

## Ontario Championships and Convention Centre Events

### Stay to Play Exemption Guidelines

The Stay to Play policy is mandatory for OVA teams and is used to assist in actualizing the room night requirements for the OVA to receive discounted facility rentals as well as obtain grants through host cities to be able to afford large facility rentals. Without Stay to Play, the OVA would not be able to obtain rentals for large facilities across Ontario.

The EY Centre and Niagara Falls Convention Centre regular season events will be STAY TO PLAY for teams competing in the 2-day formats. The Ontario Championships events are to stay to play.

The chart below identifies the number of rooms per night all travelling teams (125kms+/one way) are required to book to satisfy the stay to play policy.

Ontario Championships 3 Day Event		
Number of Athletes on Roster	Minimum # of Rooms	Minimum # of Nights/room
8-9	3	2
10-12	4	2
12+	5	2

  

Ontario Championships 2 Day Event (4v4) or 2 Day Convention Centre Events		
Number of Athletes on Roster	Minimum # of Rooms	Minimum # of Nights/room
6 or less (4v4 Teams Only)	2	1
8-9	3	1
10-12	4	1
12+	5	1

Exemptions will be awarded on a first come first serve basis per individual. An exemption will not be given to a team member if it places their team below the minimum number of rooms stated above.

The following exemptions are allowed but must be verified as explained below. All exemption must be sent through Cognito [HERE](#) for a link to the form.

**USING POINTS FOR A FREE STAY** - If you have enough points to redeem them for an entirely FREE stay. Please fill out the form [stack link](#) below to receive approval prior to booking your stay through the hotel directly and please make sure to list the athletes name(s) on your exemption form. Please note that just 'receiving points' for staying at a hotel does not qualify for an exemption. You must be redeeming for an entire free stay. This does not exempt the entire team. Just the person and their family that are applying for the exemption through point redemption.

- **STAYING WITH A FAMILY MEMBER** - If you are staying with a family member that lives in the same host city. An address must be provided on the exemption form. All mileage will be calculated using google maps. This does not exempt the entire team. This exempts the athlete or team staff (i.e. coach) and their immediate family that is staying with the family member
- **TEAM IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY** - If your team is within 125 kms from the venue, you are not required to stay in a hotel. The location of the club's registered address in MRS will be used validating mileage. Proximity exemptions will be pre-determined, and an application form does not need to be submitted. If you are under 125kms from the venue and choose to stay over, you must book through HTG to ensure "heads in beds" are recorded for the Sport Tourism Board.