

## Tournament Selection Policy

Process to determine total number of tournaments:

1. Number of total tournaments per age group will be selected by the Executive with approval by the Executive Board of Directors. This will be based on the USAH recommendation number of games. Total number of tournaments and friendly games will be counted to achieve the recommendation of USAH.
2. Number of home tournaments and travel tournaments will be decided for season by the Executive Director with approval by the Executive Board of Directors.
3. Travel tournament options will be determined by the Executive Director and Assistant Directors.
  - The Director staff can elect to select all the tournaments for a particular age group, based on total number of tournaments allocated.
  - -OR-
  - Provide an age group or team (Head Coach) the option of selecting their own tournaments. This will vary from year to year based on total number of teams in RRHC.
  - -OR-
  - The Directors can select a few tournaments for the age groups and have the Head Coaches select a few.

Factors in the process of tournament selection – not in any order of importance:

1. Level of play provided by the tournament.
2. What region is the tournament in?
  - a. Have we already been to this region?
3. Can multiple teams travel together to the tournament?
  - a. This provides an opportunity for multiple coaches to travel together, and a director to be at a tournament with multiple teams and staffs.
4. What conflicts are there with the girls' teams?
  - a. When feasible, we want to coordinate weekends around the current schedule of both teams.
5. Date – what is the time from previous tournament and to the next one?
  - a. Ideally, they are evenly spaced out.
  - b. Majority of tournaments need to be in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of season to allow for maximum growth and team cohesion to be built.
6. Travel distance – ideally within a 4 hour drive, unless a special circumstance, such as the Fargo International every other year for 10U.