

# Rules Committee Report 2012 Summer Meeting

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The Mn Hockey Rules Committee met on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

The question was asked as to whether it is permissible to have players remove their helmets for the national anthem. Bruce Kruger, USAH Minnesota District Risk Manager was consulted, and responded that it is not a problem. The Rules Committee did not feel that it is necessary to put anything in the Handbook about this.

Modifications to the Bylaws and Youth Rules are proposed, as shown below.

## Bylaws Changes

*B1. The Bylaws have historically permitted the President to assign the Vice Presidents to their respective positions. We have moved away from that in recent years, with individuals being elected to specific positions. This proposed change would list the five Vice President titles and remove the language allowing the President to assign/reassign them.*

### ARTICLE 7 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[B1]

**Vice Presidents:** ~~Vice President responsibilities shall be assigned by the President.~~ The five individuals serving as Vice Presidents shall be responsible for Hockey Operations, Planning, Publicity/Promotion, Gold Division Coordinator and Maroon Division Coordinator. Each Vice President shall be elected to their specific position and ensure that their ~~special~~ area is organized and expanded with the assistance of the District Directors.

*B2. The Administrative Management Committee presently has the authority to hire an Executive Director. Based on our elimination of the Controller position and other needs, our staff will likely expand to include a Financial Administrator and a Marketing Assistant. It is desired to increase the authority of the Committee to allow hiring multiple people and approve compensation for employees. Language is also proposed to be added to specify organizational responsibility within the office staff. It is intended that these changes become effective immediately upon passage.*

### ARTICLE 8 – ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

[B2]

The Administrative Management Committee shall be a standing committee for the purpose of effecting and furthering the business affairs of the corporation. The committee shall consist of seven members including the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Chairs of the Publicity/Promotion and Planning Committees, two District Directors and one other person to be appointed by the President. The Administrative Management Committee ("the Committee") shall have the authority to employ, on a part or full time basis, an employee, to be known as the Executive Director of the corporation, upon such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreeable. The Committee shall also have the authority add other part- or full-time positions, as approved by the Board. The Executive Director shall be responsible for hiring and compensation administration for any such additional positions (staff) under the direction and approval of the Committee. Further, the Executive Director shall be responsible for day-to-day management of the staff, under the general direction and oversight of the Committee.

# Youth Rules Changes

*R1. There is a glitch in our Participation Rule whereby players attending a private school outside of their home association are afforded privileges which are not allowed for players attending a private school inside their home association. Adding the new sentence 5 (b) 4 below will correct this. There are several other Participation Rule scenarios that probably need attention, but so far the District Directors have not reached consensus on how to deal with them.*

## IV. PARTICIPATION

### 5. Changing Schools

#### a. **Players whose Home Association has been based on residence:**

Players who newly enroll in a school outside of the boundaries of their Association of Residence without a corresponding change of residence, shall elect one of the following:

1. Retain full eligibility to compete at any classification in their Association of Residence; or
2. Be eligible at the "B" classification or lower in their new Association of School Attendance for one (1) year beginning with the first day of attendance in the new school (a waiver is required).

#### b. **Players whose Home Association has been based on school attendance:**

Players who newly enroll in a school outside of the boundaries of their Association of School Attendance without a corresponding change of residence, shall elect one of the following:

1. Have full eligibility to compete at any classification in their Association of Residence; or
2. Have full eligibility to compete at any classification in their new Association of School Attendance if they completed the grades offered in the school system they attended in their former Association of School Attendance; or
3. Be eligible at the "B" classification or lower in their new Association of School Attendance for one (1) year beginning with the first day of attendance in the new school if they did not complete the grades offered in the school system they attended in their former Association of School Attendance.

[R1] **4. The provisions of this paragraph 5(b) shall apply to players who have been attending a non-public school located within the boundaries of their Association of Residence.**

*R2. There have been some problems in the past securing "Spare" goalies for state tournament teams. Since the player will participate only in the event that the normal goalie is injured, it is difficult for teams far away from the tournament site to find someone willing to endure the expense. It is proposed to expand the field from which spare goalies can be chosen to include the local area where the tournament is being played.*

## VI. TEAM COMPOSITION

C. It is recommended that each team in the state and regional tournaments dress two goalies. If the team does not have two goalies, a SPARE goalie may be chosen from a team in its league or association, and such a "spare goalie" may be chosen from the same or a lower but not higher playing classification.

- [R2]
1. If a "spare" goalie is not available from within a team's league or association, a "spare" goalie may then be chosen **first** from among the teams in its district; ~~or failing the above, then~~ from its regional. **Failing the above, a "spare" goalie may be chosen from the vicinity in which the tournament is being played.**
  2. Such a "spare" goalie may play ONLY in the case of injury to the regular goalie.
  3. The "spare" goalie shall wear the light or dark jersey of the in-season team on which they are rostered.
  4. The "spare" goalie retains their eligibility with their parent team or organization at their original classification for the balance of the playing season whether or not they actually play in the tournament in question.
  5. The "spare" goalie must be properly registered on a MH team for the season in question to be eligible to participate in a regional or state tournament. Proof of registration, such as a copy of their parent team's registration roster will be required during tournament check-in. NOTE: the objective of the rule is to allow a team to obtain a back-up goalkeeper during regional and state MH play. The rule is not intended to permit teams to improve their goaltending through drafting of an additional player.
  6. Must be approved by the releasing/receiving District Director(s) using the MH Substitute Goalie Form.

R3. At the Annual Meeting in April, the Directors asked that we make the pilot project allowing 1½ minute penalties in games with periods of 15 minutes or less to become permanent. This would not apply to Region or State Tournament games, or District games leading to such.

R4. At the Annual Meeting in April, the Directors asked that we reduce the rest time between Mite activities to 1½ hours rather than the standard three hours.

## VIII. PLAYING RULES

The playing rules in this section apply to all games unless modified elsewhere in these rules.

- [R3]
- A. USA Hockey playing rules as modified by MH shall be used.
  - B. The length of periods during regular season play shall be at the discretion of the individual leagues and teams in all divisions. (NOTE: Time requirements for District, Regional and State tournament play - MH Youth Rules & Regulations entitled "District, Region and State Tournaments", "Playing Time".)
  - C. **Districts, leagues and invitational tournaments may reduce the duration of minor penalties from 2 minutes to 1½ minutes for games with periods of 15 minutes or less.**
    - a. **The Fair Play penalty-minute thresholds by level as outlined in Playing Rule P-3 are in effect regardless of whether 2 minute or 1½ minute minor penalties are assessed.**
    - b. **For the purposes of Fair Play penalty "equivalency" minutes, minor penalties will be counted as 2 minutes as outlined in playing rule P-4, regardless of whether 2 minute or 1½ minute minor penalties are assessed.**
    - c. **The standard minor penalty duration of 2 minutes shall be assessed at MH Region and State Tournaments, and in all District Tournaments that determine teams progressing to Region or State Tournaments.**
  - €D. Jewelry shall not be worn except for religious or medical needs. Medals shall be taped to the body under the uniform so as not to remain visible. Penalty: first offense, warning. Returning to the game without correction: Game Misconduct.
  - J. **Team Rest** - Teams shall not participate in more than two (2) on-ice activities per day, nor shall they participate in more than one tournament at a time (no overlapping days). On-ice activities include games, exhibition games and/or practices. There shall be a minimum of three (3) hours between on-ice activities on the same day and ten (10) hours between on-ice activities on consecutive days. The time is from the end of one on-ice activity to the beginning of the next. **Exception – For Mites, the time between activities can be reduced to 1½ hours.**
- [R4]

[End of Rules Committee Report]