

USA HOCKEY, INC.
2024 WINTER MEETING
LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2024 - WM – Youth/Girls #3

NAME OF PUBLICATION: Annual Guide

MAIN HEADING: III. Team Membership and Registration

REGULATION (Heading): C. Registration

BY-LAW (Heading):

Section:

Reference (sub-section): (6)

Paragraph / Page no(s):

CURRENT WORDING: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)

For the purposes of determining where a player resides under paragraphs 1 and 2 above, absent specific Affiliate rules regarding residency, the residency status of a minor age player shall be the same as at least one of the minor's parents or legal guardians. Should a player not be residing with a parent or legal guardian but rather residing and attending school elsewhere, the location of the school shall be considered the player's residence. Any dispute under this section regarding where a minor age player resides shall be resolved by the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar(s), in consultation with the Assistant Executive Director of Member Services of USA Hockey. There shall be no appeal following such determination. The residency determination for the purposes of this rule does not affect the player's residency for the purposes of representation at player development camps.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11) (as it should appear with new wording-**bold**, Deletions-strikethrough)

For the purposes of determining where a player resides **hockey residency** under paragraphs 1 and 2 above, ~~absent specific Affiliate rules regarding residency,~~ the residency status of a minor age player shall be the same as ~~at least one of the minor's parents or legal guardians.~~ **both the player's parents as the player's primary residence. No player may create a residence for the purpose of playing hockey. Temporary or limited guardianships are not permitted or recognized. There may be exceptions to this rule in the case of divorce or other extraordinary circumstances, but these players circumstances must be brought to the attention of the District Registrar, in writing prior to the Roster being submitted for approval.** In the event the player does not live with both parents, the District Registrar and the Affiliate can request additional information necessary to determine the player's primary residence. ~~Should a player not be residing with a parent or legal guardian but rather residing and attending school elsewhere, the location of the school shall be considered the player's residence.~~ Any dispute under this

section regarding where a minor age player resides shall be resolved by the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar(s), in consultation with the Assistant Executive Director of Member Services of USA Hockey and the Affiliate(s). There shall be no appeal following such determination. The residency determination for the purposes of this rule does not affect the player's residency for the purposes of representation at player development camps.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: To create an even playing field between affiliates and different types of programs.

Submitter: Affiliate Presidents Committee

Proposal directed also to (Board, Council, Committee, Section): Board of Directors and all Councils, Committees and Sections

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Date submitted/sent to respective Council/Committee chairperson:_____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please type or print all information. *(Please use another sheet if the current or proposed language does not fit in the space provided on the form)*
- When typing the "Specific Wording of Proposal", bold new wording and strike through deletions.
- Receipt of submission to the USA Hockey Executive Office has to be **on or before April 1, 2023.**
- E-mail to: **lauren.tesler@usahockey.org**
- Submit one copy to the respective Affiliate or District Organization/District Director(s) and a copy to the Chairperson of the appropriate Council, Committee or Section. The Affiliate may submit any comments to the USA Hockey National Office within one week of receipt.
- Use one form per proposal. Please reproduce this form as needed.
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Name of Chair:_____
Review by Council/Committee/Section (comment/recommendation)

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Name of Director(s):_____
Date: Review by District Director(s)
(comment/recommendation)