

**Please review the attached rules regarding scheduling  
try out dates for organizations.**

**This section is effective as of the 2017-18 season.**

USA Hockey recognizes Youth Tier I programs/teams only at the 14U, 15 Only, 16U and 18U age levels. To be national tournament bound, the following criteria must be met for any team to be classified as a Tier I team in any Affiliate:

- Effective for 2017-18 season, Tryouts for Tier I teams must be published and advertised. No youth Tier I or II team may recruit or solicit players or offer hockey contracts to players for the following season, or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until 48 hours after the last game of Youth National Championships (both Tier I and Tier II Nationals must be completed). For example, if the National Tournament ends at 4 pm on Monday, tryouts can begin after 4 pm on Wednesday. Any violation of this prohibition may subject the coach, team, program and/or responsible administrators to appropriate discipline, or ineligibility of the team or coach, as determined by the Affiliate. (voted on June 2016 and slightly modified January, 2017)
- USA Hockey requires that each District abide by its pro rata percentage (youth 15% of any age eligible for Tier I; Girls 20% of any age eligible for Tier I) (refer to online USA Hockey Annual Guide pp 134 et seq.
- Beginning the 2017-18 Season a Mid Am application must be completed and returned to the Mid Am Administrator by 3/15/17. (This date may move up earlier for subsequent years.) The application form will be posted on the Mid Am website by 2/20/17.
- Beginning the 2017-18 season youth Tier I teams eligible for the Mid Am District Tournament shall include the top six (6) Mid Am teams as noted on My Hockey Rankings.com as of February 15, 2018.

USA Hockey recognizes Girls Tier I programs/teams only at the 14U, 16U and 19U age levels. The following criteria must be met for any team to be classified as a Tier I team in any Affiliate:

- Tryouts for Tier I teams must be published and advertised. No girls Tier I or II team may recruit or solicit players or offer contracts to players for the following season, or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until 48 hours after the last game of Girls National Championships (both Tier I and Tier II Nationals must be completed). For example, if the National Tournament ends at 4 pm on Monday, tryouts can begin after 4 pm on Wednesday. Any violation of this prohibition may subject the coach, team, program and/or responsible administrators to appropriate discipline, or ineligibility of the team or coach, as determined by the Affiliate.
- Beginning the 2017-18 Season a Mid Am application must be completed and returned to the Mid Am Administrator by 3/15/17. (This date may move up earlier for subsequent years.) The application form will be posted on the Mid Am website by 2/20/17.
- All currently rostered Tier I girls teams are “grandfathered” for the 2017-18 season (see online USA Hockey Annual Guide p137, et seq.).
- USA Hockey requires that each District abide by its pro rata percentage (Girls 20% of any age eligible for Tier I) (refer to online USA Hockey Annual Guide pp 136 et seq)