15, 2011.
7. CHC will reimburse at a maximum rate of \$375.00 per hour for ice time, not including ice makes. Game ice slot lengths for each age group have been fixed per the attached.
8. Referees and Trophies will be scheduled and procured directly by CHC and provided to the host sites.
9. CHC will provide a detailed list of rules and tiebreakers. CHC tournament rules, tiebreaker rules and tournament formats must all be adhered to by the host organizations. For some this means operating tournaments differently than you have in the past.
10. CHC tournament committee members and officers will be available to help with rule and tiebreaker interpretations.
11. While we will do our best to place host organization teams in tournaments being hosted by that organization we simply cannot guarantee that this will happen. Organizations must agree to host tournaments regardless of whether a local team is in the tournament or not.
12. Tournaments will be seeded by CHC in an attempt to field the most competitive tournaments possible. Teams will be assigned tournaments based on a combination of regular season performance and geography.
13. Open Division tournaments must be played on the weekends as outlined in the master tournament schedule provided. The number of tournaments being played each week will vary based on total Tournament activity within Connecticut, in order to facilitate the availability of officials.