

Background

The purpose of the touring policy is to support and build a relationship with Hamilton touring teams that wish to enter competitive tournaments, since the touring teams in some way represents the Hamilton Ultimate Club (HUC). The foremost purpose of the touring policy is to increase the spirit of the game.

- Aims of the touring policy are to:
 1. Help develop the competitive programs
 2. Help improve the quality of the league
 3. Improve the profile of the HUC in the community, the province and nationally
 4. To remain consistent in the relationships held with all touring teams
- Guidelines that are to be followed by all touring teams entering the agreement of the touring policy are:
 1. Teams should operate independently from HUC because teams are usually formed based on personal chemistry
 2. Touring teams must give equal opportunity to all players in the HUC by promoting and hosting open tryouts for all interested players.
 3. Facilitate communication between new players and the touring teams
 4. Logistical support in exchange for volunteer services
 5. Financial support of the touring teams meeting the standards of the policy.

Definition of Competitive Touring Team

- A team must be comprised primarily of HUC players ($\geq 80\%$)
- The team is committed to traveling and playing at a variety of tournaments throughout the summer, playing in a minimum of 3 tournaments
- A team that holds at least 3 practices per month, resulting in a total of at least 15 practices from the month of April through the month of August

Policy**Contributions of HUC to the Competitive Touring Teams**

- One practice field available twice per week
- Financial contributions are to be determined by the budget and will be based on: i) fulfilling the definition of a competitive touring team, ii) the number of volunteer events participated in. The contribution will be received upon completion of the requirements of the team to the HUC.
- Website promotion for the competitive touring team
- Competitive touring teams may seek additional support from outside sources, but this must not conflict with HUC's existing arrangements (i.e. If HUC is supported by company A then the competitive touring team may not enter into a contract with the rival company B); therefore it is the responsibility of the touring captain to consult with the HUC BoD before receiving any support from outside sources.

Contributions of Competitive Touring Team to HUC

- Rules and skills clinic: equipment provided

- HAT tournaments: Touring players are captains and coaches for the teams, they may not participate as players; Set up equal teams based on self assessed skill level; Set up tournament schedule
- Volunteering services to at least one HUC hosted tournament
- Support a juniors program: Putting on youth clinics at high schools in Hamilton
- 40-50% of the team must participate in volunteering events, each event will earn X amount of dollars towards the team at the end of the year
- The team captain or co-captain must report their teams involvement status to the Touring Director
- The team captain or co-captain must submit an application to the Touring Director for consideration as possible candidates for participation in the HUC Touring Policy.