



# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

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**TO:** All Associations - Please Forward to All Your Coaches and Your Local Registrar

**Re: Roster Questions**

## **Roster Effective Date**

Recently the question came up as to whether new rosters for the regular 2023 - 2024 season that are being certified by the registrars between August 15th and September 1st are effective on the date that they are certified by the registrar. **New rosters for the 2023 - 2024 season are not effective until September 1<sup>st</sup>.** The only exceptions to that are Tier 2 16U split-season teams and Tier 2 18U split-season and full-season teams. Those teams are eligible to begin play on August 1st each year.

Several years ago, MAHA moved the date from September 1st to August 15th to begin roster submissions. That was to allow the registrars to have more time to approve and correct rosters prior to September 1, so that teams could begin play promptly at the beginning of the season. The move was never to extend the start of the season.

If teams are currently playing, they must be playing on a postseason (spring/summer) roster. All the players in the game must be on that roster. You cannot mix and match players from a postseason and a regular season roster. Playing players that are not on a postseason roster at this time of year constitutes playing an illegal player and is subject to a one-year suspension of the coach.

## **Game Counts**

The other question that came up was if games played by the Tier 2 16U split-season teams and Tier 2 18U split-season and Full-season teams against teams at the same level that are still on a postseason roster count against the game count needed to be eligible for the Tier 2 16U split-season teams and Tier 2 18U playoffs. Those games count if they are played against a properly registered team.

I hope this helps clarify a couple of these points if you have any further questions regarding either of these issues, please feel free to reach out to myself or Bob Yohe, the Michigan Registrar

Regards,

President  
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CC: All MAHA Directors  
Bob Yohe – Michigan Registrar