

**MINNETONKA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
PAGEL ACTIVITY CENTER  
July 14, 2008**

Meeting called to order 8:01 p.m (Morgan)

Board Members Present: Morgan, Bowman, Lundberg, Hoerauf, Holstrom, Howe, Fallon, Durocher, Williams, Evans.

Board Members Absent: Townsend, Worrell, Krueger, Sanderson.

**I. Old Business –**

- A. Minutes – Motion to approve 06/09/08 Minutes (Hoerauf; Howe 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Motion carried unanimously.

**II. New Business**

A. District 6 Proposed Rules (Bowman). District 6 has requested the position from the D6 associations on a variety of D6 rule changes noted on the attached Exhibits A & B.

- Motion to support approval of Proposed District 6 Rule regarding residency, waivers, and open enrollment with certain revisions to clarify language. (Ex. A). (Bowman; Holstrom 2<sup>nd</sup>). Carried unanimously.
- Motion to support repeal of Rule 10.7 regarding the minimum number of players on A teams. (Ex. B). (Lundberg; Morgan 2<sup>nd</sup>). Carried unanimously.
- Motion to support revision of Rule 5.3 to reduce the fighting game suspension to 1 game to be consistent with Minnesota Hockey rules. (Ex. B). (Lundberg; Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried, one vote opposed.
- Motion to maintain existing Rule 9.1 relating to the process for handling of applications to Invitational tournaments. (Ex. B). (Bowman; Evans 2<sup>nd</sup>). Carried unanimously.
- Motion to support existing Rule 13.1.6 relating to neckguards with no limitation on type of neckguard. (Ex. B). (Lundberg; Fallon 2<sup>nd</sup>). Carried unanimously.
- District 6 is addressing issued regarding balancing of schedule. Motion to support expanded Bantam A and PWA schedule not to

exceed 20 games in order to achieve a balanced schedule among all teams. (Ex. B). Carried unanimously.

### III. Director Reports

A. President – Morgan reported that MYHA is working with City of Deephaven for Pagel refinancing.

B. Vice President – Not present.

C. Secretary – See issues above.

D. Treasurer – Fallon reported:

- Not currently anticipating significant changes in registration fees for upcoming season.
- All Board members need to receive and submit purchase orders to board prior to agreement to purchase.
- Treasurer will contact primary suppliers of MYHA equipment/jerseys and advise of need for board approval prior to purchase.
- Continuing to work on 2007-2008 final close. Expect by August.

E. Girls Director – Not present.

F. Boys Team Director – Lundberg reported on preliminary estimates of players for upcoming season:

- Squirt: 77-81 skaters/4 goalies returning (2<sup>nd</sup> yr) – 7 estimated teams.
- PW: 95 skaters/12 goalies – 7 estimated teams.
- Bantam: 75-80 skaters/8 goalies – 6-7 estimated teams.

G. Mite Directors – Williams reported:

- He is conducting research re: Mite recruitment and will present proposal.
- Raised issue of obtaining additional ice time for 4<sup>th</sup> year mites which would add \$50-\$60/player cost for season.

H. Ice Director – Holstrom reported:

- City of Victoria has approved ice allocation. Should have more hours than last season, and hours should be more usable.
- Mound – Very limited usable ice time available from Mound.
- Waconia – Did not get back to MYHA re: ice.
- Currently waiting for ice to be loaded into system to identify if gaps exists and where.
- Awaiting Pagel information re: Ice. Morgan and Domaas met with Ryan re: Pagel rate for upcoming season.

- I. Equipment – Howe reported:
- Worrell ordered traveling jersey's from Hanus; Howe will confirm order and obtain purchase order prior to processing.
  - Evaluated existing goalie equipment and current inventory should be good for upcoming season.
- J. Registrar – Not present.
- K. Volunteer – Not present.
- L. Sponsorships – Hoerauf reported:
- 3 sponsors have not paid from last year, and he is following up with letters to them.
- M. Fundraising – Durocher reported:
- Motion to approve coffee sales as a fundraiser requiring sales of 20 bags of coffee at \$12/bag or a fundraiser buyout of \$150.00. (Durocher; Lundberg 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried with 1 abstention.
- N. Tournaments – Evans Reported:
- MYHA is hosting Bantam B2 tournament and Championship day.
  - MYHA is hosting Jr. Gold A and B tournament December 12-14, 2008.
  - Wayzata has dropped its girls holiday tournament.

**IV. New Business – Continued from above:**

**MYHA Player Eligibility Rule:**

Motion to adopt MYHA Player eligibility rule:

“An individual who registers for the current (upcoming) Winter season as a MYHA player, who registered and/or played for another association and/or non-MYHA team the previous Winter season(s) while still residing or open enrolled within the Minnetonka School District, and who prior to that was registered as a MYHA player, will upon his/her return and registration with MYHA for the current Winter season, have **a waiting period of one (1) Winter season** before the player is eligible to play, practice or be placed with a MYHA “A” team roster. The intent of this rule is to encourage players eligible to play for MYHA to continue to support MYHA and play within MYHA. Benefits of the rule include: more accurate MYHA budgeting; greater unified morale; and stronger foundation for development of MYHA players. The intent of this philosophy is consistent with Minnesota Hockey’s community based focus and with the State High School Rule. Exemption may be granted by the HDC.”

(Morgan; Howe 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried unanimously.

**V. Open Discussion**

None

**VI. Next Meeting** – Morgan advised that golf tournament is scheduled for August 11, 2008. Accordingly next meeting will take place August 18, 2008; 8:00 p.m. Pagel Activity Center.

Motion to Adjourn (Lundberg; Evans 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Motion carried unanimously – meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Bowman.

APPROVED

## IV. RESIDENCY

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### A. RESIDENCY POLICY

MH is a community-based amateur hockey program. Players are to participate on teams from their local association based on the residence of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the established MH affiliate boundaries.

### B. RESIDENCY RULE

1. Youth Hockey players must play within the natural hockey community as defined by MH. If a player desires to play on a team outside of the player's natural hockey community, the player must obtain written permission (waiver) from the president of governing body of both the releasing and receiving organization and receive the approval of the cognizant district director(s). A player that participates without a necessary waiver is considered an ineligible player. Refer to the Section entitled Eligibility Provisions. A waiver must be obtained before a player can participate outside their natural hockey community. A player that registers or participates with their natural hockey association cannot participate with any other hockey association without a waiver. The Minnesota Department of Education Open Enrollment program does not affect this rule.
2. A player may appeal the case in writing to the cognizant District Director who, after investigation, will issue a ruling. The decision of the District Director is final. Also see Section entitled Eligibility Provisions.
3. A player having "dual citizenship", one being the United States, must also conform to the residency rule.

### Proposed District 6 Rule:

MH is a community-based amateur hockey program. Players are to participate on teams from their local association based on the residence of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the established MH affiliate boundaries.

Youth Hockey players must play within the affiliate boundary in which their primary residence is located. In District 6 this is generally defined by school district or high school attendance boundaries.

### District 6 Affiliate Boundaries

Apple Valley -- Apple Valley High School Dist 196  
Burnsville -- Burnsville District 191  
Chaska -- Chaska School District 112  
Eastview -- Eastview High School Dist 196  
Eden Prairie -- Eden Prairie  
Edina -- City of Edina  
Jefferson -- Jefferson High School ISD #271  
Kennedy -- Kennedy High School ISC #271  
Minnetonka -- Minnetonka District #276  
Prior Lake -- Savage -- ISD 719  
Shakopee -- Shakopee Public Schools District 720  
Waconia -- School District 110 (Waconia) and School District 108 (Norwood)

### Residency:

Residency for a player is established by the physical property address of his/her custodial parent. County tax records and published school district boundaries when applicable will serve as the definitive source for this information.

In the case of joint custody situations or boundary overlaps the primary residence shall be the address associated with the public school district the player attends if applicable.

It is the primary responsibility of the association to verify the legal address of all of its participants and to obtain waivers as needed. All inquiries to the District MUST include the address and school attended of the player requesting waiver.

Waivers

A player wishing to play outside of their affiliate may obtain a waiver. Waivers must be approved by both the releasing and receiving association President and approved by the District Director.

- 1) Open-enrollment: Open-enrollment waivers are available to players residing within one District 6 association and open-enrolling into another District 6 association. After one open-enrollment an individual is not eligible to open-enroll in another District 6 association, including their home association, without a change of address. It is expected that open-enrollment is a long-term decision.

In cases where 2 or more affiliates within the same school district are defined by high school attendance boundaries, open-enrollment waivers will follow the boundaries published by the school district. Future enrollment in a high school is not considered for waiver purposes.

Open-enrollment must take place as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school unless there is a change of physical address.

All open-enrollment waivers must be approved prior to tryouts in order for the player to be eligible for any level above C for youth and B for girls. For 9<sup>th</sup> graders attending a public school A team eligibility is not restricted.

- 2) Other waivers: Players may be waived due to many other factors including but not limited to teams not being fielded in their level or division, divorce, relocation, etc. It is the intent of the District to let the local associations determine the validity of a waiver request. The District Director will have final authority over all waivers.
- 3) All waiver guidelines apply only to District 6 residents. All cross-district waivers must be signed by both District Directors as well as the association Presidents. Waivers are valid for one season.

- 3.5 In the event an Association cannot fill a team from within its natural boundaries, it may solicit players from other Associations. These teams must have written permission of the District Director(s) involved. A multiple player waiver form may be used in place of the individual waiver for players coming from the releasing association and going on to the same team of the receiving association.

All waivers are subject to review by the District Director or his assignee. Failure to comply with waiver rules may result in player ineligibility for the season. These waiver rules supersede all conflicting waiver rules enacted by an association affiliated with District 6.

*Approved  
subject to  
revisions*

**15/2 Rule for A teams**

- 10.7 Every "A" team at the Girls 10U, Squirt, Girls 12U, Peewee, Girls 14U, and Bantam levels must roster at least 15 skaters (forwards and defense) and 2 goalies. An association can petition the District Director to waive this requirement for a team in a particular season due to overall program number considerations.

Y(N)

**Fighting Penalty**

**5.3 Fighting and Fisticuffs**

A fighting penalty will result in the suspension of the player for the balance of that game and the next **three (3)** previously scheduled games (includes league, tournament and playoff games and scrimmages) and attendance at the next scheduled Disciplinary Committee Meeting. A second offense will result in player(s) suspension for the balance of the season. *Note: Junior Gold teams shall abide by the rules of the Metro League*

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**Invitational Tournaments**

**9. ASSOCIATION SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS**

- 9.1 All District 6 Hockey Associations shall be required, with regard to any tournament by any such Association, to respond within ten (10) days of receipt of any registration application which is accompanied by a check drawn in the appropriate amount in any one of the following manners:
- 9.1.1 Send a written confirmation of the acceptance of the registration and enrollment of the team for that tournament.
  - 9.1.2 Return the check along with a written declination of the registration application.
  - 9.1.3 Respond by letter, which specifically states that date on which the application will be accepted or declined. This letter shall give the applying team the opportunity to withdraw its application and receive the immediate refund and/or return of its application check.

All District 6 Hockey Associations shall be required, with regard to any tournament hosted by any such association to respond within ten business days of receipt of any registration application its status as follows:

- 1) Registration Confirmed
- 2) Application Incomplete
- 3) Application Declined
- 4) Application Wait listed
- 5) Notification to the applicant which specifically states the date on which the application will be accepted or declined. This notification shall give the applying team the opportunity to withdraw its application without penalty.

All checks received must be returned within 10 days of notice of an application being declined. Wait listed team checks (4) or checks submitted under scenario (5) cannot be cashed until the application status is changed to confirmed.

Old Wording  
New Wording

#### Neckguards

- 13.1.6 Properly fitted, hockey designed, neck/throat protection is required for all players, including goaltenders, except Junior Gold and 16U. Non-compliance with this rule is a 10-minute misconduct penalty. Neck/throat protection must be worn for ALL games, scrimmages and practices.

Keep as worded – No specification of type

Get rid of requirement

#### Scheduling Issue – A teams

1. Bantam A and PWA teams to play a balanced schedule not to exceed 20 games.
2. Weighted scheduling – Associations are ranked and bottom 3 do not play top 3 more than one time.
3. Leave schedule as is at 16 games.
4. Expand option 1) or 2) to include the B1 level.