



February 5, 2013

To: Mass Hockey Board of Directors

Re: Rules Language Update

Below, please find the new language as voted and approved by the Board at the February 4 meeting.

Rules and Regulations Article I Registration; Completion

(found on p. 56 of the 2012-13 Annual Guide)

C. Teams:

Teams shall be registered in one of the following categories:

1. Youth:-- Teams which are members of a City or Town association.
2. Girls/Women's:-- Teams which are registered pursuant to the provisions in the Registration procedures.

All By-Laws, Rules and Regulations in this Annual Guide apply to Girls/Women unless specifically exempted.

3. Tier I and Tier II National Bound ;--Teams must belong to an organization that meets the following requirements:
 - a. Field at least two teams
 - b. If the National Bound Tier I/Tier II association has Mite teams then those Mite teams must comply with ADM cross-ice according to Massachusetts Hockey Rules and Regulations (Article VI. Section 3 Mite Games).
 - c. Must have registered as Massachusetts Hockey teams the previous three seasons.

Rules and Regulations Article I Registration; Completion

(found on p. 58 of the 2012-13 Annual Guide)

6. No player in both Youth and Girls/Women classifications shall be rostered on more than one team during the season that participates in games leading to National Bound state tournaments and a national Championship tournament and/or Super Regional bound State tournaments and a Super Regional Championship Tournament. National bound and Super Regional bound specifically refer to Tier I and Tier II play.

Rules and Regulations Article I Registration; Completion

(found on p. 60-61 of the 2012-13 Annual Guide)

- A. All 6 & Under and 7-8 teams within all classifications are required to play age appropriate hockey in accordance to USA Hockey's Annual Guide Article VIII. (Games, Exhibition Games, Invitational Tournaments and Sanctioned Events), Section A (Definition of a Game).

- B. The following is the only exemption to age appropriate hockey and only applies to age 7 and 8 year old players:
 - No more than 10 “full-ice” games and one tournament (traditional weekend tournament with no more than five (5) games) will be allowed for any member Team (after January 1, 2014).
 - (This and any future exemptions are granted by USA Hockey on a yearly basis, therefore the exemption is subject to change annually).
- C. Failure to comply with this requirement may lead to disciplinary action against the program. Included in this discipline but not limited to fines, suspension from state and national tournaments, suspensions of coaches, suspensions of program administrators.