



## 2026/27 JPOL Criteria

Junior Premier Outdoor League (JPOL) is a USA FH Sanctioned event. An open invitation to the event will be sent to all USA FH Member Clubs and published on our website, [www.Juniorpremierhockey.com](http://www.Juniorpremierhockey.com)

**New: The *maximum number of Clubs accepted in the U16 & U19 Combined Divisions will be ten (10)***

Each Club may register one team in each of the JPOL U16 and U19 Combined.

**Any club wishing to register a second team in a U16 or U19 Combined must submit an Official Written Request to JPH prior to the Registration Deadline. Once registration closes, JPH will advise of acceptance of the second team.**

Although we set maximum registration limits, JPH will continue to review the current event formats and make every effort to accommodate all interested Clubs wishing to compete in the Junior Premier Outdoor League (JPOL).

Should more than 10 Clubs register by the stated deadline, selection will be based on:

1. Clubs not Invited to the JPOL Elite in the respective division;
2. Clubs domiciled,
3. Clubs that did not forfeit any of its scheduled games or withdrew from any JPH event (JPOL/JPIL) over the previous three years;
4. Final Ranking in the most recently concluded JPOL (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>);
5. Clubs receiving a Special invitation from JPH Directors;
6. New Clubs based on most recent USA FH ranking.

**The *maximum number of Clubs accepted in the U14 Combined is sixteen (16)***

The JPH Directors have set a limit on the number of accepted Clubs in the U14 Combine to sixteen (16).

**Each Club may register one team in the U14 Combine. However, Clubs may choose to register a second team. If more than sixteen (16) Clubs/Teams Registered, only one team will be accepted.**

Should more than 16 Clubs/Teams register by the stated deadline, selection will be based on:

1. Clubs that did not forfeit any of its scheduled games or withdrew from any JPH event (JPOL/JPIL) over the previous three years;
2. Final Ranking in the most recently concluded JPOL U14 Combined (1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>);
3. Clubs receiving a Special invitation from JPH Directors;
4. New Clubs based on most recent USA FH ranking.

### ***JPOL Elite U16/U19 - 8 Clubs Maximum (By Invitation Only)***

- ***Top Four U-16 & U19 Clubs from the 2025 JPOL Elite (1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Place);***
- ***Four additional U16 & U19 Clubs will be selected and invited to participate;***

**Important:** Clubs and/or Coaches receiving notification for refusing to follow the Rules & Regulations and/or a breach of the Code of Conduct at any previous JPH events (JPIL & JPOL), may not be considered or accepted to participate regardless of their performance and final ranking.

Thank you all for your continued support and consideration and look forward to your participation!

