



2017 – 2018 CHC Declaration Rules & Regulations

Tier 2, 3, 4: 8U (Mite), 10U (Squirt), 12U (Pee Wee), 14U (Bantam)

The purpose of this document is to establish, for the 2017-2018 CHC Hockey Season, rules, procedures, league configurations, and post-season state tournaments.

I. Season Dates:

- a. The CHC 10U (Squirt) through 14U (Bantam) regular season will begin on Saturday, September 16, 2017, and end on Sunday, February 18, 2018.
 - All 10U (Squirt) through 14U (Bantam) games played prior to Saturday, September 16, 2017 will not count towards standings.

II. 8U (Mites):

The following structure of mite play is designed to further implement USA Hockey's American Development Model and is based on the revised rules and requirements as implemented by USA Hockey. The mite structure shall be as follows:

- a. USA Hockey has eliminated all full-ice practices & games. Therefore, no CHC team is permitted to participate in full-ice practices, or games.
- b. Cross-Ice is defined as an ice surface no longer than 100 feet. This is the longest playing dimension allowed. There are no exceptions.
- c. USA Hockey has advised that if teams choose to play on ice surfaces longer than 100 feet – insurance will not be in effect for all parties involved with this event.
- d. All declared CHC Mite teams are considered Cross-Ice.
- e. USA Hockey's ADM guidelines are to be utilized for all games & practices.
- f. Since full-ice mites have been eliminated, only cross-ice and/or jamboree events will be offered by the CHC at seasons end.

Enforcement:

1. Cross-Ice teams choosing to play on ice surfaces longer than 100 feet, will be fined \$750.00 for their first offense.
2. A second offense will automatically disqualify the **entire program** from participation in all 2017-2018 CHC sponsored State and Regional tournaments at all levels, namely, 8U (Mites), 10U (Squirts), 12U (Pee-Wees), 14U (Bantams), and 15O, 16U, 18U (Midgets).
3. Further sanctions may be levied by the Board of Directors after a hearing before the Executive Committee.

III. **Gameplay – 10U (Squirt), 12U (Pee Wee), 14U (Bantam):**

10U (Squirt), 12U (Pee Wee), and 14U (Bantam) teams will play all games as non-tiered and ranked periodically throughout the season by www.CTHockeyRatings.com. The end of season rankings will determine team placement for CHC Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 State tournaments.

Teams can schedule games with any team, ('A' through 'C' or color designation) of their choosing.

Knowing that many programs have multiple teams at a given level, team schedulers need to pay close attention and work with their coaches when formulating their schedules.

a. **Game Requirements:**

1. A minimum of 20 games vs. CHC teams are required.
2. Tournament games will not count towards rankings or the CHC minimum 20 game requirement.
3. All CHC 10U (Squirt) and 12U (Pee Wee) games will utilize a max. differential of 6 goals.
4. Each **program** is required to play a minimum of one team at each age classification (age level) in each of the 10 regions. ***If a program has multiple teams at a specific age classification, those remaining teams are not required (but strongly encouraged) to play in those regions.***
5. There is no limit to how many times teams can play each other – **But only the first two games will count towards rankings.**
6. Teams that schedule with outlying teams, (Kent, Pawling, Putnam, Salisbury, Griffin, Southeast, Enfield), are required to schedule home & home games, unless both teams agree in writing.
7. **Programs are strongly encouraged to schedule games with our CHC girl's programs.**
8. **Teams will be allowed two game cancellations during the season.** (When ice & referee costs are incurred due to last minute cancellations, those matters are to be resolved between the teams of record - typical to prior seasons).
9. **If a team cancels more than two games** – The team will be disqualified from all state tournament play. (Games in which both teams mutually agree to cancel do not count against their two-game limit).
10. **Game cancellations are not allowed during the last three weeks of the season.**
11. The CHC strongly encourages teams to utilize all available means to **re-schedule** games in lieu of cancelling.
12. The CHC (when requested) will resolve all disputes resulting from game cancellations.
13. Scores are to be entered through the teams site, and game sheets are to be submitted by the winning team (or the home team if there is a tie) by **Tuesday at midnight** after the game completion, via email to the respective CHC Conference Director. Game sheets should be submitted as either a PDF or JPEG and must be clear and legible.
14. Scores not entered, or game sheets not submitted by Tuesday at midnight **will not count toward rankings, or the CHC minimum 20 game requirement - This applies to both teams.**
15. **Fulfillment of CHC game requirements is the top priority.** Including the holidays, the season encompasses 23 weeks, which is more than ample to fulfill the CHC minimum 20-game requirement.

Any team that does not make the necessary schedule accommodations to play all required games will have failed to meet the requirements to be eligible for State Tournament play, and will be excluded from the State Tournament. **There will be no exceptions.**

b. **Rankings:**

1. CHC will utilize www.CTHockeyRatings.com to rank all 10U (Squirt) through 14U (Bantam) declared teams.
2. Rankings will go live starting Friday November 24, 2017, and will be updated weekly (each Friday) thereafter.

c. **Tier Awards / Team Placement:**

1. At the end of the CHC regular season, rankings will be compiled and teams will be awarded the following for each age classification **in the following order:**

Tier 2: 10U (Squirt), Pee Wee (12U), 14U (Bantam):

The top eight ranked teams at each age classification will participate in their respective CHC Tier 2 State Tournament.

Tier 3: 10U (Squirt), Pee Wee (12U), 14U (Bantam):

The next twelve ranked teams at each age classification, will participate in their respective CHC Tier 3 State Tournament.

Tier 4: 10U (Squirt), Pee Wee (12U), 14U (Bantam):

- a. The next twelve teams at each age classification will default to the CHC Tier 4 **State Championship**.
- b. The remaining teams at each age classification default to CHC Tier 4 **Traditional Tournaments**.

IV. Opt-Outs – 10U (Squirt), 12U (Pee Wee), 14U (Bantam):

- a. Teams will be given the opportunity to decline participation in CHC State Tournaments.
- b. **The deadline to opt-out is October 22, 2017 and must be forwarded to my attention via email by this date.**

V. Tournaments (Misc.) – 8U (Mite), 10U (Squirt), 12U (Pee Wee), 14U (Bantam):

- a. All teams MUST BE in Good Standing with CHC at the end of the CHC Season. Teams not in good standing at the end of the CHC Season will be excluded from tournament play in the 2016-2017 Tournament Season.
- b. In order to be eligible for Tournament play, each CHC Program must have paid, at a minimum, the required Tournament Deposit of \$500 per declared team. **Deposits need to be paid to the CHC by November 5, 2017.**
- c. If a program has not paid their deposit, no team from that program will be allowed to compete in any tournaments. There will be no exceptions.
- d. ***Out of state full-member programs (Pawling, Putnam) are eligible to participate if they qualify in all CHC tournaments. But Tier 2 and Tier 3 teams cannot advance beyond the state level due to residency. If teams from these programs qualify for advancement – the top Connecticut team from the State Tournament will replace them.***
- e. Teams that are approved by the CHC to roster any player from a higher age classification (playing down) will default to Tier 4.

VI. CHC STATE Tournaments & Dates (Subject to change):

- a. All CHC State tournament dates are in the process of being finalized.
- b. CHC 8U (Mite) post season Cross-Ice and/or Jamboree events are in the process of being finalized.
- c. CHC Tier 2 post season tournaments will begin in March of 2018 and will continue throughout the month.
- d. CHC Tier 3 post season tournaments will begin in March of 2018 and will continue throughout the month.
- e. CHC Tier 4 post season tournaments will begin in March of 2018 and will continue throughout the month.
- f. Although all dates are tentative and subject to change, teams can expect to play their tournament games anytime between those dates.

VII. USA HOCKEY REGIONAL / NATIONAL Tournaments & Dates (Subject to change):

USA Hockey Tier 2 Regionals (March 16 – 18, 2018):

10U (Squirt): (Rhode Island)

- The Winner and Runner-Up will be required to represent CT at the Tier 2 Regional Tournament.

12U (Pee Wee): (Maine)

- The Winner and Runner-Up will be required to represent CT at the Tier 2 Regional Tournament.

USA Hockey Tier 3 Regionals (March 16 – 18, 2018):

10U (Squirt): (New Hampshire)

- The Winner and Runner-Up will be required to represent CT at the Tier 3 Regional Tournament.

12U (Pee Wee): (Vermont)

- The Winner and Runner-Up will be required to represent CT at the Tier 3 Regional Tournament.

14U (Bantam): (Massachusetts)

- The Winner and Runner-Up will be required to represent CT at the Tier 3 Regional Tournament.

USA Hockey Tier 2 Nationals (April 5 – 9, 2018):

14U (Bantam): (Amherst, New York)

- The Winner will be required to represent CT at the Tier 2 National Tournament.

Regional Play Map:

