



# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

**Two-Year Pilot Proposal (2019-2020 & 2020-2021)**

**Submitted to: MAHA Executive Board**

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

## **Item 1: New Game Scheduling Agreement**

**Summary:** New scheduling agreement among all MAHA Tier I Girls' teams increases the number of games required and seeds the schedule for the MAHA Girls' Tier I state tournament.

### **Reasoning:**

- Consistent with Tier I Youth Pilot Program.
- Provides one more game to be played between Michigan teams to increase the number of in-state games between Michigan teams to three (3).
- Leaves an appropriate amount of open dates/games for Tournament & League Play.
- Provides a minimal number of games (9) to allow for standings to be kept and utilized for seeding the state tournament schedule.

### **Direction:**

- 12U/14U/16U/19U:** 4 teams @ 3 games per season vs. each opponent for a total of 9 total games
- The first two games will be played home and home. The third game will be hosted as follows in 2019/20 and the 2019/20 visiting team will host in 2020/21 (assuming all clubs are granted Tier 1 status):
    - Little Caesars @ HoneyBaked
    - HoneyBaked @ Belle Tire
    - Belle Tire @ Meijer
    - Meijer @ Little Caesars
    - Belle Tire @ Little Caesars
    - HoneyBaked @ Meijer
  - All games need to be played and scores entered into the MAHA website by February 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Games must be scheduled as MAHA Play-In games and cannot be played in tournament play.
  - Teams will receive 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. If there is a tie in points after the round robin games, the following tiebreakers will be used to break the tie. If three or more teams are tied, once a tie is broken, that team is seeded, and the tiebreaker process starts again between the remaining tied teams.
    - Most wins
    - Most wins against the other tied teams
    - Goal Differential - Goals scored minus goals against versus the other tied teams
    - Goal Quotient – Goals scored divided by goals against versus the other tied teams.
  - Based on the results of the MAHA Play-In games, the standings are used to seed the teams 1-4 for the MAHA Tier 1 Girl's State Tournament.
  - In the round-robin portion of the tournament, the higher seed in each game will be the home team for that game:
    - Round 1: #4 (V) @ #1 (H), #3 (V) @ #2 (H)
    - Round 2: #3 (V) @ #1 (H), #4 (V) @ #2 (H)
    - Round 3: #2 (V) @ #1 (H), #4 (V) @ #3 (H)



- For the two teams qualifying for the Championship, the winner of the State Tournament round-robin game between the teams will be the home team for the Championship Game.
- If a third game is necessary, the winner of the second game will be the home team for that game. *(Note: In the Girls Tier I State Tournament at 14U, 16U and 19U, the Champion needs to have beaten the Finalist twice to win. The round-robin game between the two teams counts as Game 1, the Championship Game counts as Game 2 and if tied at that point, a third game is played).*

**Item 2: Limiting Coach Movement among Tier I Girls’ teams**

1. **Summary:** No regular season rostered personnel can move from coaching or managing in any MAHA Tier I Girls’ organization to coach or manage a team at a different MAHA Tier I Girls’ organization in the next regular season, at an age category that includes players from the team in which they were rostered as a coach or manager the previous regular season, other than their own child(ren). Coaches who are not offered a position at a corresponding age category by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season, are automatically released from their current team and may coach at any other MAHA tier I organization and at any age group, however they are still bound by the restriction outlined in the summary above. Anyone who is found in violation of this rule will be immediately suspended from being the coach or manager in any MAHA Tier I hockey association for the remainder of that season.

**Reasoning:**

- Consistent with Tier I Youth Pilot Program
- Emphasizes development over recruiting
- Puts value on the Tier I club structure as an organization
- Limits wholesale player movement dictated directly by coach movement and/or by outside influences through coach movement.

**Direction:**

1. Players are determined by the USAH roster of players as of midnight on 12/31 of the previous season.
2. Players cut or released from an organization must have written (e-mail accepted) proof of release from the hockey director of that previous organization in order to be eligible to try-out for a team that is coached or managed by any individual who was in any of those positions with the previous organization the previous season.
3. Players who are not cut or released can appeal for an exception to this restriction by e-mailing the Chair of the State Playoff Committee between 2/1 and 3/1. All appeals will be decided and parties notified of the Committee’s decision at the end of the MAHA State Championships for the specific age group in question.
4. Chart below illustrates the corresponding age categories for each age category

**Previous Season**

**Following Season**

12U	12U or 14U
14U	14U or 16U
16U	16U or 19U
19U	19U