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UAHA Policies and Procedures

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UAHA STATE PLAYOFFS

- 1.1** This document is the official procedure for the Utah Tier Youth State Championships. The winner of this tournament is declared the Utah State Champion and will qualify to play at the next step of the national playoffs as defined by USA Hockey.

USA Hockey Rules and Regulations shall govern all games. No protests shall be permitted on the playing rules.

The STATE TOURNAMENT will be an annual event that must be completed not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the first day of the National Championships and shall not interfere with Presidents Day and Martin Luther King weekend tournaments. The Tier Committee will create the State Playoff schedule and will procure ice, contract for referees, scorekeepers and clock operators. The Tier Representative for UAHA will serve as Tournament Director during the State Games.

1.2 Eligibility for Tier State Playoffs

Tier teams must be eligible for Tier Utah State Playoffs in order to be considered eligible for District or National Playoffs. To be eligible to enter State Playoffs teams must abide by the following:

- A. Teams must submit a preliminary declaration of intent to the Tier Committee by November 1st. Entry fee (defined below) must be received by the Tier Committee no later than December 31st and is non-refundable after ice is procured and officials are set for games.
- B. Each Tier team must be properly registered as a Tier I or Tier II Team by December 31st of the current playing season to be eligible to compete in the Utah State Playoffs.
- C. Starting in the 2013-2014 season the *selection process* will only apply to teams that are registered as Tier I or Tier II and have consistently played in tournaments and games equal to that classification. Each team must also have a Certified Team Roster approved by the USA Hockey District Registrar by December 31st of the current season. The approved roster will meet the *selection process* criteria.

Each Tier team must have competed in two (2) games (home and home) with each of the other Tier teams of the same Division Classification (Tier I or Tier II) and age classification within the state before the UAHA State Playoffs. If more games are played only the final two games between teams count toward State Playoff tournament

seeding using USA Hockey rules. Games shall begin with a maximum of a 5 minute warm up with 13-minute stop time periods with a third period curfew if needed. Games ending as a tie in regulation shall finish as a tie. Ice resurfacing is not required.

- D. For these games, points shall be awarded as 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss. Seeding shall be based on total points accumulated.

If after home and home games are completed, and ties based upon points have occurred, the tie shall be broken (applicable to all tied teams) by following the most current USA Hockey Annual Guide, each team will be awarded three points for a win in regulation, two points for a win in overtime or shootout, one point for a loss in overtime or shootout and zero points for a loss in regulation. The tie-breaker formulas are (a) standings, (b) most total wins, (c) differential in goals against from goals scored, (d) quotient by dividing goals scored by the goals scored against, (e) most periods won, (f) quickest first goal.

- E. Each Tier team must have competed in twenty (20) games in its Division Classification prior to district or national championships (i.e. Tier II teams must play 20 games against Tier II teams).
- F. Each player must have competed in ten (10) games while being a properly registered member of that Team in that Division Classification prior to district or national championships.
- G. UAHA State Playoffs may be used to meet the youth 20/10 or girls' 14/10 game rule for district or national playoffs.

1.3 Tier State Playoffs – Rules and Regulations

The UAHA State Playoffs shall be under the supervision and control of the respective Tier Committee who shall be the final authority.

- A. Each Tier Association must notify the UAHA Tier Representative in writing of their intent to enter the UAHA State Playoffs no later than November 1st of the current playing season using the attached form.
- B. If a Team wins the UAHA State Playoffs and fails to participate in the District or National Championships, the respective Tier Committee may request the UAHA disciplinary committee to hold a hearing to determine what penalties may apply to the Team, association, association officials and possibly association players. Penalties may include suspensions and/or monetary payment. All teams must abide by the game requirements set forth in this document.

UAHA Tier Committee will determine playoff teams and seeding based on games played within state with other Tier teams of the same Division Classification.

C. Required Credentials – Each Team entering the UAHA State Playoffs is required to furnish to the Tier Committee the following items:

1. Certified Team Roster (1-T), which has been approved (signed by the USA Hockey District Registrar) no later than December 31st of the current season.
2. USA Hockey Consent to Treat Form for all players, coaches and managers.
3. Copy of the Coaching Education Program certifications for all coaches for the Division classification. A copy of the coaches' certifications with age specific modules can be printed from the USA Hockey website.

D. Substitute Goalkeepers – All teams must compete with two goalies on their roster. A Team may pick up a substitute goalie from within its own Association if it does not already have a spare goalie registered. The substitute goalie must be registered in the current season on a Team of equal or lower age classification and equal or lower Division Classification. A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in the case of injury to the regular goalie. If a Team elects this method for a substitute goalie, the Team may allow only 19 players to participate in the UAHA State Playoffs at a time so as not to exceed the maximum number of players allowed.

E. Forfeiting a Game – A Team forfeiting a UAHA State Playoff Game will be required to pay for all expenses, including, but not limited to all referees fees, scorekeeper fees, and all ice costs for each forfeited Game. The Tier Committee may impose further penalties within its discretion. In the event of exceptional circumstances, the forfeit(s) may be appealed to the Tier Representative and two other members of the UAHA State Board and the Game(s) may be ordered replayed if the appeal is upheld.

F. Protests – Protests on all matters other than playing rules and/or referees judgment must be filed with the Tournament Director in writing no later than two hours after completion of the Game involved. Written protests must contain all the facts and UAHA officials must be notified at the time of protest so that it may be announced to appropriate involved association officials and teams. A protest involving the judgment call of a referee will not be considered!

G. Referees – All playoff Games must be officiated by registered referees in good standing with UAHA.

- H. Discipline – Any player or Team official receiving a Game(s) suspension during the UAHA State Playoffs (Game misconduct, etc) must serve the suspension during the next Game(s) of that UAHA State Playoff.
- I. Authority of UAHA Tier Representative and Referees – In all State playoffs the qualified and designed referees shall have sole authority of and responsibility for the enforcement and interpretation of the playing rules on the ice except as provided herein. The UAHA shall have authority and responsibility for all off ice rules and regulations enforcement. The Tournament Director shall have the authority, with the advice of the referee, to terminate play, determine resurfacing as set for in these rules, and to decide if a Game must be replayed and the manner of replay.

1.4 **Playing Rules**

All USA Hockey Playing Rules shall prevail.

- A. Uniform Colors – The Home Team shall wear Light/White jersey. The Visiting Team shall wear Dark/Colored jerseys in all Games. The higher seeded Team will be the Home Team. The Tournament Director will handle all disputes. Each Team entered in the State Playoffs must be fully uniformed with all players having jerseys of the same color. All players must have a number on their jersey per USA Hockey rules governing Uniforms.
- B. Time of Periods – Length of periods and time outs
 - 1. Youth 18 or under: Tier I & Tier II – 17 Minute stop clock
 - 2. Youth 14 or under: Tier I & Tier II – 16 Minute stop clock

One time-out will be allowed per team, per game for each age classification. Time-outs will be one minute in duration. If the one allotted time-out is not used through the third period and the game goes into overtime, the single time-out can be used in the overtime period.

- C. Resurfacing – For all Tier I and Tier II- U16 and U18, the ice shall be resurfaced before the start of each Game and at least every two periods. A 15 minute break after the second period will be used for each team to leave the ice for their respective locker rooms to allow for the ice make. For U14, the ice will be resurfaced, at a minimum, before each Game.
- D. Overtime – For all Tier I & Tier II Divisions, if a game is undecided following the end of regulation time during round-robin playoff games, one (1) five-minute sudden death overtime period will be played as follows:

1. At the completion of the third period, Teams will receive a three-minute rest period (no resurface)
 2. The Teams shall not switch ends
 3. If the score is tied at the end of the sudden death overtime period, each Team will receive one point in the standings.
 4. If a goal is scored in the sudden death overtime period, the Team scoring the goal will receive two points and the losing Team will receive one point.
 5. If no goal is scored in the overtime period, there will be a shootout.
- E. Shootout –Tier I & Tier II Divisions, if a game remains undecided following the end of regulation time and overtime during round-robin playoff games, a shootout will be conducted as follows:
1. The referee shall call the two captains to the referee's crease to flip a coin to determine which team shoots first in the shootout. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether his/her team will shoot first or second.
 2. All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
 3. Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout process.
 4. The shootout procedure shall begin with five different individual shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand.
 5. The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
 6. The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.
 7. If after the shootout, the shootout score is still tied, there will be a sudden death shootout.

- F. *Sudden Death Shootout* – Tier I & Tier II Divisions, if a game remains undecided following the end of shootout in round-robin playoff games, a sudden death shootout will be conducted. A sudden death shootout is defined as each team attempting a shot. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shootout.
1. Teams will select their shooters to participate in sudden death shootout, whether or not they shot in the previous round.
 2. All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
 3. Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).
 4. Players in a sudden death shootout shall not be allowed to take another shot until four additional shooters have completed their attempts.
 5. The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
 6. The official scorekeeper shall record all shots taken indicating the saves and goals scored.
- G. *All Games are played to a Winner.*

1.5 Format

- A. Any Division with two (2) teams will play a best out of three series. The first team to win two games (all games must be played to a conclusion, no ties) will be declared State Tier I or Tier II Champion. The third scheduled game in this division will NOT be played if it is not needed to declare a Champion.
- B. Any Division with three (3), four (4), or five (5) teams will play a single round robin. The two teams with the greatest number of points at the conclusion of the round robin may play a single game to decide a State Champion. The team with the most points after the single round robin will be the HOME team in the championship game and the team with the second highest point total will be the VISITOR. If one or more teams are tied at the end of round robin play, the tie breaking formula outlined in the most current USA Hockey Annual Guide will be used to break the tie and declare which team advances.
- C. Any Division with six (6) or more teams will be split into two divisions and will play a single round robin of three games. The four teams with the greatest number of points

at the end of the single round robin will advance to play in a semi-final round. The number 1 seed will play the number 4 seed and the number 2 seed will play the number 3 seed. The number 1 and number 2 teams will be the home teams.

If one or more teams are tied at the end of round robin play, the tie breaking formula as outlined in the most current USA Hockey Annual Guide will be used to break the tie(s) and declare which teams will advance. Each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win in regulation two (2) points for a win in overtime or shootout, one (1) point for a loss in overtime or shootout and zero (0) points for a loss in regulation. The tie-breaker formulas are (a) standings, (b) most total wins, (c) differential in goals against from goals scored with a maximum 7 goals per game, (d) quotient by dividing goals scored by the goals scored against, (e) most periods won, (f) quickest first goal.

1.6 Referees

The Utah Supervisor of Officials shall appoint a Referee-in-Chief for all State Playoff Games. The UAHA shall pay referee fees for all State Playoffs for which a fee is collected. The Referee-in-Chief must attend as many games as possible. All Playoff Games must be officiated by referees that hold at least a Level-3 classification. The three-person officiating system shall be used for the Tier II games. A four-person officiating system may be used for Tier I.

1.7 Disciplinary Committee

The Discipline Committee shall be composed of three (3) people appointed by the UAHA State Board prior to the first UAHA Playoff game. No two members shall come from the same Association.

- A. The Discipline Committee shall be responsible for deciding any actions, suspensions or otherwise to be taken against a player or Team official receiving a match penalty or Game misconduct.
- B. The Discipline Committee shall have full authority to waive suspensions imposed. No player or Team official shall be suspended from participation in the remaining games unless he/she has appeared before the Discipline Committee and been given the opportunity to relate his/her version of the incident. (Note: Per USA Hockey rules, the suspension of the Head Coach for 15 penalties in a Game cannot be waived).
- C. Any player or Team official receiving a game(s) suspension during the State Playoffs (Game misconduct, etc.) which is upheld by the Discipline Committee must serve the suspension according the rules set forth in this document.

1.8 Entry Fees

Rates will be based on cost of ice and officials per hour x number of games needed/number of teams. The Tier Representative will present to each organization the total cost of the playoffs after all invoices have been received and calculated the cost per team/organization.

1.8 Awards

After the final championship game has been completed both teams will line up for a center ice handshake. Each team will remain on the ice after completion of the handshake.

Both teams will line up on the blue-line and their names will be called individually to receive their award. The second place team will be presented with their awards first and may leave the ice after receiving awards. The championship team will then be presented with their awards.

Awards will be provided by UAHA. No state championship or runner-up awards (including banners) may be provided without prior written approval from UAHA.