



December 16, 2015

THE FOLLOWING (19) RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTING AT THE JANUARY, 2016 MAHA WINTER MEETING.

ONE (1) LATE PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED. THIS REQUIRES A THREE-QUARTERS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

THESE PROPOSALS REQUIRE A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE AT THE WINTER MEETING TO BE SENT FORWARD TO THE MAHA SUMMER MEETING.

A TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE AT THE SUMMER MEETING IS REQUIRED FOR A PROPOSAL SENT FORWARD TO RECEIVE APPROVAL.



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: REVISE MAHA BUDGET APPROVAL MEETING

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. ByLaw 5, C. 9. D. PAGE NO. 15

Current Rule Reads:

BYLAW 5: GOVERNMENT

C. Powers and Duties of the Officers of the Association

9. Treasurer

- d. Shall present to the Executive Committee at the beginning of each fiscal year a budget for the upcoming year. This budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at the Summer meeting.

Revise As Follows:

D. Powers and Duties of the Officers of the Association

10. Treasurer

- e. Shall present to the Executive Committee at the beginning of each fiscal year a budget for the upcoming year. This budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at the **Winter** meeting.

Effective Date of Rule: **7/10/16**

Reason For Change: The MAHA fiscal year now ends in April and will need budget approval prior to the new fiscal year.

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

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
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Submitted by: **Kerin Wear - Secretary**

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Definition of an Association**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **I.B. 4. (b)** PAGE NO. **20**

Current Rule Reads:

- (a) An USA Hockey approved Skills Development Program with a minimum of 6 players the first year and a minimum of 15 players by the third year of existence and continue to support its existence to nurture the game of youth hockey.
- (b) A house program with a minimum of three drafted B teams. Only Association B/BB teams are eligible for leagues, invitational tournaments, District and State Playoff play.
- (c)
- (d)

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- (c)
- (d)

Effective Date of Rule: 7/10/2016

Reason For Change:

Associations which are demonstrating trying to grow the game by introducing new players to the game should not be penalized if they do not have sufficient players to field three house teams.

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Submitted by: **District 4 Council**

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

X MAHA USA X CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. II Paragraph 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. Spring/Summer season shall be April 1 through August 31. Pre/Post season type will be used by all Split Season and Pre Season High school teams and their season shall run from August 1 to November 15. Rosters may be submitted up to 14 days prior to the beginning of the appropriate season. However, the roster, once approved by the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar, shall not take effect until the first day of the Regular, Pre/Post or the Spring/Summer season and it receives certification from the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar. Players who are rostered on a team still active in the current season, may not sign another team's roster for an upcoming regular season or spring/summer season team until the team they are on has completed their season. Pre/Post split season teams that have qualified for the State Championships will have the team roster suspended from the completion of the split season playoffs until the MHSAA championships have completed. Rosters of these teams will then be reactivated for the State and National Championships. All split season teams that do not qualify for the State Championships are considered as having a completed season and the players are released. No release paperwork is required for these players.

Effective Date of Rule: July 10,2016

Reason For Change:

Update the season requirements

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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

RULE NO. **II. paragraph 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 classification Invitational Tournament, Pre/Post and Regular season type, team may roster (20) players, including goaltenders. The maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers, shall not exceed 18. Spring/Summer type teams formed to play between the end of the last USA Hockey Youth/Girls National Championship and August 31, have a limit of twenty-five players on a roster and may dress twenty (20) players per game. Adult classification teams may roster twenty five (25) players during any season.

Effective Date of Rule: July 10, 2016

Reason For Change:

To bring us inline with the USA Hockey rule

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Registering and Rostering

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. II. O. 3. (2) PAGE NO. 22

Current Rule Reads:

A female player playing on a youth B team may dual roster on a girl's house recreational team within the same association. In the absence of a girls team in their Youth B team association a female player may roster on a girls house recreational team that is offered in another local association. Under these circumstances the female player is limited to 20 games in the girls house recreational team and the games played will be included in the game count as it applies for all youth classifications. Any requests for a waiver shall be submitted to the state playoff committee for approval.

Revise As Follows:

A female player playing on a youth B team may dual roster on a girl's house **recreational** team within the same association. In the absence of a girls team in their Youth B team association a female player may roster on a girls house **recreational** team that is offered in another local association. Under these circumstances the female player is limited to **(20) 10** games on the girls **house recreational** team and the games played will be included in the game count as it applies for all youth classifications. **Any requests for a waiver shall be submitted to the state playoff committee for approval. These games shall not include state playoffs.**

Effective Date of Rule: July 10, 2016

Reason for change: The intent of the rule is to allow females playing on boy's primary rosters to experience playing on a girls' team. The ability to play on an all-girls team for 10 games is sufficient and does not create a potential issue with game count.

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Submitted by: Girls'/Women's Committee

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Clarify U15 Category

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI.M.1.d.(2) PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

(2) Each Tier I Organizations must have teams at the following recognized AAA levels: Pee Wee Minor & Major, Bantam Minor & Major, Midget Minor 15, Midget Minor 16 and Midget Major 17 & 18. Organizations wishing to apply without a full complement of teams may do so, but must provide a 5-year plan that demonstrates a sustainable program working towards having teams at all the recognized levels.

Revise As Follows:

(2) Each Tier I Organizations must have teams at the following recognized AAA levels: Pee Wee Minor & Major, Bantam Minor & Major, Midget Minor 15, Midget Minor 16 and Midget Major 17 & 18. **The U15 category is to include only those players who are under 15 years of age on December 31.** Organizations wishing to apply without a full complement of teams may do so, but must provide a 5-year plan that demonstrates a sustainable program working towards having teams at all the recognized levels.

Effective Date of Rule: 7/10/2016

Reason For Change:

Have the U15 category be for U15 players only.

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Submitted by: **Mike Henry**

District Director: **Chris Boloven**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: TIER 1 ORGANIZATIONS GAME REQUIREMENTS

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV, M, g PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

Each Maha Tier 1 organization must play the other Maha Tier 1 organizations 2 games per season 1 home and 1 away, Excluding tournaments

Revise As Follows:

Each Maha Tier 1 organization must play the other Maha Tier 1 organizations 4 games per season 2 home and 2 away.

Effective Date of Rule: 7/10/2016

Reason For Change:

To take better advantage of the competitive nature of the Michigan AAA market, to drive down travel cost and increase home games within organizations.

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Submitted by: John Kay, Tom Berry, Kris Draper, Dwayne Norris, Mike Slobodnik, Bill Smith, Mike Kaunisto

District Director: **Bill Smith**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **NON-VARSITY HIGH SCHOOL – OUT OF DISTRICT PLAYERS**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI. K. 5.** PAGE NO. **27**

Current Rule Reads:

5. Division 1 teams may not have more than three (3) players who reside outside the MAHA District in which the team is registered. If the player is out of district but is within the school district from which the majority of the team's players come from that player is not considered out of district. Division 2 has no out of district restriction.

Revise As Follows:

5. Division 1 teams may not have more than ~~three (3)~~ **six (6)** players who reside outside the MAHA District in which the team is registered. If the player is out of district but is within the school district from which the majority of the team's players come from that player is not considered out of district. Division 2 has no out of district restriction.

Effective Date of Rule: **7/10/16**

Reason For Change: To match this rule with the MAHA rule for the Midget divisions.

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Submitted by: **Joe Spedowski**

District Director: **State Playoff Committee**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Game Counts for all youth/girls age groups and classifications

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI. Division Classifications: Definitions & Rules PAGE NO. 27-32

Current Rule Reads:

Refer to Page 27-32 of 2015-16 MAHA Guide Book. Revised Text from guide book, pages 27-32 on following pages. Game Count Changes are in bold. Summary of revisions is below...

Revise As Follows:

Page 27, Sec K, Para 7	set limit to 60 games
Page 27, Sec L, Para 1(g)	set limit to 60 games
Page 28, Sec L, Para 1(j)(vi)	set limit to 60 games
Page 28, Sec L, Para 2(f)	set limit to 60 games
Page 28, Sec L, Para 3(e)	eliminate count before districts, set counts by age class
Page 28, Sec L, Para 4	Eliminate – moved to Paragraph 3(e)
Page 29, Sec M, Para 1(b)	set limit to 60 games
Page 29, Sec M, Para 1(h)(6)	set limit to 60 games
Page 30, Sec M, Para 2(c)	set limit to 60 games
Page 30, Sec M, Para 3(e)	set limit to 60 games
Page 30, Sec M, Para 4(e)	eliminate count before districts, set game max to 50
Page 31, Sec M, Para 5(h)	set limit to 50 for midget and bantam house rec
Page 31, Sec M, Para 5(i)	set limit to 40 for peewee and squirt house rec
Page 32, Sec M, Para 8	<i>no change to game max for "C" hockey</i>
Page 32, CHART	Re-Do Chart of Game Maximums

Effective Date of Rule: 7-10-2016

Reason For Change:

Reduce game maximums to allow for better practice-game ratios. Excessive competition does not benefit player development, while lack of rest and recovery hurt long term development. Youth schedules are almost as demanding as professional schedules, which is ridiculous, and even College hockey limits competitions to fewer than most of MAHA's limits, recognizing that hockey players need to be students also and have a life outside of hockey. The limits proposed here should actually be lowered in many cases.

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- Submitted by: **Jack Witt**
- District Director: _____
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- MAHA Directors Action: _____

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FULL TEXT AS REVISED, beginning with Paragraph K, Page 27

VI. DIVISION CLASSIFICATIONS: DEFINITIONS AND RULES

K. Non-Varsity High School Division Classifications

7. All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of **sixty (60)** games per season.

L. Girl's Teams will be assigned a Classification, Category and Division as listed below

1. Girls 12U-19U Tier 1 AAA

(g) Teams and players in this classification are restricted to a maximum of **sixty (60)** games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments.

(j) (vi) Players exercising this option must include these games in their total number of games count (maximum of **(60)** games total per season for each player excluding nationals). Players exceeding this limit will be ineligible to participate in the MAHA State Playoffs.

2. 10U - 19U Girls Tier II AA

f. All teams and players in this classification are restricted to a maximum of **sixty (60)** games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments.

3. 10U - 19U Girls House Recreational

e. ~~Teams and players in this classification are restricted to a maximum of forty (40) games by February 1st.~~

e. All teams and players in the Girls Nineteen (19/18/17) or under and Sixteen (15/16) or under classification are limited to fifty (50) games per season. Teams and players in the Girls Fourteen (14) or under classification are limited to fifty (50) games per season. All teams and players in the Girls Twelve (12) or under classification are limited to 40 games per season. Teams and players in the Girls Ten (10) or under classification are limited to 40 games per season. Teams and players in the Girls Eight (8) or under classification are limited to 30 games per season.

4. ~~All girls teams, except age 8 < under classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy five (75) games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments. All girl's teams in the 8 < under classification are restricted to a maximum of forty (40) games per season.~~

M. All youth teams (except Girl's) will be assigned a Classification as listed below.

1. 10 - 18U Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget classifications Tier I Category.

b. All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of **sixty (60)** games per season. Game limits do not include the USA Hockey National Tournament.

h. In the Tier 1 Classifications, player movement will be allowed as follows:

(6) Players exercising this option must include these games in their total number of games count (maximum of **(60)** games total per season for each player excluding nationals). Players exceeding this limit will be ineligible to participate in the MAHA State Playoffs.

2. 10U - 18U Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget classifications Tier II Category and AA Division

(Note: in the 16 or under classification, Tier II is "A")

c. All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of **sixty (60)** games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments.

3. 10U - 18U Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Classification Travel Category and A Division

e. All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of **sixty (60)** games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments, **where applicable in a classification.**

4. 17 & 18U Midget Classification House/Rec Category and BB Division

e. ~~All teams and players in Youth Eighteen (17/18) Midget or under classification are restricted to a maximum of 40 games before February 1st of the current season, not including District playoffs.~~

e. All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of fifty (50) games per season.

5. 10U - 18U Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Classification House/Rec Category and B Division

h. ~~All teams and players in the Youth Sixteen (15/16) Midget or under classification are restricted to a maximum of 40 games before February 1st of the current season, not including District playoffs.~~

i. ~~All teams and players in the Youth (14) Bantam; twelve (12) Pee Wee; and ten (10) Squirt or under classifications are restricted to a maximum of 35 games before February 1st of the current season, not including District playoffs.~~

h. All teams and players in the Youth Eighteen (17/18) or under and Sixteen (15/16) or under Midget classification are limited to fifty (50) games per season. Teams and players in the Youth Fourteen (14) or under Bantam classification are limited to fifty (50) games per season.

i. All teams and players in the Youth Twelve (12) or under Pee Wee classification are limited to 40 games per season. Teams and players in the Youth Ten (10) or under Squirt classification are limited to 40 games per season.

Game Count Limitations Summary:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Maximum Games</u>
Youth Tier I (except Mites)	60 per season*
Youth Tier II (except Mites)	60 per season*
Youth "A" (except Mites)	60 per season
JV / High School	60 per season
18 & under "BB"	60 per season **
16 & under "B"	50 per season **
14 & under "B"	50 per season **
12 & under "B"	40 per season **
10 & under "B"	40 per season **
All 8 & under	no full ice games ***
Girls Tier I	60
Girls Tier II	60
Girls House Rec 15-19	50
Girls House Rec 13-14	50
Girls House Rec 11-12	40
Girls House Rec 9-10	40
Girls House Rec 8U	no full ice games ***

* excluding USA Hockey National Championship games

** excluding MAHA State Tournament

*** subject to USA Hockey approved exceptions



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier 1**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI.L.1.(d) PAGE NO. 27

Current Rule Reads:

L. 1. (d) Every association/club shall have the right to field teams in the Tier 1 classification.

Revise As Follows:

L. 1. (d) Effective September 1, 2018 (starting with the 2018-2019 season)

Teams in organizations not approved by the State Playoff Committee that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for District & States Playoffs in any classification. Teams in organizations not approved by the State Playoff Committee may not advertise as Tier I, elite, or similar designation for tryouts, to recruit, entice or in any way give the appearance of being a Tier I team.

- (1) To qualify as a Tier I organization the following criteria must be followed: not more than four (4) Tier 1 organizations will be awarded on an annual basis for a period from September 1st to August 31st. An application must be sent to the State Playoff Committee Chairperson for consideration not later than November 1st of the year prior to the season's start. The State Playoff Committee will determine the number. The State Playoff Committee will make its decisions no later than the Annual Winter meeting of the preceding season. Each organization is limited to one team at each age classification.
- (2) Each Tier I organization must have teams at the following recognized AAA levels: G19U, G16U, G14U, and G12U. Organizations wishing to apply without a full complement of teams may do so, but must provide a 5-year plan that demonstrates a sustainable program working towards having teams at all the recognized levels.
- (3) Tier I organizations will have to reapply each year to maintain their Tier I status. Returning organizations will have preference, but will not be guaranteed a Tier I status each year.
- (4) Only teams from those organizations approved by State Playoff Committee will be allowed to roster as Tier 1 teams in Michigan.
- (5) Each MAHA Tier I organization must play the other MAHA Tier I organizations 2 games per season. 1 home; 1 away; excluding tournaments.

Effective Date of Rule: April 1, 2017

Reason For Change:

To establish a developmental and competitive structure for girls' hockey to create an environment that places a priority on participation growth by providing opportunities for recreational girls' hockey and an appropriate number of competitive (Tier II, Tier I) teams and players. Additionally, it will be consistent with the MAHA Youth model and aligned with USA Hockey's initiative to define Tier I hockey.

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Submitted by: Girls'/Women's Committee

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Girls' Program Development

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI.L.1 (Girls 12u-19u Tier1 AAA) PAGE NO. 27

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

For Tier 1 add at L.1. (k)

Effective September 1, 2018 (starting with the 2018-2019 season)

At the 12U, 14U and 16U age groups, teams shall be restricted to a maximum number of second birth year players in an age group as indicated in the chart below. Teams not meeting the requirement may petition the Girls'/ Women's Committee for an exception.

# of players	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
Max 2 nd year	13	12	11	10	10	9	9	8	8	7	6

Effective Date of Rule: July 10, 2016

Reason For Change:

To assist associations in creating sustainable Girls programs and grow Girls hockey in Michigan. With a two year age group in Girls hockey (similar to Youth B) teams can currently form their team with all or a majority of second year players. The following season there will not be enough players to form a team at the lower age group when all or the majority of the team moves up, resulting in no team which forces an association to entice or recruit players from another association to fill the open positions. By limiting teams to a maximum number of second year players, there is a greater chance for an association to sustain teams at all levels which in turn helps to grow the game.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: 10-19U Girls House Recreational

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI. L. 3. Division Classifications: Definitions and Rules PAGE NO. 28

Current Rule Reads:

10U-19U Girls House Recreational

Revise As Follows:

Change classification name to the following:

10U-19U Girls Tier III

Effective Date of Rule: July 10, 2016

Reason For Change: To take the word recreational out and align the classifications with Tier I and Tier II.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Girls 8U Game Count**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI.L.4 PAGE NO. 28

Current Rule Reads:

- 4. All girls teams, except age 8<under classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy-five (75) games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments. All girl's teams in the 8<under classification are restricted to a maximum of forty (40) games per season.

Revise As Follows:

- 4. All girls teams, except age 8<under classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy-five (75) games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments. All girl's teams in the 8<under classification are restricted to **cross ice games only**.

Effective Date of Rule: July 10, 2016

Reason For Change:

8 and under teams are not allowed to play full ice games.

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Submitted by: **Girls'/Women's Committee**

District Director: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Girls Hockey Association/Club Sustainability

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI. L. (All Girls Claifications & Cateegories) PAGE NO. 27, 28

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

Effective April 1, 2017:

VI. L. 5.

Any Association or Club team with a head coach, assistant coach, or manager that formerly coached or managed in another Association or Club shall not have a team with more than 50% of its players who played on a team coached or managed by one or more of those individuals during the preceding regular or post season.

Effective Date of Rule: April 1, 2017

Reason For Change:

This is similar to the current rule in Youth House/Rec Category, B and BB divisions and the intent is to allow girls associations the opportunity to grow. History has shown that when a coach and group of players changes associations in mass, the team at the previous association folds which means less places for girls to play. Coaches moving whole teams or the majority of a team or players from association to association does not serve to grow the game.

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: Girls'/Women's Committee

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Tier I Player Movement**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI.M.h.(5) PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

(5) Player movement will be allowed up to December 31 of the current playing season except player movement will be allowed to fill spots of players that move up to a Junior team until the date established by USA Hockey each year.

Revise As Follows:

(5) Player movement will be allowed up to ~~December 31~~ **February 15** of the current playing season except player movement will be allowed to fill spots of players that move up to a Junior team until the date established by USA Hockey each year.

Effective Date of Rule: July 10, 2016

Reason For Change: The potential need and opportunity for players to play up an age group still exists after December 31st. Players are not moving from rosters so extending the deadline will allow the opportunity for players to fill in for injury situations for a longer period of time.

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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

SUBJECT: **Scrimmages and Small Area Games During Practices**

X MAHA USA X CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VII.,B.,2b.**

PAGE NO. **32**

Current Rule Reads:

VII. GAME REQUIREMENTS

B. Definition of a game:

2. The following conditions shall constitute an invalid game:

- b. This rule is not intended to prohibit controlled practice sessions between teams in a single Association/Club only under the following circumstances: 1) an Association assigned split ice practice; 2) coaches are on the ice and using this as a teaching situation; 3) this takes place during the final portion of the practice session, not to exceed 15 minutes. This session does not count toward the maximum game count for the teams involved.

Revise As Follows:

b. This rule is not intended to prohibit controlled practice sessions between teams under the following circumstances:

- (1) Within a single association the following conditions must be met: 1) an Association assigned split ice practice; 2) coaches are on the ice and using this as a teaching situation; 3) this takes place during the final portion of the practice session, not to exceed 15 minutes. This session does not count toward the maximum game count for the teams involved.
- (2) **Teams from the same or multiple teams or associations may take part in small area games as part of a joint practice session under the following circumstances: 1) coaches are on the ice and using this as a teaching situation; 2) no more than half the ice surface is used as an area for the drill; 3) if multiple teams, teams/lines should be intermingled so drills are not always one team vs. another; 4) the drill is compliant with the ADM guidelines and is age appropriate.**

Effective Date of Rule: 7/10/16

Reason For Change:

Small area games were not part of our development program when this rule was originally put in. We do not want to discourage the use of this valuable teaching tool. We do however; want to maintain restrictions on full-ice scrimmages as part of practices.

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Submitted by: **George Atkinson**

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Games counts to be eligible for Districts & States**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X. H. 1. a - c.** PAGE NO. **35**

Current Rule Reads:

H. Youth and Girl's Divisions teams are eligible to enter the District and/or State playoffs only in the division in which they are registered.

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.
- b. In order to qualify for State Playoffs, a team must play at least twenty (20) games in its classification, category and division 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, category and division before February 1st.
- c. Exceptions to a. or b. may be granted by the State Playoff Committee.

Revise As Follows:

H. Youth and Girl's Divisions teams are eligible to enter the District and/or State playoffs only in the division in which they are registered.

1. Number of Games for Eligibility

- a. Individual players **on teams in National Bound Divisions**, 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.
- b. In order to qualify for State Playoffs, a team **in a National Bound Division**, must play at least twenty (20) games in its classification, category and division 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, category and division before February 1st.
- c. Exceptions to a. or b. ~~may be granted by~~ **must be aproved by both** the State Playoff Committee **and the National Championship Appeals Committee.**

Effective Date of Rule: 7/10/16

Reason For Change:

Remove need to exception for teams that are not National Bound. Add reminder that National Bound player/team exceptions also need USA Hockey approval.

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Submitted by: **George Atkinson**.....

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Eligibility For District and State Playoffs

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. XI. A. 3. PAGE NO. 35

Current Rule Reads:

Girls'/Women's teams must signify their intention of entering the State Playoffs in writing no later than November 1st to their respective District council. The District Chair must then submit the Girl's/Women's intents to the Vice President Girls/Womens hockey no later than November 8th.

Revise As Follows:

Girls/Women's teams must signify their intention of entering the State Playoffs **by completing the online registration at MAHA.org by November 1st. By registering online the team commits to participating in states and nationals if the team is a national bound classification team.**

Effective Date of Rule: **July 10, 2016**

Reason For Change: Housekeeping, teams no longer submit paper intent to enter forms.

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4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: Girls'/Women's Committee

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

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SUBJECT: **POST SEASON LEAGUES**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XIV**

PAGE NO. 40

Current Rule Reads:

POST SEASON LEAGUES

- A. All teams in post-season and summer leagues and conditioning programs must complete an USA Hockey Team Roster Form and an Individual Membership Registration Form for each player and team officials (if not registered prior to post season). The completed USA Hockey registration forms along with the USA Hockey /MAHA registration fees are to be submitted to the Associate Registrar prior to the start of any games.
- B. A player's obligation to his/her regular season team ends on April 30th of the current season, or when his/her regular season team becomes inactive prior to that date.
- C. A player who is a member of an active regular season team may register and play in post-season, summer leagues and conditioning programs if he/she has the written permission of his/her regular season team coach or manager.
- D. A player's obligation to his/her post-season or summer or conditioning team ends with the completion of the league schedule, or when he/she is released in writing prior to that date.
- E. All post-season and summer leagues and conditioning programs must use the current playing rules of USA Hockey /MAHA.
- F. Post-season and summer leagues and conditioning programs may have added special rules for their league, provided such rules are not contradictory to, or less stringent than the current USA Hockey /MAHA rules.
- G. Post Season league play may not start prior to the week of April 1st.
- H. In all youth divisions, a player may register and play with a maximum of two teams at a time in the post season.
- I. Post Season players must play in the USA Hockey age classification they will be in for the next regular winter hockey season.
- J. All player or coach suspensions shall be served with the team with which the penalty was incurred. Note: A player or coach receiving a match penalty is suspended from participating in any USA Hockey games and practices until a hearing is conducted.

Revise As Follows:

SPRING/SUMMER LEAGUES

- A. All teams in **spring** and summer leagues and conditioning programs must complete an USA Hockey Team Roster Form (1-T). **Players and Team officials not registered prior to the spring/summer season must register online through USA Hockey. Confirmation letters for all players and team officials must be presented to the Associate Registrar for approval** prior to the start of any games.
- B. **Team Officials (Coaches, Managers and locker room attendants) must provide proof of a Background screening and SafeSport before participating with the team.**
- C. A player's obligation to his/her regular season team ends on April 30th of the current season, or when his/her regular season team becomes inactive prior to that date.
- D. A player who is a member of an active regular season team may register and play in **spring/summer** leagues and conditioning programs if he/she has the written permission of his/her regular season team coach or manager.
- E. A player's obligation to his/her **spring/summer league** or conditioning program ends with the completion of the league or **conditioning programs** schedule, or when he/she is released in writing prior to that date.
- F. All **spring/** summer leagues and conditioning programs must use the current playing rules of USA Hockey /MAHA.
- G. **Spring/summer** leagues and conditioning programs may have added special rules for their league, provided such rules are not contradictory to, or less stringent than the current USA Hockey /MAHA rules.
- H. **Spring/Summer** Season league play may not start prior to the week of April 1st.
- I. In all youth divisions, a player may register and play with a maximum of two teams at a time in the **spring/summer** season.
- J. **Spring/Summer** players must play in the USA Hockey age classification they will be in for the next regular (winter) hockey season.
- K. **19U girls and 18U youth are eligible to participate up until August 31 of the current season in the same age classification as the previous season.**
- L. All player or coach suspensions shall be served with the team with which the penalty was incurred. Note: A player or coach receiving a match penalty is suspended from participating in any USA Hockey games and practices until a hearing is conducted.

Effective Date of Rule: July 10, 2016

Reason For Change:

To bring the rule in compliance with the USA Hockey registry program.

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

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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JANUARY, 2016

THE FOLLOWING LATE PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED.

- **THIS PROPOSAL REQUIRES A THREE- QUARTERS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE WINTER MEETING.**
- **IF IT REACHES THE FLOOR, A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS REQUIRED TO FOR THE PROPOSAL TO BE SENT FORWARD TO THE JULY MEETING.**



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

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SUBJECT: **Boys Tier I**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI Division Classifications: Definitions and Rules** PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

M.h

Revise As Follows:

Add

h.(9) All tier I teams must be registered in the District in which they play the majority of their home game League games (excluding showcases) in order to qualify for State Playoffs.

Effective Date of Rule: **July 10, 2016**

Reason For Change:

Thought to have been unintentionally left out of the Tier I rule re-write.
As currently written, Tier I teams could register anywhere.

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Submitted by: **District 4 Council**

District Director: _____

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Cross-Ice Equipment Purchase Recap - 2015

Name of Association	# Of Boards	Sportable LED4	Gamecraft SK2229R	Stands for SK2229R	Intermediate Net
Amateur Hockey Assoc. Mt Pleasant	1				2
Berrien Area Hockey Association	1				
Bulldog Hockey Club/Grosse Pointe Hockey Assoc			2	2	
Canton Victory Honda		1	1	1	
Chelsea Hockey Association			2	2	4
Copper Country Junior Hockey Association			2		4
Dearborn		2			
Dickinson Amateur Hockey Assoc.			1		
Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association		1			4
Grand Traverse Hockey Association			2	2	
Greater Battle Creek Ice Hockey Association	1	2			4
Greater Flint Hockey Association	1		2	1	4
Huron County Hockey Association	1		2	2	2
Ironwood Polar Bear Hockey Club	1				4
Kentwood Hockey and Skating Association	1	1			2
Lansing Hockey Club		2			
Lapeer County Hockey Association			2	2	
Macomb Hockey Club			2		
Metro Jr. Jets	1	2			
Midland Amateur Hockey League	1		2	2	
Muskegon County Hockey Association	1		2		2
Novi Youth Hockey Association			2		
Orchard Lake United			2	2	6
Petoskey Area Hockey Association	1				
Plymouth Canton Hockey Association		1			4
Port Huron Minor Hockey Association			2	2	
Rochester Hockey Club			2		
Rockford Rams Hockey Association	1		2		
Royal Oak Hockey Club			2		
Suburban Hockey Club			2		
Trenton Hockey Association	1				6
Troy Youth Hockey	2	2			4
Westland Hockey Association		1			
Totals	15	15	36	18	52
In Addition					
All Association in District 2 Received 4 Intermediate-Sized Nets					
All Association in District 7 Received 2 Intermediate-Sized Nets					
These were fully funded by their District					



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

December 20, 2015

What are the challenges that we face across the State? How can we grow hockey in Michigan? How can we accomplish this and still support our Associations? How are players and Associations restricted? Can we get rid of district boundaries? How can we lower the costs of our sport? These are just a sampling of the questions and issues that the Task Force 2018 has been addressing over the course of the last year. Any recommendations, changes, rule proposals or plans brought forth by the Task Force must adhere to the following principles and guidelines:

- Strengthen Associations
- Support Growth
- Reduce Costs
- Support Proper Player Development

It has been a work in progress that has forced us to think outside-of-the-box yet be realistic at the same time. After months of meetings, emails and discussions, the Task Force will be recommending an initial plan to our membership at our annual Winter Meeting. This will be the first of several recommendations as we move forward in the coming seasons as we must continue to work on the direction and future of MAHA and hockey in Michigan to be successful and at the top of our game.

I would like to personally thank the members of our Task Force 2018 committee for all of the provocative discussions, insights, time and effort that they have generously given in their commitment to this endeavor. They are a diverse representation from across the State who bring years of experience and leadership from all levels and positions required to run hockey within MAHA, its Affiliates and Clubs. We are well represented! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On another note, I have the pleasure to be working with another group of experienced members to put together a game plan to actively pursue funding for MAHA, our programs and our new foundation. This will be an exciting challenge and opportunity to find new venues of support for our organization. I will keep you posted as we develop and progress.

The first MAHA Mite Cup State Tournament is launching with several dozens of teams registering to participate. We are all looking forward to a FUN tournament in March for our Mites!

Respectfully,

Kim Durka
Executive Vice-President
Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

"Every day is a great day for hockey!"Mario Lemieux



High School Report

December 10th, 2015

Midget Split Season

This fall was the second year of the Midget Split Season. There were 42 teams that participated at the Midget A& AA levels (a 61% increase from the first year). The playoffs were held in October with Elite Brigade winning the A division and Team Copper Country winning the AA division. Both teams will participate in the state playoffs in March.

Although the number of teams increased, we had the same number of teams in the playoffs. I sent a survey out to find the reasons that teams did not participate. The three main comments were:

- Teams weren't interested; they were only looking for games
- Teams didn't think they would be good enough
- A couple of teams said they didn't think they would get enough games

Overall, with this year being our second year, along with information on the website, the entire process was smoother with less questions or confusion.

MAHA & MHSAA Relationship Building

Since the last report in July, I have been working on the following items:

1. A High Performance Coaches Clinic was held in August for High School coaches. Speakers were brought in speakers from USA Hockey, as well as Kalle Valiaho from Finland.

The focus of the clinic was in follow-up to the USA Hockey and the United States Olympic Committee's Joint Athlete Development Symposium, held in May in Colorado Springs. All presenters focused on High Performance development at the high school age level, which was also the focus from this symposium. The clinic was available for JV & Prep hockey coaches, as well.

I'd like to thank Jack Witt for his help by making Kalle available, and allowing coaches to move up one level in their USA hockey coaching certification. This continued relationship shows high school coaches why a strong relationship with MAHA and USA hockey is important. It also keeps them up to date on all of the great things USA Hockey and MAHA are doing.

2. MHSAA Hockey Director Cody Inglis and I have continued discussing Coaching Education at the high school level, and continued a strong relationship between MAHA and the MHSAA.

Team Michigan

Team Michigan will hold tryouts for this year's team March 18th-20th in Chelsea. The team will be participating in the CCM Minnesota High School Invitational Tournament, April 21st-24th.

Don Wright
MAHA High School Representative

2015 Mid-season Report

The skill development presentation is still available to any association or group that wishes to host one. The presentation is about an hour and a half long and offers some insight in how to run a successful program. The ideas presented are suggestions and are not mandatory, but are things that have been proven to work well within the initiation program.

The MAHA achievement award patches for any MAHA recognized initiation program are available again this year as long as supplies last. They may be obtained by contacting me as to the association the patches are for and a mailing address where they are to be sent.

There are still a few initiation programs CDs, developed by the MAHA coaching staff, available and may be obtained the same way as the patches.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above information, all of my contact information is in the MAHA guide.

Ron Hayes Michigan Skill Development Coordinator



2015-2016 Mid-Season Risk Manager Report

January 1, 2016

Reminders for all Associations, Leagues, and Teams:

Safe Sport Implementation:

This is extremely important! Please make sure everyone is aware of the Safe Sport Guidelines and protocols. Associations/Board of Directors/Teams will need to make sure guidelines are being followed!

Be sure all of your teams and the teams you are playing are properly registered and sanctioned by USA Hockey. For the USA Hockey insurance packages to be in effect, your team, as well as teams you are playing must be properly registered and sanctioned by a USA Hockey Associate Registrar. Also, Tournaments you are playing in must be sanctioned by USA Hockey and MAHA. If you have any questions about a team or tournament, please contact your area Associate USA Hockey Registrar. This is extremely important to assure your team is covered.

Ice Contracts and Contracts in general: Please have all contracts reviewed before you sign them for your team, league, or association. You need to make sure that the indemnification agreement and other liability related portions of the contract are reciprocal in nature. This basically means if there is negligence on the hockey side, we are responsible and if there is negligence on the other side, they are responsible. You should have your legal advisor review all contracts before signatures are affixed. If you need further information or assistance, please contact me.

Certificates of Insurance Requests: Ice arenas or other venues you deal with may for Additional Insurance status as part of their contract obligations. Request forms can be located on the MAHA or USA Hockey web sites. You can also contact me and I will email you a form. Completion of the form and a copy of your contract will be required before I can issue a certificate of insurance.

Accident Claim Forms: Claim forms for our excess medical provider are available from your local association, league, or team registrar. The form is in their USA Hockey Registration Program; **USAH Registration Portal** web site provided by USA Hockey and can be printed for you (complete with instructions). If you are unable to contact your local registrar, please contact me and I will assist you.

Legal Papers: If you or your team is served with any legal papers, please contact me immediately. I will notify our insurance carrier and get a claim open immediately. **DO NOT WAIT. CALL NOW.** This includes Liability Claims, D & O Claims, and Crime Claims. For more information, please contact me.



USA Hockey, the national governing body for the sport of ice hockey, is a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation and the United States Olympic Committee



Embezzlement of Funds: Along with the economic downturn, USA Hockey has experienced an upturn in embezzlement of funds from Local associations, teams, and leagues. Your board should review your financial procedures and the safeguards you have in place to spot potential problems. Your local accountant is a good resource for information on upgrading your financial procedures.

Youth & Girls Locker Rooms: USA Hockey has experienced incidents involving locker rooms and youth & girls hockey teams. Your Association, Team, or League needs to make sure locker rooms are monitored from the time they are occupied until the last player leaves. **Two** responsible adults should be present in the locker room at all times for the safety of your players and your staff. See USA Hockey's Locker Room Policy which needs to be followed by all of us.

Special Sanction for an ON-ICE Event: For a **Special Sanction for an on-ice event** you will need to contact the USA Hockey Michigan Registrar.

Special Sanction for an OFF-ICE Event: For a **Special Sanction for an off-ice event** you will need to contact me. For more information, please contact me regarding a special sanction and I will assist you.

I would like to take this time to thank the Associate Risk Managers and the MAHA Board of Directors for their continued support and assistance during the hockey season.

If you have questions about Risk Management or the insurance programs offered to you as a member benefit of USA Hockey, please feel free to contact me or an Associate Risk Manager any time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grant Helms

MAHA Legal Report – Winter Meeting 2016

Thus far, the most common issue relating to the Districts involves assisting the various District Chairs and several local associations in disciplinary matters and hearings. I also have assisted Rick Frescura, when necessary, in any SafeSport issues and appeals.

There are no pending or threatened legal proceedings as of this date against the MAHA. We have assisted one organization dealing with a significant embezzlement issue and will continue to monitor the criminal and civil matters that arise from said issue.

I also continue to serve as a member of the USA Hockey Legal Council. I look forward to continuing to positively contribute and bring our Michigan experiences to the USAH Legal Council.

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Registrar's Report
(2015-16 Season)
2016 MAHA Winter Meeting

2014-15 FINAL SEASON REPORT

The final registration report for the 2014-15 season showed a total of 60250 participants in Michigan. Again this year 99% of all members registered online. Online registration opened for the 2015-16 on April 1, 2015. Membership for all participants is through August 31st of the current playing season for which they are registering. The playing season dates are Sept 1 through Aug 31. Membership for new members is effective from the date of registration with full benefits, including insurance, when participating with a member program. The benefit of this expanded registration period is that all new participants can complete registration for a member program as early as April 1 without having to register again on September 1 of the same year. Of course, renewing members are able to register as early as April 1 for the following September 1 season, easing administration for our local programs. Local programs instruct their members when to register for the upcoming season.

2015-16 REGISTRATION UPDATE

Registration for the current season is a little behind last season to date. A complete registration list is available on the table at the meeting.

We have completed the second season using the USAH Registry for all member programs to manage their registration data and create their Official USA Hockey forms. The Registry is a web-based application available through the USA Hockey Portal. It can be accessed by our member program through any computer, tablet, or mobile device or phone that has an internet connection. Rosters are transmitted and approved online. Approved Rosters are sent to programs to view on screen, print out and with a link to the Roster so that a coach or team manager can easily access them electronically.

The Registry for local programs and Admin Tool for registrars are both accessed through the USA Hockey Portal. The portal was originally built using the data transfer method in place for the previous program (Cyber Sport). This year the implementation of a new "Backend" to allow faster transfer has been installed and although it has had a few bugs, we are getting real close to faster moving data. The Background screening issue is currently our number one project. Rick Frescura has provided all the background records to USA and they have been uploaded into their data base. Everyone who has completed a background check should be showing up on their roster as completed. If you are not showing up make sure the registrar has synced their Registry. If you still do not show up please contact Rick or myself for help.

Thank you to all the Associate Registrars and Registrar of Michigan You do a great job and it is greatly appreciated.



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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

2015-2016 MID-SEASON MICHIGAN PLAYER DEVELOPMENT TRY OUTS, HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MICHIGAN TRY OUTS & MICHIGAN BANTAM CAMP REPORT

Player Development Camp Try Outs, High School Team Michigan for the Michigan District of USA Hockey will be held in 2016 for players with Birth Years 1999-2000, 2001 and 2002.

1,487 players register for the try outs during 2015.

The try outs are held annually in March and April and are open to all Michigan Players that are residents of Michigan, USA Citizens, and born in the designated birth years. The purpose of the try out is to select players that will represent Michigan at the USA Hockey Player Development Camps and High School Team Michigan during the summer of 2016.

All Players must be USA Citizens, registered with USA Hockey for the current season, and have legal residence in the State of Michigan.

THE BOY'S PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP TRY OUT PROCESS is two-step process.

FIRST BOY'S TRY OUTS

Boy's residing in Michigan District 2-3-4: Gordon Bowman is the Try out Director.

Boy's residing in Michigan District 5-6-Lower 7: Ronald Brasseur is the Try out Director.

Boys residing in Michigan Districts Upper 7 and 8: Tim McIntosh is the Try out Director.

SECOND BOY'S TRY OUTS

The Boy's Final Try (16 and 17's) Players selected from the in-District Try Outs move on to the final try out held in Taylor. Final selections are made at this try out. Players selected from this try out will move on to the USA Hockey 16 and 17 Player Development Camp.

Tim McIntosh is the Director for these try outs.

The Boy's Final (14 and 15's) selected from the in-District Try Outs move on to the final try outs held in Sault Sainte Marie. The Michigan District Bantam Camp, a weeklong player development camp, is held on the Campus of Lake Superior State University.

Final selections for 15's are made at this camp and the players selected will move on to the USA Hockey 15 Player Development Camp. The Directors for the Camp are Rich Metro, Assistant Coach for LSSU, and Grant Helms

The 14's are given full exposure to a Player Development Camp setting and receive the same instruction as the 15's. The Directors for the camp are Rich Metro, Assistant Coach for LSSU Hockey and Grant Helms.



THE GIRLS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP TRY OUT is a one step process. Girls residing in Michigan Districts 2-3-4-5-6-7-8: Girls selected from these try outs will move on to the USA Hockey Player Development Camp during the summer. Jean Laxton is the Try out Director.

BOY'S AND GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MICHIGAN TRY OUT is a one step process.

Boy's High School Team Michigan for High School players to represent Michigan in the High School Showcase as Team Michigan. Players must be currently in the 11th or 12th grade and play on a Michigan High School Team. Don Wright is the Director for the Boy's High School Try Outs.

Girl's High School Team Michigan: for High School players to represent Michigan in the High School Showcase as Team Michigan. Players must be currently in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and play on a Michigan High School Team. Jean Laxton is the Director for the Girl's High School Try Outs.

We offer a BIG THANK you to all MAHA Volunteers and Coaches who make these try outs and camps possible. Without these dedicated volunteers, the try outs and camps would not be possible for the youth of the Michigan District, USA Hockey.

THANK YOU!

If you have questions or comments, please contact Roger Mauritho, MAHA Vice President of Youth, USA Hockey Player Development Representative for Michigan or one of the try out or camp directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Helms

MICHIGAN DISTRICT - USA HOCKEY - TRY OUT AND CAMP DATES/LOCATIONS FOR 2016

Registration begins on Decemere 15, 2015

<http://mhaplayerdevelopment.usahockey.com/>

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP TRY OUTS		Date	City
<i>Open to all players: Must be USA Citizens and Resident of Michigan Birth Years 1999-2000-2001-2002</i>			
Boys	District 2-3-4 (1999-2000-2001-2002 Birth Years)	April 14-15-16-17, 2016	Dearborn
Boys	District 5-6-7 (1999-2000 Birth Years)	April 8-9-10, 2016	Saginaw
Boys	District 5-6-7 (2001-2002 Birth Years)	April 15-16-17, 2016	Midland
Boys	District 7-8 (1999-2000-2001-2002 Birth Years)	April 8-9-10, 2016	Marquette
Girls	Districts 2-3-4-5-6-7-8 (1999-2000-2001-2002 Birth Years)	April 15-16-17, 2016	Grand Rapids

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MICHIGAN TRY OUTS-OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS		Date	City
<i>Open to all High School Registered players: Must be USA Citizens and Resident of Michigan Birth Years 1999-2000-2001-2002</i>			
Boys	Districts 2-3-4-5-6-7-8 (12th Grade High School Players only)	March 18-19-20, 2016	Chelsea
Boys	Districts 2-3-4-5-6-7-8 (11th Grade High School Players only)	March 18-19-20, 2016	Chelsea
Girls	Districts 2-3-4-5-6-7-8 (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade High School Players)	March 18-19-20, 2016	Grosse Pt Woods

MICHIGAN 1999-2000 FINAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP TRY OUTS
By Invitation from Boys Distict Player Development Camp Try Outs

Boys	Final Michigan Player Development Camp Try Outs (Birth Years 1999-2000)	May 5-6-7, 2016	Taylor
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MICHIGAN PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS
By Invitation only from Player Development Camp Try Outs

Boys	Michigan 14 Player Development Camp - 2002	June 26-27-28-29-30 July 1, 2016	Sault Ste Marie
Boys	Michigan 15 Player Development Camp - 2001	June 19-20-21-22-23-24, 2016	Sault Ste Marie

2016-2017 Affiliate Block Grant Budget

1	MAHA WORKSHOP	14000
	1a Funding for Meeting	
	SUBTOTAL	
2	Michigan Coaching Education Program	22000
	2a Leadership Development Funding	
	2a Internships	
	2c High Performance	
	2d I/P Patch	
	2e Adult Goalie	
	SUB TOTAL	
3	Coaching Directors C.E.P. Program	15000
	3a Clinics & Materials	
	3b Send District Coaching Dir. To Level 4 Seminar	
4	Girl's/Women	3500
	4a Interns @ St. Cloud	
	4b Subsidize goalies going to camp	
	SUBTOTAL	
5	Boys/Girls Player Development Programs	
	4a Boys/Girls Player Development Try Out Funding Assistance	38000
	4b Girls Goalie Camp Funding	
	4c Intern Coaches	
	SUBTOTAL	
6	One Goal Grant Program	50000
	SUBTOTAL	
7	Disabled Hockey Program	0
	6a Michigan Disabled Festival	
	6b	
	6c	
	SUBTOTAL	
8	High School Program	9000
	7a Team Michigan Funding - (2) boys teams	
	7b Girl's Team Michigan	
	SUBTOTAL	
	TOTAL	<u>\$151,500.00</u>
	AMOUNT FROM USA HOCKEY	estimated: <u>\$140,000.00</u>

WINTER MEETING FUTURE MEETING DATES

16/17 Festival	May 5, 6, 7, 8, 2016 at Taylor Sportsplex & Southgate Holiday Inn
May Executive Board Meeting	May 7, 2016 9:00 a.m. Southgate Holiday Inn
MAHA Summer Meeting	July 7, 8, 8,10, 2016 at Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, Michigan
C/P Meeting	Sept. 10, 2016 8:00 a.m. at Southgate Holiday Inn
November Executive Bd Meeting:	Friday, November 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Southgate Holiday Inn
Nov. State Playoff Committee Meeting:	Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Southgate Holiday Inn
Nominations for Officers:	Resumes due to Secretary by November 30, 2016.
Dec. Executive Bd. Meeting	Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Southgate Holiday Inn
Dec. Playoff Committee Meeting:	Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Southgate Holiday Inn
Winter Meeting:	January 20, 21, 2017 at Southgate Holiday Inn
Future Meeting Dates Winter Meeting	

