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2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships

December 1, 2023

Dear Team Manager or Coach:

The 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Committee would like to extend an invitation to your team to participate in the 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament.

The Initial Tournament Entry Fee is \$350.00 and is non-refundable.

If your team chooses to participate in the 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament, you must do the following:

Each Team Must Register electronically online. Each team has already been e-mailed their user name and password information. **Contact your organization Registrar if you have not already received your username and password to use www.ahai2.org/organizations.**

1. Each team must fully complete the Registration Form electronically (*one for each team choosing to participate*) to register their team for the 2024 Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament **anytime between 8:00 a.m., Friday, December 8, 2023 and 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 1, 2024.** The contact person for your team should be the one who can schedule the Playdown Games prior to the final Round Robin. (*This does not necessarily have to be the person who does the actual registration and rankings*). You must place all coaches names on the Ranking Form and designate the Head Coach. This should be consistent with your AHAI Roster.
2. Each Team must complete the Ranking Form electronically ranking teams in your Division.

Please rate all the teams you have played in your age level. For those who are in a League where teams play "down", please also rate those teams playing "down" to the best of your knowledge. **DO NOT RATE YOUR OWN TEAM.** Please give some thought to your ratings. The best hockey team you have played should be placed in the #1 spot, etc.



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Only teams listed as your opponents in our online database will be presented for ranking. If you do not see your opponents listed it is because your team manager or officiating scheduler or your opponent's team manager or officiating scheduler did not enter the correct team names when posting the games. Contact your officiating scheduler to make corrections before you complete your rankings. If you cannot obtain satisfaction from your scheduler email jdunne@ahai2.org with the game date, time, rink age level and teams that were in the game.

You will need to rank the team according to how you think they rate in the division they will be competing in. Again, take a minute to make sure you are correctly ranking the team.

The following is the **Standardized Team Placement Rule** for the 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament:

3 Teams	=	1st Team will play in the "AA" Division 2nd Team will play in the "A" Division 3rd Team will play in the "B" Division
4 Teams	=	1st Team will play in the "AA" Division 2nd & 3rd Teams will play in the "A" Division 4th Team will play in the "B" Division
5 or more Teams	=	1st Team will play in the "AA" Division 2nd & 3rd Teams will play in the "A" Division 4th & 5th and additional Teams will play in the "B" Division

"B" Exemption

You may apply for an exemption to play in the "B" Division if your organization has formed only two (2) teams at a level (*Squirt 10U, Pee Wee 12U, Bantam 14U*) and your team is the 2nd team.

"AA" Requesting to Play "A"

You are qualified to apply for an exemption to play in the "A" Division if: You are the only team formed at a level by your organization (*Squirt 10U, Pee Wee 12U, Bantam 14U and Midget 16U*).

- Each Team must complete the Roster Form electronically in the AHAI webtool. Gamesheet scoring will be used in all divisions for the Tournament. If you are a NIHL team that does not use Gamesheet, contact jdunne@ahai2.org. Gamesheet uses the approved USAH roster and can upload the USAH roster into the Gamesheet system.



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4. All fees must be paid electronically during the electronic registration process. Special care should be taken to complete all information requested. This year we are providing an option so you can pay all of your association's team registration fees with one payment instead of individually paying for each team. Please follow the instructions on the registration page if you want to choose this option.
5. AHAI is again proud and excited to announce the 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament will again feature the "B" Division round robin in the Squirt 10U, Pee Wee 12U, and Bantam 14U Divisions only. This Division will be available to all teams that satisfy the criteria to enter the "B" Division.
 - A). A properly registered and qualified Tier II team.
 - B). The 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament Committee must approve all team entries. All team entries must comply with the **Standardized Team Placement Rule**.
 - C). Each team may dress a maximum of twenty (20) players including goalkeepers for each state tournament game. In order to qualify in the State Tournament, a player must play in 75% of the total amount of games that the team played from the last date that the player was certified to the team by the AHAI Registrar and also played in a minimum of ten (10) games with the team. The deadline to be added to a roster and be eligible is December 31, 2023.
6. All coaches and non-uniformed personnel participating in the 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament must have completed the appropriate level of the USAH Coaching Education Program. If they do not have the appropriate Coaches credentials, that person will not be allowed on the bench for that particular game. In addition, injured players must wear at least their jersey and helmet at all times if they are going to be on the bench. All coaches and managers must have completed the USAH Screening Requirements to be eligible to participate in the 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament.
7. As a reminder, AHAI Rule Article 16.1.5 which in essence says, If you field only one team at an age level, it shall be at the "AA" level. This is regardless of any local league rules and applies to the AHAI Blackhawk Cup State Tournament. In the event an organization has only one (1) team formed at a level, they can petition to play in the "A" Division (*new Standardized Team Placement Rule*) In addition, an organization with only two (2) teams formed at a level, the second (2nd) team can petition to play in the "B" Division.
8. Also as a reminder, AHAI Rule Article 11.1, says in essence specifies that a player will only be allowed to play on one Tier II Team for purpose of the 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament.



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9. You are also reminded that only legally rostered and registered AHAI teams may participate in the 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament. It is the responsibility of the individual organization to make certain that their rosters have been properly registered with the AHAI Registrar, and that they are correct and comply with all AHAI/USA Hockey Rules and Regulations. It is not the responsibility of AHAI to police this. Some Leagues and local rules may allow teams to play at other levels.

Those teams are not eligible for the 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament except in accordance with AHAI Rules. Should you have any questions regarding the level you should play at, please contact the Tournament Chairperson for a ruling. The fact that you have received this invitation does not mean that you automatically qualify for this Tournament.

We are looking forward to a great 2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament!

If you have any questions or comments, or have any problems with the electronic registration process, please feel free to contact Greg Chudacoff at (773) 315-4973 or gregg.chudacoff@ahai2.org.

Thank you for your cooperation and good luck!

Sincerely,

Gregg Chudacoff

Chairperson

2024 AHAI Tier II Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament Committee



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