

State Playoff Committee Minutes

January 22, 2022

Winter Meeting

Meeting time: 1:00pm

Joe Barone, VP Youth called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Attending the meeting were voting members: Joe Barone, George Atkinson, Dan Pozdol, Kevin Wood, Jim Cosgrove, Larry Johnson, Jean Laxton, Doug Diroff, Don Wright, Howard Parmentier, Mickie Jesue, Craig Staskowski, Nick Zajas, Julie Becker-Myers, Ton Berry, Jerry Ruszkowski, Dorothy Ballard. Absent: Roger Mauritho, Bob Yohe.

Guests: Anne Zielke, Kitti Loukus, Paul Osborn, Kim Gearns, Rob Smith, Scott Cambensy, Brett Gayheart, Tom Hutchins, Tony Boone, Nick Fornetti, Perry Wooden, Bob Despirit,

Past Minutes From 1-10-22 will be presented at the February Meeting.

State Playoffs:

Host sites: all host sites have been finalized, and online. The Matrix is complete and looks good included in minutes.

State playoff awards please check to make sure you have the right age group, and number of what you should have, including the banners. After you confirm send packing slip acknowledging everything was received and send to Jim and Roger.

All tournament packages need to get to George ASAP to get online for the participants.

Just a reminder: Please remember to put your champions and runner ups online for every district tournament as they are completed.

Runner up tournament: MAHA is covering the cost of for all teams which is the last week of February.

Platforms for score entry for all the MAHA States: GAME ON Mobil is a very viable option, some tournament companies are currently using Game On. There was much discussion on scoring for states.

Tournament Guidebook: Found some issues, corrections have been made, posted on the website. Question, was asked if book can be done during the summer months and posted prior to the start of next season.

Sub Committee reports: State playoff Review and Split Season Playoffs-Reports are included with minutes.

Team Credentialing: Every team in your district should have their book checked, 10u and 12u-30% and Majority classification games count towards game count totals, as long as their classification is correct.

8U Mite States-in the process of reviewing registrations, registration closed 1/31/22.

Exceptions:

Exceptions were reviewed by the SPC, exceptions were heard and all exceptions are viewable on the MAHA website.

Tier 1 applications: All Tier 1 affiliates currently except Little Caesars Youth Tier 1, will be approved, Little Caesars will be put on probation, due to requirements not being met in a timely manner. Motion and a second, motion approved.

New Business:

Official Rates: This 2021-2022 is the last year of the state tournament rates, For 2022 MAHA States we need the Officials Committee to present new rates for 2022-2023 and beyond. The rates should be presented at the MAHA summer meeting 2022.

Notifications can be posted on the MAHA website regarding tryouts on the MAHA Tryout locator.

Motion was made to adjourn at 3:26pm and seconded.

Next Meeting: February 17th 8:00pm via zoom

Kevin Wood
Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Committee reports-state playoff and split season
- Playoff Matrix



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

Meeting Agenda January 22, 2022 MAHA State Playoff Committee Meeting Detroit Marriott Livonia – 1 pm

MAHA State Playoff Committee Members

Joe Barone
Kevin Wood
Jean Laxton
Bob Yohe
Mickie Jesue
Julie Becker-Myers
Al Wakeham
Dorothy Ballard

George Atkinson
Jim Cosgrove
Roger Mauritho
Don Wright
Craig Staskowski
Tom Berry

Dan Pozdol
Larry Johnson
Doug Diroff
JP Parmentier
Nick Zajas
Jerry Ruszkowski

- Call to Order
- Previous Meeting Minutes
- State Playoffs Review
 - Host Locations
 - Team Matrix
 - Tier 1 photos / apparel? Any confirmation from Jason for squad locker?
 - Banners / Trophies / Logo
 - Delivery location
 - Schedules
 - Tournament Packet
 - Tournament Software
- District Winners
 - Enter All Winners and Runner-Up via link on Chair page
- Tournament Guidebook
- Sub-Committees
 - Update from State Playoff Group (15 minutes)
 - Update from Split Season Playoff Group (15 Minutes)
- Credentialing
 - 10U and 12U – 30% and Majority classification game counts
- Exceptions
- Tier I applications
- Old Business
- New Business

**NEXT MEETING:
February 17, 2022
Via ZOOM 8:00 PM**



District	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	NOTES
SQ B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
SQ A	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	Runner-up (D8): D2,D3,D5,D6
SQ AA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
PW B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
PW A	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	
PW AA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
B B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
B A	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	Runner-up (D8) - unknown due to host (5 team runner up)
B AA	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	
MG B	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	Best of 3 - Dan and Julie to supervise
MG A	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	SS Winner: SCS - D8; D2 -> D6 D5 -> D4
M BB	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	6 team format
MG AA	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	D8 -> Marquette D6 -> USA Eagles D7 -> D4 (Runner Up)
JV Div 1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	
JV Div 2	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	

Split Season Sub Committee Update –

The committee members are
Don Wright HS, Committee Chair

Doug Diroff D-2, Craig Staskowski D-3, Roger Mauritho Youth, Jerry Ruskowski D-7, & Nick Zalas D-4

The committee started by looking at what are the biggest issues/problems currently facing Split Season.

- Rostering on time. Associations being aware of everything so more teams participate etc
- Everyone being aware of the pilot program and how it works
- Teams getting the games in given that it is a national bound level and they must be against a tier 2 level team
- The MAHA state playoffs ending up on the same weekend as the MHSAA state finals
- Some MAHA members feeling that split season teams were not our main customers and that they were “all-star” teams

When the pilot program was first looked at it included having the MAHA state playoffs at the end of October. That seems to be a solution that would solve the current issues.

As the committee looked at solutions, we found that a number of other USA affiliates had moved their 18 U & 16 U state playoffs to the end of October to solve these types of problems.

In looking at moving the state playoffs to the end of October we needed to address the following issues.

- Can we keep the current “Double Elimination” system? This helps with having playoffs with an odd number of teams
- How many teams do we currently have at these levels between split season and full season team?
- How many teams in each district around the state?
- Would we have districts?
- Should we keep the same rules with the current program? Roster July 15th, start playing games August 1st, 17 game count prior to the playoff
- How will we handle full season teams after the state tournament ends at the end of October? What is the plan for them?
- There currently is not a split season league. Could this be an opportunity for Little Caesars? Do they form a new league after Nov 1st. Do we need to be concerned with it?

We think we have a great opportunity to not just solve the current main issue of HS and MAHA's playoffs on the same weekend. I think if we find the right solution it can also do the following:

- Keep more players playing the game
- Get more HS players and teams using MAHA & USA in the fall than currently do.
It can be a better option than what they currently do
- Get more associations aware of this and have a plan going in. This could cause more associations to have midget teams.

We looked at what current full season teams do after November 1st.

- The play tournaments
- They really focus on LCAHL and the league standings and the league playoffs

In finding the answers to how many teams we currently have at each age level and what other affiliates do we think the following things as potential solutions. This is not our final proposal but simply things that we want to investigate to see if it can work.

- Have the 16 U & 18 U levels be able to roster July 15th each year
- Be able to start playing games August 1st
- See what tournament groups think about having early August tournaments
- Reach out to LCAHL regarding a August-Early October league. Then a late November – season end league
- We currently have between 25-30 teams at 16 U & 18 U in the state (both full and split)
- We would expect this to grow
- One solution may be to look at having “regionals” rather than districts. We would have 4 regional playoffs and the would be decided on based on geography rather than the MAHA district. Each would have about the same number of teams. Use double elimination the second to the last weekend of October.
- Each regional would then send the top two teams to the state finals the last weekend of October. This could be double elimination or the current state tournament of an 8-team tournament

When we start plugging in current teams etc. What issues too we find?

12-27-2021 8:00 p.m. MAHA SPC Task Force – State Tournament.

Tom Berry, Julie Becker-Myers, Roger Mauritho and Dan Pozdol on ZOOM call

The following was discussed:

Window to host state tournament seems to be getting shorter and shorter every year between National Dates, school breaks.

Work together with LCAHL and ADRA Y on league championships

Less teams interested

One weekend tournament hosted by a district?

Two divisions – silver for lower level travel teams? NO – sends message to no build a house team/program.

Create a template for the host association for the program. Districts Director take a picture of the teams that win district, team submits picture and roster when entering states.

Agreement between host association and hotels for a kick back, may help association want to host.

One entry system for all district for teams to enter, SPC has HC and manager name and email for communication. Example – send MAHA excel game log out in November and sample credential information teams need to have.

PINS for all players, WINNER pins would be different

Obtain a sponsor – swag bag – mini sticks – tape etc..

MAHA State Tournament an weekend event – not just games, Example CCM tournament in Chicago. Player of the game – hockey pucks?

State Tournament HS style, one and done?