



Manual of Operations

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A House League is one in which the eligibility of players to participate is not restricted by skill level. Typically, a House League accepts all individual registrations and divides the players into equal teams based on age and ability. These teams then compete against each other. WGHA participates in the Kitchener Girls Local League (KGLL) which brings together many associations into a larger “House League” which enhances the hockey experience for all.

WGHA HL PROGRAM:

WGHA will run programming for U11, U13, U15, U18, and U22 House League (HL). The number of teams at each division will vary based on each season’s registrations. The Director of House League will oversee the operation of all House League teams and programming.

The Director of House League will maintain a House League Handbook outlining the operation of the programs. Fundamental to that handbook are the following WGHA House League principles:

- Each HL team will have an assigned Head Coach.
- The Director of House League will conduct a Coaches Meeting at the start of each season.
- WGHA HL teams will play in the local league (KGLL) run by KMHA.
- HL teams will be as evenly balanced as possible; meaning that within WGHA we will strive to create balanced teams in each division. To achieve this, HL Evaluations will be conducted in September for U11 to U18 HL players. The Director of House League, and or the HL Convenor, will use this data to create the HL teams.
- HL teams should not exceed a maximum of 15 skaters and 2 goalies. U18 and U22 roster sizes can exceed this due to the difficulty getting players to make all games at this age group.



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- The HL season runs from mid-September to early April. It begins with HL Evaluations and ends with the local league Championship Day.
- WGHA will run an end-of-season, internal HL-only tournament called The Waterloo Cup.

WGHA HL Fee: The only required fee for a player in house league will be the Basic Registration Fee set by WGHA. This will include all the costs for any player in house league. Any other fees are optional. The Basic Registration fee covers the cost of HL Evaluations, practice hours, home games in the KGLL, playoffs in the KGLL, the KGLL Jason Cripps Memorial Tournament, The Waterloo Cup, use of supplied jerseys, and a pair of home and away socks.

HL Tournaments: HL teams may participate in a maximum of 2 OWHA sanctioned tournaments during the season. These are in addition to the KGLL "Jason Cripps Memorial Tournament," which is already included in the league fees, and the Waterloo Cup. The added tournament fee is to be covered by the team, split between only the players attending the tournament. If a player does not wish to attend a tournament, that player is excluded from the fees for the tournament. However, if a vote was taken and a player opted in, they can no longer rescind that obligation for the tournament fee.

Waterloo Cup Tournament: The Waterloo Cup shall be played each season between all WGHA House League teams. The Waterloo Cup will be scheduled during the last couple of weeks in March and could extend into the first week of April. The Waterloo Cup shall not interfere with the House League Playoffs and Championship Day. All House League teams must make sure that they do not schedule any tournament or other team activities that could interfere with the Waterloo Cup. The Director of House League will notify of the dates for the Waterloo Cup as soon as those dates have been approved by the Director of Ice, or Ice Scheduler.



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HL Head Coaches Responsibilities: The HL Head Coach is responsible for the team, following all OWHA rules, KGLL rules, and may be suspended by WGHA if they are found to have violated any rules. The DS Head Coach:

- Must be familiar with the OWHA Handbook, KGLL rules, and the House League Handbook.
- Book HL tournaments, or oversee the process, for the team and conduct a team vote for both participation and to cover the cost.
- Be familiar with any tournament rules the team participates in.
- Non-parent HL coaches and staff are not eligible for compensation for mileage or hotel fees.