

**USA HOCKEY, INC.**  
**2020 WINTER MEETING: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

**PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2020 WM –

**NAME OF PUBLICATION:** Annual Guide

**MAIN HEADING:** USA Hockey Rules & Regulations

**REGULATION (Heading):** II. Classifications

**BY-LAW (Heading):**

**Section:** C. Youth, Girls/Women

**Reference (sub-section):** Women

**Paragraph / Page no(s):** page 163

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

Women's Senior C: This category is for established teams. In the case of national tournament-bound teams, players who are current or past Olympic or National Team players shall have a minimum of ten (10) years separation from their last Olympic or National Team to be eligible to compete in Women's Senior C. Teams are allowed to roster up to four (4) former NCAA college players. There is no restriction of NCAA college players that have a minimum of ten (10) years separation from their last college game. Restricted to legal U.S. residents.

*NOTE: Girls/Women who participate must comply with the age requirement of the classification in which they compete.*

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Women's Senior C: This category is for established teams. In the case of national tournament-bound teams, players who are current or past Olympic or National Team players shall have a minimum of ~~ten (10)~~ **five (5)** years separation from their last Olympic or National Team to be eligible to compete in Women's Senior C. Teams are allowed to roster up to four (4) former NCAA **Division I and up to five (5) former Division II or Division III** college players. There is no restriction of NCAA college players that have a minimum of ~~ten (10)~~ **five (5)** years separation from their last college game. Restricted to legal U.S. residents.

*NOTE: Girls/Women who participate must comply with the age requirement of the classification in which they compete.*

**INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:** to encourage adult women to participate in the Senior Division

Submitter: Girls/Women's Section

*Proposal directed also to (Board, Council, Committee, Section): Youth Council, Legal Council and Adult Council*

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**Name of Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Review by Council/Committee/Section** *(comment/recommendation)*

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**SUBMITTED TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Director(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**REGULATION (Heading):** IX. District Playoffs and National Championships

**BY-LAW (Heading):**

**Section:** I. Age Classifications

**Reference (sub-section):** (3) Participation in Older Divisions of District or National Championships

**Paragraph / Page no(s):** page 163 - 164

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

No player 12 years of age or younger (as defined in the age classification chart for the current season) is eligible to play on a team intending or declared to compete in the District or National Championships or playoffs leading thereto except as follows:

For the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons for Girls 14U Tier II only, an Affiliate may permit up to three players that are 12 years of age for the current season (as defined in the Youth/Junior Age Classification chart in the Annual Guide) to be rostered on a Girls 14U Tier II team intending or declared to compete in the District or National Championships or playoffs leading thereto if the Affiliate finds that either: (a) The younger player(s) are from the same local geographic area as the team they intend to play for and are needed to field a Girls 14U Tier II team with a roster size recommended by the ADM, or (b) There is no 12U girls team available in the player's home local geographic area.

A player 13 years of age or older may play on a youth or girls' team in an older classification at a District or National Championship Tournament only if the applicable Affiliate's rules or decisions, and the applicable local program's rules or decisions, permit that player to do so. A player residing in one Affiliate may not play on a team in an older classification in a different Affiliate unless both the Affiliate where the player resides and the Affiliate where the player desires to play have granted permission to play in an older classification. In the event a youth or girls player has been denied the permission to play in an older classification in the Youth or Girls' District or National Championships on a team in an Affiliate other than the Affiliate where the player resides, the player may appeal such denial to the National Championship Appeal Committee.

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~~For the 2020-2021 season, a player 13 years of age or older may play on a youth or girls' team in an older classification at a District or National Championship Tournament only if the applicable Affiliate's rules or decisions, and the applicable local program's rules or decisions, permit that player to do so.~~

**Beginning in 2021-22 season, no player 13 years of age or older (as defined in the age classification chart for the current season) is eligible to play on a youth or girls' team in an older classification intending or declared to compete in the District or National Championships or playoffs leading thereto except as follows:**

**If the applicable Affiliate's rules or decisions, and the applicable local program's rules or decisions, permit a player to do so, a player may request to participate in only one age classification higher than the player's actual birth year classification. This exception shall not apply to the Youth Tier I 15-only age classification as this classification shall be limited to only players age 15 (as defined in the birth year age classification chart for the current season).**

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**INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:** Player safety; physical, mental, cognitive, and social development.

Submitter: Girls/Women's Section

*Proposal directed also to (Board, Council, Committee, Section): Legal Council, Player Safety Committee, Player Development Committee, and Youth Council*

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**BY-LAW (Heading):**

**Section:** D. Tournament Eligibility and Registration

**Reference (sub-section):** (6) Number of games for Eligibility - districts and Nationals

**Paragraph / Page no(s):** page 159

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

(6) Number of Games for Eligibility – districts and nationals

(a) Each team must have competed as a team unit in at least twenty (20) games for youth teams, at least fourteen (14) for girls'/women's teams except Women's Senior A and at least ten (10) games for High School Varsity and/or Prep School divisions, and

(b) Each player must have played in at least ten (10) games during the season or at least five (5) games for High School Varsity and/or Prep School divisions. Women's Senior A players must have played in the ten (10) games prior to the third Monday in March. Women's Senior A district all-star teams are allowed and may be composed of players having played in ten (10) games for a district team prior to the third Monday in March. This team will not be required to have played as a team prior to the nationals.

(c) For games to count in meeting the 20/10 (14/10 girls'/women's, 10/5 high school varsity and/or prep school) rule, that team's player roster form (1-T) must be certified by the appropriate registrar or his/her designee prior to that game being played. Teams formed and certified prior to the September 1 season start may have games played in August counted toward fulfilling the 20/10 (14/10 girls'/women's, 10/5 high school varsity and/or prep school) requirement, with approval of the district registrar. Player changes to the official team roster for youth Tier I and Tier II teams and girls'/women's national championship bound teams will not be accepted after December 31 (February 15 for High School Varsity and/ or Prep School divisions). Any question regarding eligibility of game count in the girls'/women's program are to be resolved by a committee composed of the appropriate registrar, the appropriate district Girls'/Women's Section Representative and the Girls'/Women's Section Director. If the issue cannot be resolved, the team may appeal to a committee composed of the Youth Council chair, the Registrar Section director and the national championship director or their designees.

(d) A game is a contest played against another team which is registered with a member organization of the IIHF of the same competitive level and officiated by registered officials. A game shall consist of at least three (3) periods (or the equivalent, see paragraph Q. Time of Periods below), except where the game is interrupted, (by some unforeseen event) after two (2) periods have been completed. High School Varsity/Prep School games played against school

sanctioned teams and USA Hockey high school teams shall count as games toward the 10/5 rule.

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(b) Each player must have played in at least ten (10) games during the season or at least five (5) games for High School Varsity and/or Prep School divisions **and Women's Senior B and Senior C**. Women's Senior A players must have played in the ten (10) games prior to the third Monday in March. Women's Senior A district all-star teams are allowed and may be composed of players having played in ten (10) games for a district team prior to the third Monday in March. This team will not be required to have played as a team prior to the nationals.

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**INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:** Allow Women's Senior B and Senior C players and teams to more easily meet the requirements to enter the National Tournament

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