

Preamble:

The LAHC strongly supports teams participating in regional tournaments. These can add significant player development, offer an opportunity for additional hockey, and can be a lot of fun for the players. Please note that tournaments are “add-ons” to the hockey season, and tournament fees are not covered by players’ annual registration fees.

The LAHC board will offer support and assistance in sending teams to tournaments, but teams are asked to sort out their finances and facilitate their team’s participation. When you have questions, please reach out to the board or other Outlaw parents; many people have experience in finding, registering for, and participating in tournaments. Please note that teams may also opt to host a tournament, but that is not covered in this document.

Regionally, tournaments or jamborees are frequently held in the Denver metro area, as well as throughout Wyoming, Salt Lake City, and the several ski towns in Colorado. Please cast a wide net when looking for an appropriate venue, and talk with the organizers to identify the appropriate level of play. In general, Outlaw teams do not participate in AAA or AA events since the level of play is quite high, but we may be appropriately placed in A, B, or C tournaments depending on the Outlaw team in question and the event competition. The key is to find level competition that will offer the right balance of fun and outcome.

When you think you may be heading to a jamboree or tournament, please let the club treasurer or registrar know so that they can plan and help with the process.

Tournament Check List

- Find Tournaments that fit your age group and level of play.
 - Reach out to other organizations in the state and region to find out what is going on - network!
 - 10U and above tournaments are frequently placed on the Colorado Hockey Hub (<https://www.co.hockey/>), while mite jamborees are more typically posted on club web sites or advertised via email / word of mouth
- Find coaches that are willing to take your team to the event
- Email your team to see who would be interested in going to the tournaments you have selected. Be sure to give dates, locations and tournament entry fees, explaining that travel expenses are not included in the tournament entry fee.
 - Typically, registration fees are evenly split amongst the participating players
- After you get a list of players, submit with the list of coaches going, to the club registrar so they can begin the process of making your roster. This needs to happen no less than 4 weeks prior to the tournament. It is important to make sure every player has submitted a birth certificate and has a USA hockey number. The coaches also need a USA hockey number as well as the proper coaching credentials for the age group.
- Once you have commitments from enough players, sign up for the tournament. Please let the treasurer know when you are ready, and they can sign the team up. If you prefer to use your own credit card you may, but it will be your responsibility to collect from all players to reimburse yourself. If the club is putting the registration fees up, each player is required to have their fee paid before the start of the event or they will not allowed to participate. Some events do not require a roster at the time of sign up, just payment.
- Typically, rosters will need to be built by our registrar and sent to the tournament in advance of the start date. Thus, it is important that the rosters get built well enough in advance to allow time for this to occur.