



# District 9

## OPERATIONS MANUAL

GOVERNING RULES, POLICIES  
AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

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# MINNESOTA HOCKEY DISTRICT 9

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**ARTICLE 1: NAME AND AREA OF OPERATION**

**SECTION 1: ORGANIZATION**

This organization will be known as “**DISTRICT 9 HOCKEY**”

**SECTION 2: GEOGRAPHICS**

The area of operation will be Southern Minnesota. DISTRICT 9 Hockey is comprised of the following hockey associations of Minnesota Hockey:

West Boarder: MN TH 15 (Excluding Fairmont)

East Boarder: WI Boarder (US 63)

North Boarder: MN TH 19 (Excluding New Prague)

South Boarder: IA Boarder

<b>District 9</b>
Albert Lea
Austin
Dodge County
Faribault
LaCrescent
Mankato
Tri City
Northfield
Owatonna
Red Wing
Rochester
St Peter/LeSueur
Waseca
Winona



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**ARTICLE 3: DISTRICT 9 HOCKEY CALENDAR AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>DATE</b>		<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>DISTRICT 9 Summer meeting</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>DISTRICT 9 Fall Registrars meeting</b>
Sept	2016	7:00 pm	Minnesota Hockey Fall meeting
	<b>2016</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>DISTRICT 9 Tournament Directors meeting</b>
<b>October 3</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>DISTRICT 9 Fall meeting</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>DISTRICT 9 Team Registrations and League Scheduling</b>
December 31	2016	7:00 pm	DISTRICT 9 Mites/Girls 8U allowed to start playing full ice games. Max of 6 full ice games per season.
October 27	2016		DISTRICT 9 League play begins
November 7	2016	7:00 pm	DISTRICT 9 Squirt/10u B League Scheduling
December 1	2016		Criminal History Background check forms from Associations for Coaches, team officials, board members turned into DISTRICT 9 Director
December 1	2016		Last day to change team classification
December 31	2016		Last day to register player's roster for District, Regions and State Tournaments. All coaches must have completed appropriate USA Hockey Coaching Education Program level and modules
<b>TBD</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>DISTRICT 9 Regional and District Tournament pre-meeting</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>DISTRICT 9 Winter meeting</b>
February 5	2017		DISTRICT 9 league games are completed no later than end of this day
February 6	2017	4:00 pm	Final league game results are in the hands of the league statistician
February 7	2017		Final league standings posted on web site. Tournament play-in games and brackets sent to tournament directors and posted on website.
February 8-13	2017		District play-in games at high seed home ice
Feb 16-19	2017		DISTRICT 9 Tournaments
Feb 22-25	2017		Minnesota State High School Girls Hockey Tournament
Feb 24-26	2017		End of Year District Squirt C Tournament
March 3-5	2017		End of Year District Squirt A, B and 10u B Tournaments
March 3-5	2017		Minnesota Hockey Regional Tournaments
March 8-11	2017		Minnesota State High School Boys Hockey Tournament
March 17-19	2017		Minnesota Hockey State Tournaments
June 1	2017		DISTRICT 9 bids for 2016 District and Regional Tournaments due
Summer	2017		DISTRICT 9 Executive Board meeting to award 2016 tournament -TBA

Dates listed in **BOLD** on the "DISTRICT 9 HOCKEY CALENDAR AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES" are mandatory attendance for all associations in DISTRICT 9 (except tournament meetings in which an association is not hosting a tournament at that level)



**ARTICLE 4: DISTRICT 9 DISTRICT, MN HOCKEY REGIONAL AND MN HOCKEY STATE TOURNAMENTS SITES**

<b><u>DISTRICT 9 Districts Tournaments</u></b>
<b><u>February 11-14, 2016</u></b>
Bantam A at Faribault
Bantam B at Dodge County
Pewee A at Red Wing
Pewee B at La Crescent
Girls 12U B at Austin
<b><u>DISTRICT 9 End of the Year Tournaments</u></b>
<b><u>Dates to be determined</u></b>
Bantam B2 at
Pewee C at
<b><u>DISTRICT 9 End of the Year Tournaments</u></b>
<b><u>March 3-5, 2017</u></b>
Squirt A at Northfield
Squirt B at Winona
Squirt C at Faribault - Feb 24 - 26
10UB at St. Peter
<b><u>Minnesota Hockey Region Tournaments</u></b>
<b><u>March 3-5, 2017</u></b>
Bantam AA at Mankato
Bantam A at Red Wing
Bantam B at Fairmont
Pewee AA at Maple Grove
Pewee A at Dodge County
Pewee B at Faribault
Girls 15UA at Richfield
Girls 12UA at Woodbury
Girls 12UB at Worthington
<b><u>Minnesota Hockey State Tournaments</u></b>
<b><u>March 17-19, 2017</u></b>
Bantam AA at Marshall
Bantam A at Marshall
Bantam B at Prior Lake
Pewee AA at Blaine
Pewee A at Blaine
Pewee B at Prior Lake
Girls 15UA at South St Paul
Girls 15UB at St Cloud
Girls 12UA at Cloquet
Girls 12UB at St Cloud



## **ARTICLE 5: OPERATING PROCEDURES**

### **SECTION 1: TEAM REGISTRATION**

1. All teams in all divisions will be registered with Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
2. All league games will be played and governed by District 9, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey rules.
3. All hockey associations within District 9 must update and complete the Affiliation Agreement, as found in Minnesota Hockey handbook pages 50-53, when directed by the District Director. The league registration fees for each member team in District 9 will be as follows:
  - a. District 9 fee for each Association - \$100.00
  - b. District 9 web fee for each Association - \$85.00
  - c. District 9 fee for each registered team - \$10.00
  - d. League team fee for 10U, 12U, 14U, Squirt, Peewee, Bantam - \$40.00 per team
  - e. Arbiter fee for referee scheduling - \$160.00
  - f. Any league games played prior to payment of fees and dues will be forfeited if fees and dues are not paid in full before December 1st of the current season.
  - g. A \$100 fine will be imposed by the District Director for the following, but not limited to, failure to pay league fees and dues by December 1<sup>st</sup>, failure to submit background checks by the designated time set by the Director, non-attendance at mandatory District 9 meetings, and other required submittals as determined by the District 9 rules.
4. District teams may roster up to 20 players for a specific team.
  - a. The maximum is eighteen (18) players plus two (2) goaltenders, unless prior written permission is received from the District 9 Director and the Minnesota Registrar. Changes in team rosters cannot be made after December 31.
5. All teams will indicate at time of registration, of their intention to participate in District 9 playoffs. When a team, (who has indicated at the beginning of the season of their intent to play in the playoffs, if they qualify) qualifies for District playoff position and fails to participate in the District playoff, the team and/or team association will still be assessed the district tournament fee. If a team forfeits a play in or district tournament game without District Director's approval, a fine of \$1500 will be imposed against that association. If a team is a no show without notice a fine of \$2000 will be imposed to that association
6. The District 9 Director and the Executive Board will determine the number and structure of leagues based upon the census of teams from each member association.
7. If an Association has more than one team at a level, the Association then must participate at the highest level offered by D-9. Associations can petition the District Director for an exception to this general rule.



## **SECTION 2: COACHES**

1. All coaches must follow USA Hockey coaching affiliation.
2. All head and assistant coaches must attain the appropriate certification level and Modules by December 31.
3. There will be no uncertified coaches on the bench at any time, at any level.
4. All coaches will be required to photocopy their card and include it with the team roster.
5. All certified coaches must be registered on the team's roster that they are coaching.
6. All coaches and certification number will be listed on the score sheet and the head or acting head coach must sign each score sheet each game.
7. Each coach on the ice is required to wear a HECC approved helmet during practice. Helmets must have the chin strap fastened properly.
8. Each coach is required to undergo the MINNESOTA HOCKEY (MH) CONFIDENTIAL SCREENING AND CONSENT process prior to coaching on ice, using the Minnesota Hockey screening policy as outlined in the Minnesota Hockey Handbook.
9. Any coach of a District 9 team who is ejected from a game may be subject to disciplinary action from the District Director that may include suspension, expulsion and/or a fine to the member association.
10. Any violations of the above District 9 coaching policies will be disciplined and/or fined by the District Director.



**SECTION 3: LEAGUE GAMES**

1. All league games are to be scheduled at the District 9 scheduling meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2016. This is for Bantam, Peewee, and Girl's 12U B teams. The scheduling meeting for Squirts and Girl's 10U B will be on November 7, 2016.
2. Each team must have a representative at the scheduling meeting. They will be given a form listing their home and away league games. They will need to work with the other representatives to determine date, time, and location for their league games.

BANTAM A SCHEDULE 11-12		EAST		
Home	Coach	Date	Time	Rink
KASSON	RED WING			
RED WING	KASSON			
KASSON	ROCHESTER BLACK			
ROCHESTER BLACK	KASSON			
KASSON	WINONA			
WINONA	KASSON			
KASSON	AUSTIN			
AUSTIN	KASSON			

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3. Once you have completed your schedule, please make a copy with the copy machines at the scheduling meeting. Leave one copy, take the original with you. **You will then need to email the statistician ([jasonjo@charter.net](mailto:jasonjo@charter.net)) with your name and team affiliation.** You will then receive, via email, the schedule excel form that you will need to add information FOR YOUR HOME GAMES ONLY to, and return. This form will be used to upload your schedule to the league webpage.

A	B	C	F	G	K	L	N	O
Format	Start_Date_Time	End_Date_Time	Location	Location_URL	Team1_Name	Team1_ID	Team2_ID	Team2_Name
NGIN	12/18/2010 12:00	12/18/2010 13:00	Gustavus Adolphus College	<a href="http://bulldoghockey.pucksystems2.com">http://bulldoghockey.pucksystems2.com</a>	New Ulm / Sleepy Eye	11NUBA	11MKBA	MANKATO
NGIN					New Ulm / Sleepy Eye	11NUBA	11LVBA	LAVERNE
NGIN					New Ulm / Sleepy Eye	11NUBA	11SLBA	ST PETER LA SUEUR
NGIN					New Ulm / Sleepy Eye	11NUBA	11ALBA	ALBERT LEA
NGIN					New Ulm / Sleepy Eye	11NUBA	11FBBA	FARIBAULT
NGIN					New Ulm / Sleepy Eye	11NUBA	11OWBA	OWATONNA
NGIN					New Ulm / Sleepy Eye	11NUBA	11RWBA	RED WING
NGIN					New Ulm / Sleepy Eye	11NUBA	11WIBA	WINONA
NGIN					MANKATO	11MKBA	11NUBA	NEW ULM/SLEEPY
NGIN					MANKATO	11MKBA	11LVBA	LAVERNE
NGIN					MANKATO	11MKBA	11SLBA	ST PETER LA SUEUR
NGIN					MANKATO	11MKBA	11FBBA	FARIBAULT
NGIN					MANKATO	11MKBA	11OWBA	OWATONNA
NGIN					MANKATO	11MKBA	11DCBA	Dodge County
NGIN					MANKATO	11MKBA	11RBBA	ROCHESTER BLACK
NGIN					MANKATO	11MKBA	11AUBA	AUSTIN
NGIN					LAVERNE	11LVBA	11NUBA	NEW ULM/SLEEPY
NGIN					LAVERNE	11LVBA	11MKBA	MANKATO

FILL IN THIS INFORMATION USING THIS FORMAT.  
LEAVE ALL OTHER CELLS AS THEY ARE

TEAM1\_NAME WILL BE YOUR TEAM.  
THIS WILL BE PREPOPULATED. YOU ONLY FILL OUT THE FORM WITH YOUR HOME GAMES!

4. After you have entered in the 'Start\_Date\_Time', 'End\_Date\_Time', 'Location' and 'Location\_URL' for your home games only (between 6 and 10, typically), you will then email the form back to the statistician at [jasonjo@charter.net](mailto:jasonjo@charter.net). **LEAVE ALL OTHER COLUMNS BLANK.** For time, please use 12 hour time, in the following format: 12/18/2010 1:00 PM. The form will convert it to 24-hour time.
5. The statistician will combine all of the schedules and upload the entire league schedule onto the website. **THIS CANNOT HAPPEN UNTIL ALL INDIVIDUAL HOME SCHEDULES ARE RECEIVED.**
6. All league games must be completed between October 27, 2016 and February 5, 2017 (including all make-up games). This does not include Squirts/10U B.
7. League games between teams from the same association will have a schedule completion date of January 18,



8. The league schedule will consist of a number of games as determined by the District Director, League Coordinator and Executive Board.
9. Game limits per season:
  - a. Youth Squirt and Girls 10U level are limited to 35 games (including scrimmages and tournaments).
  - b. All traveling Mite/Girls 8 U level (and below) teams are limited to 15.
  - c. Traveling Mite/Girls 8 U level, and below, teams may not play games prior to November 1.
  - d. Out of town scrimmages and split practices with out of town teams are considered games.
10. All league games will be played as per original schedule submitted to the District 9 Statistician.
  - a. Games may be rescheduled prior to November 15<sup>th</sup>, in which league games may be played at no charge by filling out the District 9 Game Rescheduling Form (see Appendix A).
  - b. Any game changes after November 15<sup>th</sup>, **MUST** be rescheduled using the District 9 Game Rescheduling Form and paying the required fee.
  - c. Games can be rescheduled, with no fee, due inclement weather or severe team illness.
  - d. District 9 Director decision will be final. Rescheduling a league game will be \$50, paid by the team that wants to reschedule.
11. **RESCHEDULING GAMES**. Games may be rescheduled prior to November 15<sup>th</sup> in which league games may be played at no charge by filling out the District 9 Game Rescheduling Form (found on District 9 website). Any game changes after November 15<sup>th</sup>, **MUST** be rescheduled using the District 9 Game Rescheduling Form and paying the required fee. The Game Rescheduling Form is to be completed by the team requesting the change and returned to the District Director, along with a check payable to District 9 Hockey in the amount of \$50.00. The rescheduled game must be mutually agreed upon by both teams.
  - i. \*NOTE – if the rescheduled game date is prior to the original game date, the Game Rescheduling Form **MUST BE RECEIVED 7 DAYS BEFORE THE RESCHEDULED DATE** or there will be an additional fee of \$25 fee. If the rescheduled game date is after the original game date, the Game Rescheduling Form **MUST BE RECEIVED 7 DAYS BEFORE THE ORIGINAL GAME DATE** or there will be an additional \$25 fee.
  - ii. If rescheduling a league game cannot be mutually agreed upon by both teams, the team requesting the change **MUST** play the originally scheduled game or forfeit the game.
12. **CANCELLING GAMES**. Any team that commits a same-day cancellation or “no show” to a game will be fined \$300.00 per cancelled game. The fine will be paid to District 9 within 7 days of the date of the cancelled game. District 9 will direct \$200.00 of the cancellation fee to the other team/association involved in the cancelled game. The remaining \$100.00 will be retained by District 9 as a fine for the cancelled game. In the case of a double forfeit, both teams/associations involved will be fined \$100.00. A team that cancels a game or is a “no show” for a league game also becomes ineligible for District playoffs. Exceptions to this would be inclement weather or severe team illness.
  - a. No “fair play points” will be awarded to either team for cancelled games as no game was played. A fair play point may be awarded to a team if the other team forfeits a game, per the District Director’s approval.
13. The **HOME TEAM** will confirm scheduled games with the visiting team at least 1 week prior to the game time. Notification of cancellation of a league game must be given no later than 48 hours prior to game time; with the exception of the cancelling team being physically unable to play (i.e. large number of team members being ill, inclement weather). Inclement weather is defined as when the MN Highway Department declares "no unnecessary travel". "No Shows" will pay District 9 \$300.00 to help compensate the home team for ice time and referees. "No Shows" will forfeit league points for that game, allowing the opposing team to add 2 points to their standings. Any team failing to notify the opposing team of a league game cancellation according to section 3-7 criteria will be considered a "No Show".
14. It is mandatory that all league games be played. If a team refuses to play another team, the non-forfeiting team will be awarded 2 points. (Exceptions to this are outlined in section 3, rule 5. c) Any team refusing to play a league game for reasons other than those described in section 3, rule 7, may be barred from participating in league play the following season; pending review by District 9 Executive Board.



15. In the event of a tie between two or more teams in the final league standings, the following process shall be used to determine position in the standings. In the event that the tied teams played an unequal number of games, the formula results stated below must be determined by a percentage of available points in the games played. When the tie involves two teams, the tie breaking formulas shall be used in succession until the tie is broken beginning with 5.a. When the tie involves three or more teams, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tie-breaking process. If one formula 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 tie-breaking process again at formula 5.a.
  - a. Head to head competition among tied teams including Fair Play points.
  - b. Most wins in league play.
  - c. Fewest losses in league play
  - d. Most Fair Play points earned in league play
  - e. Largest goal differential among tied teams. (six max. per game)
  - f. Greatest quotient; goals for divided by goals against among tied teams.
  - g. Largest goal differential for all league play. (six max. per game)
  - h. Greatest quotient; goals for divided by goals against for all league play.
  - i. Flip of a coin by a league official in the presence of the District Director.



#### **SECTION 4: PLAYING RULES**

1. The **HOME TEAM** will wear white jersey, and be responsible for a change in jersey color in case of a color conflict.
2. The **HOME TEAM** will provide the visiting teams with warm-up pucks. All District 9 tournament sites will provide warm-up pucks for all games.
3. Penalty time for **all** games in District 9 league games will be:
  - a. 2 minutes for each minor penalty in games at the Bantam level, U14, Pee Wee and U12 1 minute 30 seconds in games at all other levels Squirt & U10.
  - b. 5 minutes for major penalty for all games.
  - c. 10 minutes for misconduct penalty for all games.
4. A fighting penalty (5 minute major assessed by the referee), by a District 9 player received during a league, tournament, scrimmage, or exhibition game will be a 2 game suspension. Pursuant to USAH rules a fighting penalty carries an automatic Game Misconduct (which is a “next game” suspension). In addition to the “next game” suspension the penalized player will sit the next district 9 league or playoff game for a total of 2 game suspension. There are no appeals for this infraction. The second fighting infraction will require the player to come before the District 9 Executive Committee for a hearing. The Executive Committee will then recommend to the District Director the penalty for offending player. Upon a second infraction, the Player will be suspended from their team games until the hearing has taken place and the penalty has been determined.
5. Checking from behind will be recorded on the score sheet as two penalties.
6. **There are no timeouts allowed in league games.**
7. 15 second face-off rule/procedure.
  - a. When the referee blows their whistle for a stoppage of play, the visiting team will have 5 seconds to change their lines.
  - b. The referee will then raise their arm (signifying visiting team line change is completed).
  - c. The referee will then allow the home team their change (also for 5 seconds).
  - d. When the referee drops their arm, the linesman dropping the puck will blow their whistle, and begin counting from 5 down to 0. If the centers are ready to go, linesman will drop the puck without counting.
  - e. When the linesman gets to 0, the puck is going to be dropped for play. If a player is off side on the face off, the linesman will signal the offending teams’ center out of the face-off.
  - f. This will be the only warning.
  - g. If the same team causes a second delay, a minor penalty for delay of game will be issued by the referee.
8. All players, including goal keepers, are required to follow Minnesota Hockey rule regarding internal mouthpiece.
9. During District, region and state tournaments, running time shall be used whenever a goal differential of six (6) occurs in the third (3rd) period. If the goal differential becomes less than six (6), stop time shall again begin.
10. Where running time is used in District, region or state tournament play, the clock shall not be stopped for any reason except for injuries or rink problems and only at the discretion of the referee. Penalties shall begin at the face-off immediately following the assessment of the penalty. Penalties shall not be posted on the scoreboard unless they can be entered without stopping the clock.
11. There will be no resurfacing for 10U, 14U, 12U, Squirt, PW and Bantam league games (unless agreed to by both coaches). If a game includes resurfacing, there will be only one resurface per game.
12. A one-minute rest period will be allocated between periods.
13. Minimum time allotted to play for Bantam, PW, Girls 12U, and 14U games is **recommended** to be one hour and 15 minutes.
14. All League Bantam, PW, 14U and 12U games will be 15-minute stop-time periods with a 5-minute pre-game warm-up (*exception to this rule in part a*).
  - a. If there is not enough rink time remaining to play a full 3<sup>rd</sup> period, the referee and coaches will agree on the remaining time of the ice, and play a reduced, stop-time period until the game expires.
15. All League 10U and Squirt games will be 12-minute stop-time periods with a 5 minute warm-up. See 14(a) above.
16. Scheduled warm-up begins when both teams are on the ice or when the scheduled ice time begins, whichever is first.



17. Mites and Mini-Mites. Mites are considered 8 years old and younger, Mini-Mites are considered 6 years old and younger. Mini-Mites must play all games cross-ice. Mites may play cross-ice, half-ice, or 6 full-ice after December 31<sup>st</sup> to be determined by the two teams when the game is scheduled.



**SECTION 5: STATISTICS**

1. A representative of each team (Bantam, Pee wee, Squirt, u14, u12, u10) will email results of all league games to the statistician no later than 24 hours after the game is completed. The information, in email format, should be in the following format:

**Subject Line: Bantam A Game: Faribault at Owatonna** (*this shows the level of play and who is home and who is away*).

**Score: (broken out by period)**

**Faribault ~ 1, 2, 3 = 6**

**Owatonna ~ 1, 1, 1 = 3** (*home team on the bottom*)

**Penalties: (broken out by category)**

**Faribault ~ 4 minor, 1 major, 0 misconduct = 13 minutes**

**Owatonna ~ 5 minor, 0 major, 0 misconduct = 10 minutes**

**FPP: (see rules regarding awarding of Fair Play Point)**

**Faribault ~ yes**

**Owatonna ~ yes**

This information should be emailed to: Jason Johannsen ~ [jasonjo@charter.net](mailto:jasonjo@charter.net). Scores will be posted when received from the first team to report. Score will be validated from the second report. If the score reports are different, the statistician will work with the two teams to determine the discrepancy. They may include scanning and emailing the actual scoresheets.

2. Fair play points will be awarded according to Minnesota Hockey Handbook rules on page 29. Only 1 fair play point can be earned per team for each game played (minute and a half penalties will be considered as 2 minutes for fair play points).
  - a. Examples: (Pee wee teams are allowed 12 penalty minutes or less per game to earn a fair play point).
    - i. Pee wee team 1 has 4 minor penalties: 4 penalties x 2 mins = 8 mins total – 1 fair play point earned.
    - ii. Pee wee team 2 has 2 minor penalties & 1 check from behind penalty: 2 minors = 4 mins + 2 mins + 10 mins = 16 penalty mins = no fair play point earned.

Squirt – 10 minutes	Girls 10u – 8 minutes
Pee wee – 12 minutes	Girls 12u – 10 minutes
Bantam – 14 minutes	Girls 14u – 12 minutes
Jr. Gold – 16 minutes	

Penalty Equivalents:

Minor – 2 minutes	Match – 10 minutes
Major – 5 minutes	Checking from Behind – 12 minutes ( 2/10 )
Misconduct – 10 minutes	Mouthguard – 2 minutes
Penalty Shot – Equivalent to penalty assessed	

3. All 8U and Mite game scores should also be emailed to the statistician by both teams. For purposes of reporting, since scores are NOT kept, they should all be 0 to 0.
4. The league statistician will compile league standings. All standings will be placed onto the web site on a daily basis. Final standings will be available in February on the District 9 web site.
5. League standings will be used to establish the District and Regional Playoffs, depending on the classification. This will be determined by the format that is accepted at the June, District 9 meeting.



**SECTION 6: TOURNAMENTS**

1. No invitational tournaments in District 9 will be sanctioned on the weekend of February 10-12, 2017
2. District 9 Bantam B2, Pee wee C, Squirt and 10U tournaments will be March 3-March 5, 2016.
3. District 9 tournament entry fees will be **\$600.00** for all teams, District gate fees will be \$300.00 for all teams in district tournaments. Squirt and U10 invitational tournaments will be \$500.00. Squirt and U10 gate fees will be \$250.00 for all teams in District 9 invitational tournaments.
4. Play-in games will be held the week prior to the district tournament if needed. Winning teams enter District play as the highest seed of each game.
5. District 9 Tournament format: 8 team bracket, double elimination.
6. Qualifying format:
  - a. Format for district tournament will be determined by the number of teams in each league with the up to the top 8 teams being automatically seeded into the district tournament depending on league numbers.



**SECTION 7: OFFICIALS**

1. The home team association officials’ assigner will be responsible for securing and compensating referees. Officials will be assigned in accordance with #4 of this section, all officials will be USA Hockey certified to the Minimum Referee Level Requirements for the Game. (See below, #2)
2. Minimum Referee Level Requirements for Games refereed throughout District 9.
  - a. Any game scheduler who assigns incompletely registered officials for games is subject to serious liability and sanctions from USA Hockey, MN Hockey and District 9 as he/she jeopardizes the insurance coverage of the officials and both teams involved. Only qualified officials will be assigned to games based on the below assignment guidelines.

Age Class	2-Official	3-Official “Referee”	3-Official “Linesman”
Mites/Girls 8U	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1
Squirts/Girls 10U	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1
Peewees/Girls 12U	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1
Bantams/Girls 14U	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2
Junior Gold/Girls 19U	Not Allowed	Level 3	Level 2
College	Not Allowed	Level 3	Level 3
Adult Women's	Level 3	Level 3	Level 2
Adult Men's	Level 3	Level 3	Level 2

3. All game misconducts received in District 9 will be entered into the USAH online “incident report system”.

4. Recommended pay scale for referees throughout District 9.

Jr. Gold	U18	Girls 19U	4-person system is mandatory	\$43/\$43/\$20/\$20	(\$126)
Midget	U16	Girls 16U	3-person system is mandatory	\$65/30/\$30	(\$125)
Bantam	U14	Girls 14U	3-person system is recommended	\$60/\$25/\$25	(\$110)
Bantam	U14	Girls 14U	2-person system is minimum required	\$55/\$55	(\$110)
Peewee	U12	Girls 12U	3-person system is recommended	\$40/\$20/\$20	(\$80)
Peewee	U12	Girls 12U	2-person system is minimum required	\$40/\$40	(\$80)
Squirt	U10	Girls 10U	3-person system is recommended	\$26/\$12/\$12	(\$50)
Squirt	U10	Girls 10U	2-person system is minimum required	\$25/\$25	(\$50)
Mites	U8	Girls 8U	3-person system is recommended	\$14/\$8/\$8	(\$30)
Mites	U8	Girls 8U	2-person system is minimum required	\$15/ \$15	(\$30)

**Note: There is not maximum pay.**

5. District, Regional and Jamboree pay scale for referees is as follows:

Jr. Gold	U18	Girls 19U	4-person system is mandatory	\$50/\$50/\$25/\$25	(\$150)
Midget	U16	Girls 16U	3-person system is mandatory	\$56/\$37/\$37	(\$130)
Bantam	U14	Girls 14U	3-person system is mandatory	\$50/\$35/\$35	(\$120)
Peewee	U12	Girls 12U	3-person system is mandatory	\$45/\$35/\$35	(\$100)
Squirt	U10	Girls 10U	3-person system is mandatory	\$36/\$17/\$17	(\$70)
Mite	U8	Girls 8U	3-person system is mandatory	\$25/\$10/\$10	(\$45)



Travel in Miles (one-way)	Fee
0-30	(Included in Game Fee)
31-60	\$10
61-100	\$15
>101	\$20

7. State Tournament pay scale for referees is as follows:

Jr. Gold/U18	Girls 19U	3-person system is mandatory	\$55, \$45, \$45	(\$145)
Midget/U16	Girls 16U	3-person system is mandatory	\$55, \$45, \$45	(\$145)
Bantam/U14	Girls 14U A	3-person system is mandatory	\$55, \$40, \$40	(\$135)
Peewee A/U12	Girls 12U A	3-person system is mandatory	\$50, \$35, \$35	(\$120)
Peewee B/U12	Girls 14U B	2-person system is mandatory	\$50, \$50	(\$100)
	Girls 12U B	2-person system is mandatory	\$40, \$40	(\$80)
	Sr. Women	2-person system is mandatory	\$35, \$35	(\$70)

8. District, Regional and State Tournament Officials will be scheduled by the District Supervisor of Officials.
9. The host association for the District, Regional or State tournament is responsible for paying the officials. District Supervisor of Officials will provide a list of the officials working prior to the start of the event. Payment may be made by check or cash. It is acceptable to wait until that official's last game of the weekend before paying them. Please post the game schedules, ref schedules and rules in the officials' room at the rink during the tournament. Snacks and refreshments should be available for the officials.
10. All on-ice officials must be registered with USA Hockey.
11. All referees must be registered with USA Hockey at Level 3 or Level 4 to officiate District, Regional and State tournament games. Level 2 referees may be used at the "B" level with the approval of the cognizant MH District Director, Supervisor of Officials and the MH Referee Section Director.
12. All on-ice officials are required to wear the official USA Hockey crest on their sweaters and carry their USA Hockey registration card.
13. All referees must complete registration by Dec. 31.
14. The host association for a District or Regional tournament is responsible for paying for crews coming in from other areas; a one-time \$10 mileage fee will be paid to each official traveling more than 50 miles roundtrip. Only one fee will be paid for the weekend. No mileage reimbursement for local officials traveling less than 50 miles roundtrip. The Supervisor of Officials will make final determination of mileage if disputed.
15. Referee complaints will be reported to the District Supervisor of Officials:
 

Ryan Swafford  
411 Glenwood Ave  
Mankato, MN 56001  
Home/Fax 507-720-0217  
C 507-304-0298  
H (507) 304-0298  
[rssl0@hotmail.com](mailto:rssl0@hotmail.com)
16. If you are a coach that has recently played a game in District 9, please feel free to fill out the form at the link with your referee evaluation. Please be specific with referee names and with all comments. Please be aware, you may be contacted to elaborate on your comments as we strive to provide the highest quality officiating.  
<http://www.mnDistrict9hockey.com/page/show/168173-minnesota-hockey-District-9>



## **SECTION 8: GRIEVANCE**

1. The Grievance Committee of District 9 will be the District 9 Executive Committee. All grievances must be in writing and postmarked within 72 hours of the reported incident. The local league representative will submit the report to the District Director.
  - a. If necessary, copies of the grievance will be sent to the opposing team's league representative.
2. The two teams involved in the incident will then have 7 days in which to submit any information requested by the Grievance Committee and any information that either team feels is pertinent to the handling and resolving of the grievance. Any grievance not submitted within the 72-hour time frame WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If the League representative is not available to present the grievance, the local Association President may submit the grievance. If the Grievance Committee's decision will affect League standings the League Statistician must be notified immediately.
3. All Communications to the district director needs to come from the district representative

## **SUB-SECTION 8: MATCH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS**

1. Pursuant to the USAH rules and by-laws a Player or Team Official incurring a match penalty shall be suspended from participating in any USA Hockey games and practices until his case has been dealt with by the proper authorities. A hearing by the proper authorities shall be offered to be held (including any further disciplinary action) within 30 days of the incident ("30-day period") together with a decision in accordance with Bylaw 10D (Suspension Hearings/Domestic Competition Playing Rules). If extenuating circumstances prevent the proper authorities from conducting the hearing within the 30-day period, the player or Team Official shall be automatically reinstated after the 30-day period. The failure to offer the hearing shall not prohibit the hearing body from conducting the hearing after the 30-day period and imposing further disciplinary action.
2. The District 9 Board retains the option to hold a disciplinary hearing within 30-days of the offense. The disciplinary hearing is to determine if further suspension is needed. This is known as the "Discovery" phase. During the discovery phase players, coaches or team officials are not allowed to Coach, practice or participate in any team activities until either the 30-day period has lapsed or a hearing has convened.
3. The penalized party may request an "in-person" consideration hearing with the D9 Disciplinary Committee, in writing, to the D9 Director, no later than **5 days** after receiving the game report. If the penalized party does not request a hearing within the specified time period, he/she forfeits the option for further review/adjudication and agrees to comply with the decision/s of the D9 Disciplinary Committee. All decisions made by the D9 Disciplinary Committee are final. (See Appeals process in Section 9).
4. Hearing Representation: The person, team, league or local association making an appeal shall be permitted to be represented at a hearing conducted by a District Director, Regional Vice President or the MH Grievance Committee. Such representation may consist of the appealing individual plus one representative, or two representatives for the individual, team, league or association. Said representative(s) may, without a personal appearance, present their position through written statements and letters.
5. Suspension: Players, Team or League Officials and Others: The power to suspend any person shall be with the local governing body in accordance with their rules and regulations. Whomever is vested with this authority shall conduct a hearing in situations where the facts of the case are in dispute. All parties involved in the incident and witnesses shall be given the opportunity to give their version of the facts. Automatic suspensions involving violations of USA Hockey and MH playing rules do not require a hearing.
6. Details about hearings come from the District 9 Director.



## **SECTION 9: APPEALS**

1. Any person, team, league or local association may appeal a grievable decision, in writing, to the District Director for a period of ten (10) calendar days, after a decision was rendered or a hearing refused within its own league or association. Such appeal must state that it is an appeal, state the rule that is claimed to be violated, and why the grieved action is a violation. The District Director shall make a written determination within twelve (12) calendar days of receipt of a valid appeal. The decision of the District Director may be appealed, in writing, for a period of ten (10) calendar days to the cognizant Maroon or Gold Vice President, who will issue a written ruling within twelve (12) calendar days. Any decision of the Divisional Vice President may be appealed for a period of ten (10) calendar days to the MH Grievance Committee which must make a written determination within twelve (12) calendar days of receipt of a written appeal. The decision of the Grievance Committee shall be final except as noted in paragraph (5) of this Article.
2. Decisions by Committees other than the Grievance Committee or the Screening Committee may be appealed to the MH Board of Directors, within ten (10) calendar days of a written decision, subject to the requirements of the "Grievable Decision" paragraph heretofore.
3. Decisions of the Grievance Committee, Screening Committee or the MH Board of Directors may be appealed to USA Hockey according to the provisions of USA Hockey Bylaw 10. Resolution of Disputes, Arbitration, and Suspensions.
4. Court Actions: Any recourse to the courts of any jurisdiction by any member or individual before all of the rights and remedies available under the Articles and By-Laws of this association have been exhausted, shall be deemed conduct detrimental to the best interests of hockey and a violation of the Articles and By-Laws of this association and USA Hockey and therefore grounds for suspension and or expulsion pursuant to the provisions of this Article.



## **SECTION 10: JUNIOR GOLD AND 16 & UNDER RULES**

1. At the Junior Gold and 16 & Under divisions, the "tag-up rule" as described in the USA Hockey Adult Rules shall be used.
2. The penalty for fighting in the Junior Gold and 16 & Under division for the first offense will be the remainder of the game plus 3 games. For a second violation the player will be removed from the program. All provisions in the USA Hockey Official Playing Rules that apply to the Midget age division and younger shall also apply to the Junior Gold and 16 & Under division except as modified by MH.
3. At the Junior Gold and 16 & Under divisions, the referees may call a Game Ejection on any player/team official at any time during the play of the game. The player/team official will be removed only from the game being played when receiving this penalty.
4. At the Junior Gold division and the 16 & Under division, a Game Ejection shall be automatically assessed when a player receives a third penalty during a single game. Enforcing this penalty is the joint responsibility of the referees, the scorekeeper, the coach and the player.
  - a) If it is determined during a game that a team allowed a player to continue to participate after receiving their third penalty, the game will be immediately forfeited to the other team.
  - b) A completed game may be protested if it is suspected that a team allowed a player to continue to participate after receiving their third penalty. The protest must be filed with the proper authority within one hour for tournament games, and within 24 hours for league games. The protesting party must provide evidence to substantiate this claim. If verified, the subject game will be forfeited.



**APPENDIX A: DISTRICT 9 GAME RESCHEDULING FORM**

To reschedule a league game the following must take place:

1. MUST have 7 days' notice to reschedule a game.  
(this requires a submitted form and check in hand)
2. Make the check payable to District 9 Hockey for \$50.00 or \$75.00 if form is late.  
(reference game rescheduled on check)

Mail the rescheduling form and check to:

Tom Christensen  
39 Eagle Ridge Trail  
North Mankato, MN 56003

Home Team Information	
Home Team:	
Home Manager Name:	
Home Manager Street Address:	
Home Manager City, State, Zip:	
Home Manager Phone Number:	
Home Manager E-Mail Address:	

Visiting Team Information	
Visiting Team:	
Visiting Manager Name:	
Visiting Manager Street Address:	
Visiting Manager City, State, Zip:	
Visiting Manager Phone Number:	
Visiting Manager E-Mail Address:	

Original Game Information	
Level of play: (i.e. Peewee B)	
Original Game Date:	
Original Start Time:	

New Game Information	
New Game Date:	
New Game Time:	
New Rink: (i.e. Mankato)	
Person and Team Requesting Change:	
Reason for Game Change:	

REMINDER: The Game Rescheduling Form and check must be submitted and in the District Director's hand 7 days prior to the original scheduled game date. Game scheduling forms received less than 7 days prior to the originally scheduled game will have additional \$25 fee.



**APPENDIX B: DISTRICT 9 PLAYING RULES SHORT SUMMARY**

	<b>Jr. Gold/ Women 19U</b>	<b>Bantam/ Girls 14U</b>	<b>Peewee/ Girls 12U</b>	<b>Squirts/ Girls 10U</b>	<b>Mites/ Girls 8U</b>
<b>Games</b>	No Game Limit  The recommended maximum number of games per season is: 45 games for Jr. Gold	No Game Limit  The recommended maximum number of games per season is: 35 games for Bantams	No Game Limit  The recommended maximum number of games per season is: 30 games for Peewees	35 Game Limit (includes tournaments)  The recommended maximum number of games per season is: 20 games for Squirts	6 game limit
<b>Starting Times:</b>	Should be no later than 10:00PM	Should be no later than 9:00PM	Should be no later than 8:00PM	Should be no later than 7:00PM	Should be no later than 7:00PM
<b>Game Length</b>	3 – 15 min stop	3 – 15 min stop	3 – 15 min stop	3 – 12 min stop	3 – 12 min stop
<b>Minimum Referees Systems</b>	3 man system	2 man system	2 man system	2 man system	2 man system
<b>Penalties</b>	2:00 min Minor 5 min Major 10 min Misconduct	2:00 min Minor 5 min Major 10 min Misconduct	2:00 min Minor 5 min Major 10 min Misconduct	1:30 min Minor 5 min Major 10 min Misconduct	The player receiving a penalty will be removed from the ice until their next shift.
<b>Time Outs</b>	None	None	None	None	None
<b>15 Second Face-off</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Overtime (league games)</b>	No	No	No	No	No
	<b>Scoring records should be de-emphasized at the Mite, Squirt and Peewee classifications.</b>				
	<b>Team schedules should include at least two practices for every game.</b>				
<b>Mites/ Girls 8U</b>	Out of town scrimmages are considered games				
<b>Mini-Mites</b>	6 yrs old and under, must play cross-ice				
<b>Mini-Mites</b>	8 yrs old and under, may play cross-ice, half-ice, or 6 full-ice games after December 31 <sup>st</sup>				



**APPENDIX C: DISTRICT 9 SAMPLE OF AN AUTHORIZED TEAM STICKER**

Below is a sample of an authorized team sticker which may be used on the District 9 score sheet(s) with the following required information:

- Association Name, Level of Play (Bantams, Peewees, Girls12UB, Squirt, etc),
- Jersey Numbers
- Player Names
- Coaches Names
- Coaching Education Program card number
- Coaching Education Program level and year obtained
- Signatures
- Scratch absent coaches and no eligible players from sticker/score sheet.

\*this information must be within the borders allowed on the score sheets and appear on all pages.

Any Town		
2009-2010 Bantam A		
1	Joe Smith	F
2	John Doe	D
5	Robb Jones	F
6	Matthew Page	F
7	Steven Roberts	D
9	Rick Waters	F
10	Thomas Smith	F
11	John Booker	F
12	Gary Ford	D
17	Ronald Thomas	F
18	Tony Matthews	D
20	Randy Carpenter	D
30	Jim Block	G
Coach Mike Hill Mike R. Hill		
CEP # 1000, level 3, 2009 – 2010		
Coach Stan Walker Stan Walker		
CEP # 2004, level 3, 2009 – 2010		



## **APPENDIX D: DISTRICT 9 END OF YEAR TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The District tournament is sanctioned by Minnesota Hockey and conducted by a selected host who will act as Tournament Director, in accordance with a contract executed with Minnesota Hockey. All games will be played under and in accordance with the rules of USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations.

### **Rosters:**

- Please submit rosters with the numbers to the tournament chairperson by **Second Friday of February**.
- Rosters will be limited to 20 players
- Only those listed as a coach or player on the team's USA Hockey Roster will be allowed in the player's box during the game.

### **Entry Fee:**

\$600.00 per team and \$300.00 gate fee. Payment must be received by the 1st game of tournament. Team entry fee is payable to the host association.

**NOTE:** Failure to submit payment prior to the first game could result in that team's disqualification from the tournament.

**Note:** Tournament passes from other regional Tournaments are not transferable. The host will provide each participating team with free admission for each player and coach listed on the team's roster, plus the team manager.

### **Sign In:**

All players, coaches and managers **MUST** sign-in sixty (60) minutes prior to their first game for roster verification.

### **Credentials:**

**The following items MUST be submitted by each team to the tournament chairperson for review and approval by the District Director or designee prior to their first tournament game. Failure to comply shall result in forfeiture of that team's first game.**

- USA Hockey Player Roster Form(s) signed by respective Associate Registrar or other person authorized by USA Hockey registrar to sign rosters.
- Individual Membership Registration forms (IMR's) for each player and coach. **Note:** IMR's not required if using electronic roster.
- **(Birth Certificates are not needed) I will have stamped off on these and the roster will show that by two ways one with the big stamp that states I have seen them or a person authorized by myself, or in the V column of the roster there will be a large D with a small v inside, means that myself or person authorized by myself, have seen the birth certificates**
- Residency waivers for all players on the roster not residing in the team's natural hockey community.
- An approval letter from the Minnkota District Registrar for any player rostered in a younger age group than is implicit based on the player's birth date.
- CEP (Coaches Education Program) card verification for all coaches on the bench.

**Format:** The competition format will be in accordance with the format established by District 9. Tournament host have no authority to make modifications to the format, without the expressed permission of the District Director, and/or the District Tournament Coordinator.

**Awards:** Team trophies will be awarded.

**Resurfacing:** The ice shall be resurfaced before each game and at intermission between the second and third periods. If the game goes into overtime, resurfacing shall occur at the end of the second overtime period and at the end of every three overtime periods thereafter.



**Warm Ups:** Five (5) minutes before the start of each game.

**National Anthem:** To be played prior to the 1<sup>ST</sup> game each day, following the introduction of the teams. Both teams are to be on the ice, facing the flag, with helmets off.

**Playing Time:** Refer to Minnesota Hockey Handbook, page 30, (I) Playing Time.

**Playing Rules:** USA Hockey Rules, as modified by MN/Hockey. Refer to MN/ Hockey Handbook, specially PG 27, **Playing Rules**, and PG 30, **Tournaments**

1. Games for Junior Gold and younger will consist of three 15 minute periods of actual playing time. Start times shall be scheduled at two (2) hour intervals (minimum). In District tournament play, games for Junior Gold and younger will consist of three 12 to 15 minute periods of actual playing time as determined by the cognizant District director.
2. During District, region and state tournaments, running time shall be used whenever a goal differential of six (6) occurs in the third (3rd) period. If the goal differential becomes less than six (6), stop time shall again begin.
3. Where running time is used in District, region or state tournament play, the clock shall not be stopped for any reason except for injuries or rink problems and only at the discretion of the referee. Penalties shall begin at the face-off immediately following the assessment of the penalty. Penalties shall not be posted on the scoreboard unless they can be entered without stopping the clock.

#### **Breaking of Ties**

1. For Region and State Tournament games, the following overtime format shall be used. The teams shall not change goals during the entire overtime.
  - a. A two minute rest, then a first sudden - victory overtime period – ten minutes – five on five
  - b. A two minute rest, then a second sudden - victory overtime period – ten minutes – five on five
  - c. Resurface the ice, then conduct additional ten-minute sudden – victory overtime periods, as needed, five on five, with two-minute rests between periods and resurfacing after every three periods.
  - d. Refer to paragraph entitled “Ice Resurfacing” herein for additional resurfacing requirements. This plan of play shall continue until one team scores. If the teams remain tied after three ten-minute periods of sudden-victory overtime, the tournament director, in the best interest of the tournament, has the option of suspending the game and completing it at a later time.
2. Method of determining a champion in round robin tournament play: The standings shall be determined on the basis of two (2) points for a win, zero (0) points for a loss, and one (1) point for a tie. (During district, region and state tournaments, regardless of format, all games will be played to a win/lose situation. There will be no ties.). If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by:
  - a. The results of the games played between the tied teams in the following order:
    1. The points acquired in these games
    2. Subtract goals scored against from goals scored (position by greatest surplus)
    3. Divide goals scored by the goals scored against (position by greatest quotient)
  - b. If after applying the formulas of a.1, a.2, or a.3 the tie still exists, a.2 and a.3 shall be applied using all the games played by each team. When the tie involves three or more teams, their position in the standings shall be determined as follows: If one tie-breaker 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 tie-breaking process again at step 3.a.1.
  - c. If the above procedure does not break the tie, the team that scored the first and fastest goal in a game will be the tie-breaker. If the teams are still tied, the teams shall use a shootout procedure. This will involve each team selecting five (5) players who will alternate taking penalty shots. A toss of the coin will determine which team will take the first shot. If after five (5) players from both teams have completed this procedure, the tie still has not been broken, it shall be repeated with five (5) different players until the standings are determined.

**Time-Out:** Each team is allowed one time-out per USA Hockey rule 637 [e]

**Referees:** All on-ice officials will be registered with USA Hockey and will display the USA Hockey patch on their



sweaters. All decisions of the referees are final.

**Medical:** Qualified medical personnel, as outlined in [M] page 32, of the Minnesota Hockey Handbook, will be present at each game.

**Goal Judges:** Goal judges, optional (Districts), Required for Regional and State Tournaments.

**Uniforms:** The highest seed team in a playoff game will be designated the home team and will wear their light colored jerseys and have the last line change. Teams not having contrasting colored jerseys are required to notify the tournament chairperson prior to the start of the tournament. **Note:** Each team is required to bring **both sets of jerseys to each game. Reference Minnesota Hockey Handbook, page 30, (G).**

**Conduct A:** Fighting during any game in this tournament will not be tolerated. Referees are instructed to eject any player who drops his/her stick or gloves or otherwise engages in fighting, regardless of provocation. Flagrant fighting, with deliberate action to injure, determined at the sole discretion of the Referee-in-charge, will result in the disqualification of the offending player from the entire tournament.

**Conduct B:** This tournament will strictly enforce the policies by USA Hockey for Zero Tolerance, Sexual Abuse and Physical abuse. Any player, coach or fan that is ejected from any game for disputing the calls of referees and/or tournament officials, taunting players and/or coaches, using profanity and/or obscene gestures or any other acts of inappropriate conduct will be barred from entering the arena [s] for the balance of the tournament. Team Managers and/or coaches are responsible to communicate this ruling to their fans.

**Protests:** Refer to Page 30, Section IX. Protests on page 30 of the Minnesota Hockey Handbook.