

### **13. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS [Revised and Updated]**

A. Tournament Guidebook and Additional Tournament Regulations. All Pre-Sectional, Sectional, Playoff and District championship tournaments shall be conducted pursuant to (i) the USA Hockey District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook, as same may be amended from time to time by USA Hockey (the “Tournament Guidebook”); and (ii) the additional Tournament Regulations provided below as initially authorized by the NYS Hockey Board, as same may be ratified and thereafter amended from time to time, which shall apply to and override the provisions contained in the Tournament Guidebook (in the event of a conflict, this Rule 13 shall prevail over the Tournament Guidebook).

B. Authorization by the Membership. The Board was authorized by the Membership, for the 2015-2016 season, to determine those provisions of former NYS Hockey Rule 13 to be retained and implemented with the Tournament Guidebook for the 2015-2016 season. These additional Tournament Regulations shall be presented for ratification by the Membership at the 2016 NYS Hockey Annual Meeting. Changes to NYS Hockey Rule 13 after the 2015-2016 season shall be made pursuant to the amending procedures set forth in the NYS Hockey Bylaws and Rules.

C. Additional Tournament Regulations Authorized by The NYS Hockey Board for the 2015-2016 Season.

#### 1. Tournament Organization.

(a) Jurisdiction. NYS Hockey Officers, in all matters pertaining to tournament play, shall have the power to adjust tournament-related matters at any time in the best interest of the tournament and ice hockey.

(b) Tournament Chairperson. The Tournament Chairperson shall be a disinterested person with respect to the teams competing in the tournament, including the host team, and cannot be the coach, assistant coach, manager, other team official, or an immediate family member of a player on a competing team.

(c) Assignment of Officials. The NYS Hockey Tournament Director will assure that the NY Referee-in-Chief and his Supervisors have properly assigned referees and linesmen to each tournament game.

(d) Player Discipline Committee. All disciplinary action taken by the Discipline Committee shall be reported to: (i) the home Association of the team(s) involved for any further action at their discretion; (ii) the Player Discipline Committee of the National Championship accompanied by its recommendation if it involved the Regional winner; (iii) the NYS Hockey Tournament Director; (iv) the NY Referee-in-Chief; and (v) the offender’s Section President.

(d) Eligibility at Nationals. The National Championship Player Discipline Committee shall be sole authority in determining the eligibility of the individual(s) for the National Championships.

#### (e) Awards.

(i) The host Association will provide individual awards for the first place and runner up teams. Awards selected should be appropriate for the high level of accomplishment for which they are being awarded;

(ii) NYS Hockey will provide the NYS Hockey Championship patch for each individual member of the winning team, which will be a standard NYS Hockey-designed patch

purchased through the NYS Hockey Tournament Director, and the championship patches will be mailed to the Tournament Chairpersons;

(iii) NYS Hockey will provide a NYS Hockey Championship Banner and Paul Furman Championship trophy for the championship team and a runner-up team trophy, and the banners and trophies will be mailed to the Tournament Chairpersons; and

(iv) Duplicate Banners may be requested from the NYS Hockey Tournament Director, in writing, from the championship team's Association. All requests shall be on Association stationery and signed by its President, and the requesting Association will be responsible for all costs to reproduce and ship the duplicate Banner.

## 2. Tournament Rules and Procedures.

(a) Rule Interpretation. (i) Inquiries regarding the interpretation of Tournament Rules and Regulations or Procedures must be placed through the NYS Hockey Tournament Director; and (ii) inquiries regarding the interpretation of Game Rules must be directed to the Supervisor of Officials responsible in the Section in which the games are being played.

(b) Rule Review. The NYS Hockey Tournament Director will meet, if requested, or have a representative meet with each Tournament committee and participants preceding the tournament to review rules and regulations.

(c) Association Participation In Section Competition. Only one team from each age classification may represent an Association as a participant in a State Tournament. For High School Club hockey only, one team per school may participate in a NYS Hockey State Tournament.

(d) Section Competition for Entrants into State Tournaments. Each Section shall employ either a Playdown or a Sectional Tournament to determine the participants and seeding of said participants from the Section for the respective State Tournament. Playdowns and Sectional Tournaments are to end no less than two weekends, twelve (12) days, prior to the State Tournament, with the exception of High School, which will be no less than one (1) weekend prior to the State Tournament. The respective Section President will notify the NYS Hockey Tournament Director as soon as they know their representative(s) to State Tournaments. No team shall be deemed seeded in their respective State Tournament until the Tournament Chairperson has been notified by the NYS Hockey Tournament Director of their position.

(e) Tournament Rosters. The Sectional Tournament Chairperson is responsible for sending the rosters of the qualifying teams to the NYS Hockey Tournament Director immediately upon the completion of the Sectional Tournament. The NYS Hockey Tournament Director shall supply the Sectional Tournament Chairperson with proper information to do so. The Sectional Tournament Chairperson is also responsible for notifying the NYS Hockey Tournament Director, by phone, of the results of the Sectional Tournament.

(f) Authorized Participants. Only those people whose names are on the USA Hockey Player Roster Form shall be allowed on or near the players' bench during Playdowns, Pre-Sectional, Sectional, and State Tournaments.

(g) Seeding and Elimination Games.

(i) Whenever there are only two (2) teams vying for a berth or berths, in either a State tournament or a USA Hockey National tournament, a two (2) game home and home series shall be played to determine the seeding and/or entrant in said tournaments. A full fifteen (15) minute mini-game, (and not sudden death), shall be played right after the second game if the two teams are tied in points. If there is no winner of the mini-game, a shootout, as outlined in the

Tournament Guidebook, shall take place to determine the winner. Neutral on-ice officials, assigned by the Section Referee Supervisor, are to be used for these games; and

(ii) A complete credentials check done either jointly or by a neutral party must be done before the start of the first game. Note: a Discipline Committee (consisting of three members) must be set up before the first game, and all matters requiring a Discipline Committee hearing must be held at the conclusion of the game in which the infraction occurred. The two-game home and home series in this paragraph may be replaced by a single game if the two Associations involved agree to a single-game determination, including the time and place where such single-game will be played, and if the Section President approves of the single-game as being fair and unbiased to both teams.

(h) Coaches' Communication. For games leading up to and including State Tournament games, the use of head phones or other similar devices to communicate to people on the players' bench is prohibited unless the conferees are both carded coaches and are listed on the USA Hockey Player Roster Form.

(i) Tournament Director and Chairperson Authority. The NYS Hockey Tournament Director and, by his delegation, the Tournament Chairperson, shall have the authority to exclude and/or limit the presence at or the use of any artificial noise-making devices, except for those required to control the play of the game.

(j) Tiebreaking Rules. The Tiebreaking Rules to determine standings position will apply to Youth, Girls'/Women's, High School Varsity, Inter-League play, and qualify games (Q-games), that lead directly to qualifying for the State Tournaments. As provided in the Tournament Guidebook, the tiebreaking rules apply as follows: If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tiebreaking format. If one tiebreaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tiebreaking process over again at step 1. (*If all tied teams have not played each other, then proceed to step 2. Note: a team may go into the tiebreaking process having defeated another of the tied teams and still not advance*). Consult the Tournament Guidebook for the tiebreaker formulas.