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MEMO

To: District Chairs, MHA's,

CC: HEO Board of Directors, HEO Staff

From: Bailey Hyson,

Membership Services, HEO

Date: August 1st, 2025

Re: **Player Pathway Policies (Tournament Increase) and 6.55 Select Policy Changes**

Good afternoon,

This memo is to notify MHAs of two important policy changes that were approved by the HEO Board in July 2025:

- 1) Pathway Policies: HEO will allow one additional tournament at all pathway levels (maximum of 5), two of which must be local tournaments for AA and below so long as teams maintain their respective levels of practice ratio. HEO reserves the right to do a spot check anytime during the season. HEO will review after the 2025-26 season. The [pathway documents](#) on the HEO website reflect this change.
- 2) No Special Dispensation will be granted in the 25-26 season for additional tournaments. Teams that enter Silverstick tournaments (or any similar tournaments that have the potential of teams moving on) should be aware of this and ensure that they leave a tournament slot open.
- 3) A few important changes were approved for the 6.55 HEO Select Team Policy for House League, for more information please review the [6.55 HEO Select Team Policy for House League](#)
 - The start period has been moved back to December, and fees have been increased to \$350.
 - Designated district select team tryout dates are now allowed up until November of the current season, in addition to the option of player selection being determined by play during the house league season.