



January 24, 2015

AT THE JANUARY, 2014 MAHA WINTER MEETING, THE FOLLOWING (19) RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS:

- **FAILED TO RECEIVE ENOUGH VOTES TO BE SENT FORWARD TO THE SUMMER MEETING**
- **OR WERE WITHDRAWN**
- **OR WERE RULED OUT OF ORDER BY THE RULES COMMITTEE**



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

WITHDRAWN
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Voting privileges within Committee**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **Bylaw 6,B. 4** PAGE NO. **18**

Current Rule Reads:

N/A

Revise As Follows:

4. Voting privileges on committees shall be limited to Directors who have been elected by the membership, MAHA Officers, and DALs.

Effective Date of Rule: 7/12/15

Reason For Change:

Members of committees are sometimes assigned because their unique knowledge or experience in certain areas. They are in the meetings to give explanations, opinions and advice on topics before the committee. They often are also employees or members of organizations that are for profit or may directly benefit from changes made within the organization. To allow them to votes gives the impression of a conflict of interest in many situations.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **D2-8 Chairperson's**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

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SUBJECT: **Amendment Timing**

FAILED
1/24/15

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **Bylaw 11: Amendments** PAGE NO. **Annual Guide pages 19-20**

Current Rule Reads:

BYLAW 11: AMENDMENTS

- A. Proposed changes to these Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations shall be submitted by members to the Rules Committee Chairperson, and must be postmarked before December 15. All proposals must be submitted on the MAHA rules change proposal form and must include all of the required information to be accepted by the Rules Committee Chairperson. All proposals are to be submitted in electronic format (on disk or via e-mail). All such proposals shall be read at the Winter Meeting with a recommendation offered by the Rules Committee. An advisory vote of the Board shall be taken at this time. All Proposals which do not receive support from a majority of the Board Members voting at the Winter Meeting shall be rejected.
- B. Amendments (not new proposals) may be made to said proposals by Board Members at the Winter meeting by a simple majority vote, or by a three-fourths vote at the Summer meeting.
- C. Between the Winter and Summer meetings, Board Members shall discuss the merits of the various proposals carried forward in their home Districts.
- D. For Bylaw and Rules and Regulations amendments, adoption shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board Members voting at the Summer meeting.
- E. Any Bylaw or Rule change proposal determined by the Executive Committee to be the same, or substantially the same as one rejected at the previous Summer or Winter meeting cannot be placed on the agenda unless it receives a two-thirds majority vote by the Board members voting at the Winter meeting.
- F. All proposals postmarked on or after the December 15 deadline must receive approval of three-fourths of the Board members voting at the Winter or Summer meeting to be placed on the agenda.
- G. Proposals to change these Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations may be incorporated in a special committee report. If the committee report includes rule or bylaw changes then the Board shall vote separately from the report on the proposed changes and shall pass the rule or bylaw change by a two-thirds majority at the Summer meeting.
- H. Any amendments to these Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations necessitated by amendments to USA Hockey Bylaws and/or Rules and Regulations shall be automatically effected by the rules committee and reported to the board members at the Winter or Summer meeting following the adoption of such amendments by USA Hockey.

Revise As Follows:**BYLAW 11: AMENDMENTS**

- A. Proposed changes to these Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations shall be submitted by members to the Rules Committee Chairperson, and must be postmarked before **June 7**. All proposals must be submitted on the MAHA rules change proposal form and must include all of the required information to be accepted by the Rules Committee Chairperson. All proposals are to be submitted in electronic format (on disk or via e-mail). All such proposals shall be read at the **Summer** Meeting with a recommendation offered by the Rules Committee. An advisory vote of the Board shall be taken at this time. All Proposals which do not receive support from a majority of the Board Members voting at the **Summer** Meeting shall be rejected.
- B. Amendments (not new proposals) may be made to said proposals by Board Members at the **Summer** meeting by a simple majority vote, or by a three-fourths vote at the **Winter** meeting.
- C. Between the **Summer** and **Winter** meetings, Board Members shall discuss the merits of the various proposals carried forward in their home Districts.
- D. For Bylaw and Rules and Regulations amendments, adoption shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board Members voting at the **Winter** meeting.
- E. Any Bylaw or Rule change proposal determined by the Executive Committee to be the same, or substantially the same as one rejected at the previous Summer or Winter meeting cannot be placed on the agenda unless it receives a two-thirds majority vote by the Board members voting at the **Summer** meeting.
- F. All proposals postmarked on or after the **June 7** deadline must receive approval of three-fourths of the Board members voting at the Winter or Summer meeting to be placed on the agenda.
- G. Proposals to change these Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations may be incorporated in a special committee report. If the committee report includes rule or bylaw changes then the Board shall vote separately from the report on the proposed changes and shall pass the rule or bylaw change by a two-thirds majority at the **Winter** meeting.
- H. Any amendments to these Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations necessitated by amendments to USA Hockey Bylaws and/or Rules and Regulations shall be automatically effected by the rules committee and reported to the board members at the Winter or Summer meeting following the adoption of such amendments by USA Hockey.
- I. Transition Timing. To move final rule making from the Summer to the Winter meeting, the following time line applies:**
- December 15, 2015- rules deadline does not apply.**
- January 2016 Winter Meeting- no new rules reviewed.**
- June 7, 2016- Proposed rule changes due to the Rules Committee Chairperson.**
- July 2016 Summer Meeting- All proposed rule changes shall be read at the Summer Meeting with a recommendation offered by the Rules Committee. An advisory vote of the Board shall be taken at this time. All Proposals which do not receive support from a majority of the Board Members voting at the Summer Meeting shall be rejected.**
- January 2017 Winter Meeting- For Bylaw and Rules and Regulations amendments, adoption shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board Members voting at the Winter meeting.**

Effective Date of Rule: 7/12/2015

Reason For Change:

Final rule changes made in the summer meeting do not allow adequate planning for full program implementation without severe constraints to the associations doing the implementation. Too many rule changes are amended at the summer meeting to allow for adequate planning by the associations. Move the final rule making to the winter meeting to allow more time for associations to plan and implement. Most associations have to commit to the regular season ice contracts well in advance of the summer meeting.

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Submitted by: **Mark Biggings**

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District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

FAILED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Registration and Rostering: Participants and Teams**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II. B** PAGE NO. **21**

Current Rule Reads:

B. Before playing any games, a team must have a USA Hockey certified roster (1-T) from the appropriate USA Hockey Associate Registrar. In the Adult Men’s and Women’s Rec divisions, the (1-T) form is required before participating in the District/State playoffs. All rosters and required paper work must be submitted to the appropriate USA Hockey Associate registrar for review and certification 72 hours before your first scheduled game. Any team presenting an incomplete roster (1-T) with incomplete required paperwork for any players, coach or managers will have them removed from the roster by drawing a line through their name. Players, Coaches and managers removed from the roster will not be allowed to participate in any games until the paper work is corrected and resubmitted to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar for review. . Any coach of any team not properly rostered with the USA Hockey and MAHA who allows his/her team to participate in any games(s) are subject to discipline as determined by Section XVI Disciplinary Actions A (3), and/or (4).

Revise As Follows:

B. Before playing any games, a team must have a USA Hockey certified roster (1-T) **either electronic or paper** from the appropriate USA Hockey Associate Registrar. In the Adult Men’s and Women’s Rec divisions, the (1-T) form is required before participating in the District/State playoffs. All rosters and required paper work must be submitted to the appropriate USA Hockey Associate registrar for review and certification **24 hours** before your first scheduled game. Any team presenting an incomplete roster (1-T) with incomplete required paperwork for any players, coach or managers will have them **redlined on** the roster. Players, Coaches and managers **redlined on** the roster will not be allowed to participate in any games until the paper work is corrected and resubmitted to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar for review. . Any coach of any team not properly rostered with the USA Hockey and MAHA who allows his/her team to participate in any games(s) are subject to discipline as determined by Section XVI Disciplinary Actions A (3), and/or (4).

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: *with the new elctronic rostering tool we are able to accept rosters up to 24 hours prior to their first game. We now have the ability to redline a player on the roster when they do not have the proper paperwork,*

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Submitted by: **Bob Yohe USAH Registrar for MI**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 7

SUBJECT: **Registration of Teams**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

FAILED
1/24/15

RULE NO. **II. G (renumber rest of section)** PAGE NO. 21

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

All teams rostering in the 10U – 18U Squirt – Midget youth classification and 10U -19U Girls classification as a Tier 1, Tier II or Travel category team must meet all requirements outlined in the MAHA Annual Guide regarding out-of-district, out-of-state or import players. If the roster is not in compliance or there are questions regarding player’s eligibility or residency, those players shall be redlined from the roster prior to their approval. Should those players become eligible, the redline can be removed and the player will be automatically placed on the roster. If the players eligibility is not confirmed or has been placed onto another roster the registrar will need to delete this player and a supplemented roster will then be sent to the Associate registrar for approval.

(Renumber paragraphs G through O)

Effective Date of Rule: 7/12/15

Reason For Change: Tier 1 & Tier 2 teams select their players. As such, they should be in compliance with all rules when they roster.

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Submitted by: **George Atkinson**

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

FAILED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Roster Size**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II. K.** PAGE NO. **21**

Current Rule Reads:

K. Each youth division team may roster (20) players, including goaltenders. The maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers, shall not exceed 18. Adult Division classification teams may register (25) players.

Revise As Follows:

~~K. Each youth division team may roster (20) players, including goaltenders. The maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers, shall not exceed 18. Adult Division classification teams may register (25) players.~~ A limit of twenty (20) players at any one time may be registered per team. The maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers, shall not exceed 18. Except for high school, girls' high school, college and women's college which may roster 30 players and may dress 20 players and, adult and women's teams which may roster 25 players and may dress 20. Post-season (spring/summer) teams, formed to play between the end of the last USA Hockey Youth/Girls National Championship and August 31, to have a limit of twenty-five (25) players on a roster and may dress twenty (20) players per game.

Effective Date of Rule: 7/12/2015

Reason For Change: Align with the USA Hockey rule on page 127 of the Annual Guide. Additionally the MAHA Annual Guide does not have roster limits for high school. USA Hockey rule- A limit of twenty (20) players at any one time may be registered per team except for high school, girls' high school, college and women's college which may roster 30 players and may dress 20 players and, adult and women's teams which may roster 25 players and may dress 20 players (see Section XI: Junior Hockey for junior roster limits). Affiliates may allow their post-season (spring/summer) teams, formed to play between the end of the last USA Hockey Youth/Girls National Championship and August 31, to have a limit of twenty-five (25) players on a roster and may dress twenty (20) players per game.

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Submitted by: **Bob DeSpirt**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Registration and Rostering: Participants and Teams**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

FAILED
1/24/15

RULE NO. **II O.3. (a) (1)** PAGE NO. 22

Current Rule Reads:

When then player’s intent is to play for her youth team but would also like to participate with a rostered girls team for tournament play (limited to two tournaments per season excluding state tournament). Female players who wish to dual roster under this condition must request permission to roster with the girls team by notifying the Vice-President of Girls/Women in writing and provide a letter of support from the coach of her youth team and the coach of the girls team prior to the request being considered by the MAHA Girls/Women committee.....

Revise As Follows:

When the female player’s intent is to play for her youth team but would also like to participate with a **Michigan** rostered girls team for tournament play (limited to two tournaments per season excluding state tournament). Female players who wish to dual roster under this condition must request permission to roster with the girls team by notifying the Vice-President of Girls/Women in writing and provide a letter of support from the coach of her youth team and the coach of the girls team prior to the request being considered by the MAHA Girls/Women committee.....

Effective Date of Rule: **July 12, 2015**

Reason For Change:

The intent of this rule when it was placed in the guidebook was to help grow the MAHA girls teams by giving females playing on a youth roster the opportunity to participate with the girls in the hope that they would roster with the girls in the future. This rostering exception for two tournaments should be for girls to play with Michigan teams for tournaments.

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Submitted by: **Jean Laxton**

District Director: **VP girls/women**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 10

SUBJECT: Tier I and Tier II tryout dates

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

FAILED
1/24/15

RULE NO. II. R. (new section) PAGE NO. 22

Current Rule Reads:

None.

Revise As Follows:

1. For all age groups that do not participate in the National Tournament (e.g., Bantam Minor year), Tier I tryouts for the Post Season or following Regular (Winter) Season (e.g., Bantam Major year) may not begin until the Monday following the completion of State Playoffs for that age group.
2. For all age groups that participate in the National Tournament (e.g., Bantam Major year), Tier I tryouts for the Post Season or following Regular (Winter) Season (e.g., U15 or U16) may not begin until the Monday following the completion of National Tournament for that age group.
3. No Tier II tryouts for the Post Season or following Regular (Winter) Season may begin until 10 days after the first available date for Tier I tryouts for that age group.
4. For age groups that do not have Tier I available, but the age group participates in State Playoffs, Tier II tryouts for the Post Season or following Regular (Winter) Season may not begin until the Monday following the completion of State Playoffs for that age group.
5. For age groups that do not have Tier I available and the age group does not participate in State Playoffs, Tier II tryouts for the Post Season or following Regular (Winter) Season may not begin until March 15.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: To provide structure to tryout schedules to prevent tryouts from occurring prior to the completion of State Playoffs or the National Tournament or for younger teams, the current Season; and to provide Tier II players an opportunity to tryout for Tier I teams before Tier II tryouts take place.

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Submitted by: **Todd Shoudy**

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 12

SUBJECT: **Adding and Dropping Players From Rosters**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

FAILED
1/24/15

RULE NO. **II. R** PAGE NO. **22**

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

During the season, teams may add additional players to their roster, providing they do not exceed the roster limits, by processing a supplemented roster. Any player who has not been previously rostered with another team during that season is eligible for game play immediately upon the certification of the roster. Any player who was previously on any USA Hockey roster during that season must wait 72 hours from the time the roster is certified until they become eligible to participate in games.

Effective Date of Rule: 7/12/15

Reason For Change: Clarify 72 hour waiting rule.

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Submitted by: **George Atkinson**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 13

FAILED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **New League Certification**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IX. I** PAGE NO. **34**

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

To be a League within MAHA, an organization must receive approval and recognition from the MAHA Executive Board with input from the affected District Council prior to beginning operation. To receive recognition a new league must:

1. Present and receive approval of League Bylaws
2. Execute and meet all the requirements of the MAHA Affiliate Agreement
3. Provide compelling evidence of need or demographics to demonstrate a need for the new league

Effective Date of Rule: 7/12/15

Reason For Change: New leagues need to have an approval process similar to associations. That process needs to be complete before they start operations.

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Submitted by: **George Atkinson**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 14

FAILED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier II Classification**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI. L. 2 .h.** (Tier 2/Girls 10-19u) PAGE NO. **28 letter h**

Current Rule Reads:

Teams shall be registered in the age classification in which they participate for league play.

Revise As Follows:

Strike letter h and end rule with letter g.

Effective Date of Rule: July 2015

Reason For Change:

The LCMGHL balances their league with skill appropriate teams at the various age levels and in some cases the skill level is not necessarily the same as the roster classification. This rule inhibits the ability for a team to be in compliance if they are rostered at an age classification that is not at the skill level of the team.

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Submitted by: **Jean Laxton**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 16

RULED OUT
OF ORDER
1/24/15

SUBJECT:

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE
(OUT OF ORDER AMENDING TEXT THAT IS OBSOLETE THIS JULY.)

RULE NO. VI.M.1.f.(2) PAGE NO. 28

Current Rule Reads:

Bantam Major may move up to Midget Minor. Midget Minor may move up to Midget Major

Revise As Follows:

Bantam Major may move up to Midget Minor 15. Midget Minor 15 may move up to Midget Minor 16. Midget Minor 16 may move up to Midget Major 17 & 18. If an organization does not have a Midget Minor 15 team then Bantam Major players can move up to the Midget Minor 16 team.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: To change the wording of the classifications to the be consistent with the recognized Tier I classifications that begin September 1, 2015 and to include Midget Minor 15 in the player movement.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

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Submitted by: Lyle Phair

District Director: Kim Gearn

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 18

FAILED
1/24/15

SUBJECT:

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI. M. 1. i.

PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

None

Revise As Follows:

If meeting all other requirements to do so, MAHA approved Tier I organizations may also have teams at the Tier II classification, but those teams shall not use the same team names and team uniforms used by the Tier I teams in the organization so as not to give the appearance that they are Tier I teams. Team names and team uniforms must clearly delineate that the Tier II teams are different than the Tier I teams in the organization using different colors, names and logos.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: It is unfair for hockey associations with teams at the Tier II level to have to compete at that level with teams using the same uniforms and team names used by organizations at the Tier I level. Tier I organizations have the ability to entice or attract players from Tier II hockey in order for those players to compete on teams at the higher Tier I level. Tier I organizations should not have the competitive advantage of using the Tier I identity or brand to form their teams that compete at the Tier II classification.

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Submitted by: Lyle Phair

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 19

**RULED OUT
OF ORDER
1/24/15**

SUBJECT: **INDEPENDENT TEAMS**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI. M. 1. B.** PAGE NO. **28**

Current Rule Reads:

b. Independent teams who play more than 30% of their games by February 1st against Tier 1 teams will be considered Tier I.

Revise As Follows:

b. ~~Independent teams who play more than 30% of their games by February 1st against Tier 1 teams will be considered Tier I.~~

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change:

Rule no longer applies. MAHA does not have independent teams.

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Submitted by: **Larry Johnson**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 **23**

FAILED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Division Classifications – League Play**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI. M. 3. a.** PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

Any team which plays in a declared A league and any independent team registered as an A team.

Revise As Follows:

Any team which plays in a declared A league and any team playing an independent schedule, registered as an A team.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: There is no rule that requires a team to play in a league.

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Submitted by: **James F. Cosgrove**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

FAILED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Out of District Restrictions**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI.M.1.d new (3) effective Sept. 1** PAGE NO. **29**

Current Rule Reads:

(3) Tier I organizations are limited to (10) non-Michigan players per organization with no more than (6) non-Michigan players on any one team.

Revise As Follows:

(3) Tier I organizations are limited to (10) non-Michigan players per organization with no more than (6) non-Michigan players on any one team. **Players in neighboring states to Michigan and within 35 miles of the border, as evidenced by Google Maps, will be judged to be with in State.**

Effective Date of Rule: 07/12/2015

Reason For Change:

All for players to play in the rink closest to their residency if they desire.

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Submitted by: **John Kay**

District Director: **Doug Diroff**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 28

FAILED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **ELIGIBILITY FOR DISTRICT AND STATE PLAYOFFS**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X. Para C.** PAGE NO. 34

Current Rule Reads:

C. Any team may apply to the State Playoff Committee for the granting or waiver of an exception to the eligibility rules set forth herein. The request for exception must be in writing and it must first be submitted to the District Council (by November 15) for the District in which the team is registered. The request for exception must be acted upon by the District Council and its actions evidenced by written endorsement upon the team request. The request must be submitted to the State Playoff Committee at its December meeting. No exceptions will be considered by the State Playoff Committee after this date. The decision of the State Playoff Committee is final and cannot be appealed.

Revise As Follows:

C. All **recreational house teams** may apply to the State Playoff Committee for the granting or waiver of an exception to the eligibility rules set forth herein. The request for exception must be in writing and it must first be submitted to the District Council (by November 15) for the District in which the team is registered. The request for exception must be acted upon by the District Council and its actions evidenced by written endorsement upon the team request. The request must be submitted to the State Playoff Committee at its December meeting. No exceptions will be considered by the State Playoff Committee after this date. The decision of the State Playoff Committee is final and cannot be appealed.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2105

Reason For Change:

Clarification of the rules

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Bob Yohe USAH Registrar MI**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 29

WITHDRAWN
1/24/15

SUBJECT: Game Requirements for District/State Eligibility

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. X.H.1.a, X.H.1.b PAGE NO. 35

Current Rule Reads:

1. Number of Games for Eligibility
a. Individual players must participate in ten (10) USA Hockey sanctioned games before the earliest of February 1st or before the regularly scheduled first game of District Playoffs with the team for which they will participate in District and State Playoffs. **Players on teams in classifications that do not have District Playoffs have until their first game of State Playoffs to reach (10) games.**

Revise As Follows:

1. Number of Games for Eligibility
a. Individual players must participate in ten (10) USA Hockey sanctioned games before February 1st. District games cannot be included in the number of games for eligibility.

AMENDMENT: FAILED

a. Individual players must participate in ten (10) USA Hockey sanctioned games before ~~the earliest of~~ February 1st. District games cannot be included in the number of games for eligibility. ~~or before the regularly scheduled first game of District Playoffs with the team for which they will participate in District and State Playoffs.~~ **Players on teams in classifications that do not have District Playoffs have until their first game of State Playoffs to reach (10) games.**

Effective Date of Rule: 7/30/2015

Reason For Change:

This brings requirements for game count deadline in line with USA Hockey, eliminates exceptions that have very little use and levels the playing field for all divisions (i.e. some divisions consistently have until February 1 or State Game to get their count).

This will also make credentialing easier at districts.

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Submitted by: Task Force 2018

District Director: Kim Gearn

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 30

FAILED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Game Requirements for District/State Eligibility**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X.H.1.b** PAGE NO. **35**

Current Rule Reads:

- 1. Number of Games for Eligibility
- b. In order to qualify for State Playoffs, a team must play at least twenty (20) games in its classification before the earliest of February 1st or before the regularly scheduled first game of District Playoffs, except for Girl's Classification teams, which must play at least fourteen (14) games in their classification before February 1st.

Revise As Follows:

- 1. Number of Games for Eligibility
- b. In order to qualify for State Playoffs, a team must play at least twenty (20) games in its classification before March 1st except for Girl's Classification teams, which must play at least fourteen (14) games in their classification before March 1st. District playdown games cannot be included in the count of number of games for eligibility.

Effective Date of Rule: 7/12/2015

Reason For Change:

This brings requirements for game count in line with USA Hockey (third Sunday in March), eliminates exceptions that have very little use and levels the playing field for all divisions (i.e. some divisions consistently have until February 1 to get their count).

This will also make credentialing easier at districts.

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- 4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Task Force 2018**

District Director: **Kim Gears**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

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*Ruled Out of Order
1/24/15*

SUBJECT: **Registration and Rostering:**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II, C** PAGE NO. 21

Current Rule Reads:

C.The Regular season shall be September 1 to April 30 and the Post Season shall be April 1 through August 31. Players and coaches may be signed to a roster prior to the start of the season, August 15th for the regular season and March 15th for the Post Season. However, the roster shall not take effect until the first day of the regular or post season and it receives certification from the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar. Players who are rostered on a team that is still active in the current season, may not sign another team’s roster for an upcoming regular season or post season until the team they are on has completed their season.

Revise As Follows:

C. The Regular season shall be September 1 to April 30 and the Post Season shall be April 1 through August 31. **Split Season shall be August 1 to April 30. Players and coaches may be signed to a roster prior to the start of the season, July 15th for Split Season, August 15th for Regular Season and March 15th for Post Season. However the roster shall not take effect until the first day of the Split Season, Regular or Post season and it receives certification by the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar.** Players who are rostered on a Regular season team that is still active in the current season may not be assigned to another team for another team until the team they are on has completed their season. **Players on Split Season teams that are dormant may roster on another team during the regular season but cannot participate in Districts if their split season team is advancing to the State Championships.**

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change:

To include dates and instructions for split season hockey.

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Submitted by: **Bob Yohe USAH Registrar for MI**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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