

Rules Committee Report 2010 Fall Meeting

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The Mn Hockey Rules Committee met on Wednesday August 25, 2010, and proposes the following modifications to the Bylaws and Youth Rules for Board consideration:

Bylaws Changes

B1. The District Directors have the ability to appoint an alternate to represent them at Board meetings. At present, none of the other Board members are allowed to do this. Some other constituent-elected Board members have asked to have the same latitude, so that the members they represent will still have a voice if that Board member is unable to attend a meeting. The following proposed changes would allow all constituent-elected Board members to appoint a replacement in the event they are unable to attend a Board meeting. Also, the paragraph specifying requirements for Committee Meetings is moved to the end of the Article.

ARTICLE 7 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District Directors' Duties: It shall be the duty of the district directors to organize, supervise and enforce the rules and regulations of MH in their respective districts, including tournament play, and to perform such other duties as assigned to them by the President of this Association or the divisional Vice President. Each District Director is hereby declared to be the "proper authority" or "proper disciplinary authority" within their district for all purposes contemplated by the rules of MH and USA Hockey, with the condition that they must abide by the decisions of MH. Each District Director may designate an Alternate Director to assist in the performance of their duties. ~~Such Alternate Director shall be empowered to cast the vote of the District Director in the Director's absence, provided the Secretary of MH is informed in writing prior to the meeting in question. (Refer to Article entitled District Administration).~~

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ARTICLE 9 – MEETINGS

Board of Directors Meetings: It is the normal obligation of all voting members to attend official meetings of the Board of Directors, or appoint an alternate representative in accordance with Article 7. Attendance/representation is expected for all days of the MH state meetings. All meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees must start with and maintain a quorum. Confirmation of a quorum and determination of a simple majority or 2/3's vote shall be based on the number of voting members present at the time of the vote.

Annual Meeting: The Board of Directors shall hold an annual meeting in the spring of each year. The exact date, time and place of each meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings: In addition to the Annual Meeting, meetings shall be scheduled in the Fall, Winter and Summer. Such additional meetings may run for 1, 2 or 3 days, and shall be conducted in the traditional "one room or area" meeting format (not by teleconference or video-conference).

Special Meetings: The Board of Directors may hold special meetings for any purpose at any time and may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or any three (3) or more members of the Board of Directors as provided herein:

1. Any three members of the Board of Directors may make a written request to the President or the Secretary to call a special meeting. Such officer, within seven days, shall give notice of the meeting to be held between ten and sixty days after receiving the request. If the officer fails to give notice of the meeting within seven days from the day on which the request was made, the person who requested the meeting may fix the time and place of meeting, and give notice in the manner provided by the Articles or By-Laws.

2. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be conducted in the traditional "one room or area" format, or via teleconference or video-conference.
3. Special meetings conducted by video- or tele-conference must observe the following requirements:
 - a. The meeting must be conducted by a technology that allows all persons participating to hear each other at the same time (and, if by video-conference, to see each other as well).
 - b. The Secretary or designee must conduct a roll call to confirm that a voting quorum exists. All voting must be done by roll to ensure a quorum is maintained and to ascertain the pass/fail result of the vote.
 - c. A person desiring to be heard must identify him/herself and be recognized by the Chair before speaking.

[B1] ~~**Committee Meetings:** Committee meetings may be called at the discretion of the committee chairperson. The President and Executive Director are ex officio members of all committees, except the Grievance and Screening Committees, and should be notified of all such meetings. Committees can establish internal practices as to their committee structure and procedures that are not otherwise defined in these by laws. Advance notice of 14 days (suggested) and 10 days (minimum) should be provided for committee meetings.~~

Voting: *In accordance with the Article entitled "Board of Directors" hereinbefore, each Board member is entitled to one vote, excluding Board members indicated as "non-voting". Individuals holding multiple voting positions on the Board are entitled to a single vote. Constituent-elected (member-elected) Board members may appoint an alternate to vote in their absence, provided the MH Secretary is informed prior to the start of the meeting in question. The alternate cannot be another voting Board member. The constituent-elected Board members are defined as the Adults Director, Disabled Hockey Director, District Directors, Juniors Director, Referee Section Director and Women's Director.*

Agenda Items (Excluding changes to the Governing Documents - See Article 11):

1. Anyone wishing to place an item on the agenda of the Board of Directors meeting must notify the Secretary/Treasurer in writing, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The specific wording of the proposal must be provided, in writing, to the Secretary/Treasurer not later than 21 days prior to the meeting. Items submitted without the specific, written proposal will not be accepted. The Secretary/Treasurer will publish the complete agenda with copies of the proposals at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Agenda items without properly submitted supporting documentation will be dropped. These proposals may be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 2. Items that have received the approval of a MH Committee may be placed on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting or can be included in the committee report. The specific wording of the proposal must be provided to the members of the Board of Directors at the beginning of the meeting. These proposals may be adopted by majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 3. Any item determined by the President to be in the same form or substantially similar form to one which was rejected or withdrawn at the previous meeting of the Board of Directors cannot be placed on the agenda of the upcoming meeting of the Board of Directors unless it has received a two-thirds majority vote of approval by the appropriate Council or committee and the Board of Directors, in that order, recommending that it be placed on the agenda.
 4. Any additional items that are to receive consideration of the Board of Directors must receive unanimous approval of those present at the Board of Directors meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.
- The most current version/revision of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern and control the conduct of all meetings of the Board of Directors, unless modified by these By-Laws.

Copies of the minutes of all meetings of this Association, its committees and the Board of Directors shall be distributed by the Secretary/Treasurer using a method(s) as determined by the Board of Directors within twenty (20) days of such meetings to the Directors of the Association.

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B2. Add the Code of Conduct to the list of Governing Documents.

B3. Clean up language regarding voting in Article 11 to be consistent with the provisions of Article 9 "Meetings".

ARTICLE 11 - AMENDING/ADOPTING GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

- [B2]
1. Governing Documents are defined as the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Affiliate Agreement, **Code of Conduct**, and Sexual and Physical Screening Policy, and may be amended/adopted at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
 2. Anyone wishing to adopt or amend a Governing Document must place the item on the agenda of the Board of Directors meeting by notifying the Secretary/ Treasurer in writing, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The specific wording of the proposed changes must be provided, in writing, to the Secretary/Treasurer not later than 21 days prior to the meeting. Items submitted without the specific, written proposal will not be accepted. The proposed changes must be distributed to the members of the Board of Directors at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which they are presented for adoption. Any additional Governing Document items that are to receive consideration of the Board of Directors must receive unanimous approval of those present at the Board of Directors meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.
 3. Whereas the registration season begins on May 1 of the current season, changes to the Governing Documents that materially affect the Registration Process:
 - a. Can be discussed and voted on at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - b. The effective date for these changes will be as follows:
 - i. Changes made before February 1 become effective for the upcoming season.
 - ii. Changes made after February 1 become effective for the season following the upcoming season.
 4. Proposals to adopt or amend Governing Documents that have been submitted and distributed may be changed in either of the following circumstances:
 - a. The Rules Committee, or other Committee proposing the change, may amend the language with a 2/3 majority vote of the Committee members present.
 - b. Once the proposal is on the floor, the language may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote ~~of the voting Board members in attendance~~ **as described in the Article entitled "Meetings" hereinbefore.**
 5. Final adoption or amendment of Governing Documents requires at least a 2/3 majority vote ~~of the voting members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting~~ **as described in the Article entitled "Meetings" hereinbefore.**
 6. Unless specifically stated otherwise, changes to Governing Documents approved during a season become effective September 1 of the upcoming season.
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B4. This proposed change would establish a consistent process for electing District Directors.

ARTICLE 17 - DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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5. District Directors shall be elected for 3-year terms by the affiliate representatives in the district. ~~This would normally be accomplished~~ **Elections are conducted** by giving each representative a weighted vote based on the number of in-season registered participants.

Youth Rules and Regulations Changes

R1. This verbiage would prohibit players on MH teams from also playing on other hockey teams during our season, similar to the Minnesota State HS League Bylaw 208.

II. REGISTRATION

- A. The USA Hockey and MH Player Registration fees and dates shall be set annually by USAH and the MH Board of Directors. The fees and dates are published on the inside front cover of the MH Handbook.
- B. No Player shall be registered with two or more MH/USA Hockey teams at the same time regardless of league division or classification, except:
 - 1. Players on city house teams may play with both their team and a city traveling team.
 - 2. This provision shall not apply to female youth age players who may register on both a youth C or House team and also register with a girl's A or B team for the purpose of practice, exhibition games, league games and tournament competition including the USA Hockey National Women's Tournament. This exception should not dissuade an association from starting a girls program at any age level.
 - 3. Special Events approved by the MH Board. Such events must comply with requirements established by MH, and must be on the Winter Meeting agenda at the latest, according to the Bylaw requirements for putting items on the agenda. Approval of Special Events shall be by 2/3 vote.
- C. CITY LEAGUES - Where a league exists within a city, the team representing the city may be formed of players from any of the league teams providing ALL the teams are properly registered as house teams by the proper dates, and the twenty (20) player squad to represent the city in the district and state tournament play is declared by the player registration date of December 31st.

[R1] **D. Players registered and rostered on a MH team may not participate as members of non-MH/USA Hockey teams during the season. Exception: programs that focus exclusively on training and skill development instead of games.**

R2. Specify that it is our intent that EMT's are required for each tournament game in progress.

R3. Specify seeding procedure for Jr Gold "A" State Tournament

X. DISTRICT, REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

- M. MEDICAL ATTENTION - A Certified Athletic Trainer, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), paramedic or medical or osteopathic physician shall be retained by the sanctioned tournament and in attendance ~~at all games~~ **each game in progress.** This group shall include a licensed health care professional, a Certified Athletic Trainer, an Emergency Medical Technologist (EMT) and any additional persons who have successfully completed and maintained certification for programs conducted by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, specifically AFORE (Advanced First Aid), CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and BLS (Basic Life Support). This group would include Registered Nurses (RN) if they have successfully completed and maintained certification for AFA/CPR/BLS. The retained medical personnel has the final say on whether an injured player can return to the game.

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N. STATE TOURNAMENT SITE ROTATION

- 1. The Peewee and Bantam State Tournaments will rotate annually from Gold to Maroon. In 1990, Peewees will be in the Gold division; Bantams will be in the Maroon division; in 1991, Peewees will be in the Maroon division; Bantams will be in the Gold division and so forth.
- 2. The Junior Gold State Tournament will rotate two (2) years in the Maroon division and one (1) year in the Gold division starting with the 2000 tournament (2000 and 2001 in the Maroon, 2002 in the Gold and so forth). **The number of teams seeded to the tournament will be based on the total percentage of teams; however, there will be a minimum of two Gold team seeded when Gold is host.**

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