



Oregon Tiering Guidelines Updated 4/24/2021

Goal: To develop a long-term model for the state of Oregon for the development of its elite players at the 14U, 15O, 16U and 18U Level. Create a structure state-wide for national bound programs at both the Tier I and Tier II Level. Create state league play in both Tier II and Recreation B.

Tier I: State sanctioning of only one Tier I program (national bound or otherwise) (per USA Hockey bylaws) at the 14U, 15O, 16U and 18U level. Only state sanctioned teams can be named and rostered as Tier I/AAA national bound.

Teams – Team Oregon could field the following Youth Teams.

- Team Oregon 12U Spring Tournament Team
- Team Oregon 14U Tier I
- Team Oregon 15O Tier I
- Team Oregon 16U Tier I
- Team Oregon 18U Tier I

All Tier I teams will be guided by the OSHA Tier I committee. Guidelines for each team, including eligibility and whether we host a Tier I team at a given age will be at the Tier I committee level. Player talent will be determined at the OSAH Development Camp as to whether we host a team at specific age groups for the following season.

Tier II

State Guideline for Tier II to be established. Tier II would be rostered at the local association, and if more than one association within Oregon has a Tier II team, the OSHA Annual Guide playing rules would be used for season play as well as league playoffs to determine the OSHA representative to USAH Nationals.

Tier II ages include, 14U, 16U and 18U.

Recreation B

All Oregon "house" teams that are not considered Learn to Play should be rostered at the Recreation B level. Oregon has current Annual Guide playing rules that support 8U, 10U and 12U "B" level statewide jamborees / festivals as well as 14U and 18U "B" level state championships. Associations throughout OSHA should attempt to have balanced teams at the B level if they are fielding more than one team at the B level.

Recreation C

Learn to Play or teams that play inside of their home program only, should be rostered at Recreation C level.