



## OYHA Game and Tournament Limit Policy

The Ozaukee Youth Hockey Association (OYHA) is committed to following the USA Hockey American Development 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.

### **USA Hockey ADM Suggested Game Limits:**

**Mite / 8U** - 16 to 20 games (exclusively cross ice games)

**Squirt / 10U** - 20 to 25 games

**Pee Wee / 12U** - 30 to 35 games

**Bantam / 14U** - 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.

### **OYHA Maximum Game Limits:**

**Mite / 8U** - 20 games

**Squirt / 10U** - 25 games

**Pee Wee / 12U** - 35 games

**Bantam / 14U** - 50 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 intrasquad 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 OYHA Committee.

As noted above, games played at invitational tournaments, WAHA Playdown games, and the WAHA State Tournament games are not counted against the game limit totals.

**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 and scheduling pressure playing in multiple tournaments puts on our hockey families.

OYHA Tournament Limits:

Mite/8U - two (2)

Squirt/10U - two (2)

Peewee/12U - three (3)

Bantam/14U - four (4)

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.**

Anything that falls outside of this policy requires approval from the OYHA Committee.

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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