

Rules Committee Report 2022 Summer Meeting



The Minnesota Hockey Rules Committee Report for the 2022 Summer Meeting.

Modifications to the Youth Rules and Regulations and Age Classifications dates are proposed.

Youth Rules and Regulation Changes

[R1] Interlevel Play. Clarify the rule regarding interlevel play. Beckman

IV. PARTICIPATION

D. **INTERLEVEL PLAY:** Except in special circumstances approved by the affected District Director(s), interlevel play (games/exhibition games) is not permitted between classifications (Peewee vs Bantam, 15U vs 12U) or between divisions (A vs B, B vs C or A vs C teams), except for Jr Gold 16 vs Jr Gold B, and 15U A vs B. In special circumstances where interlevel play between divisions is appropriate, the affected District Director(s) must approve. Interlevel play is not permitted in MH sanctioned invitational or playoff tournaments, with the exception that Jr Gold 16 teams may participate in Jr Gold B invitational tournaments and 15UB teams may participate in 15UA invitational tournaments. Teams violating this provision may be declared ineligible to compete in any invitational tournaments and in MH district, region and state tournaments for the current season, and, in case of flagrant violations, for such further period of time as the district director shall deem appropriate. House league and city recreational league teams must be registered as C teams if they intend to play other teams outside of their hockey community. District Directors may permit a B or C division team from small cities or newly developed programs to play in a higher division league if there is no comparable division league available.

[R2] Conduct relating to Referees. At the spring meeting a roundtable discussion was held regarding conduct related to referees. The current rule is limited to restrictions on entering the Referee's room without invitation. Consideration is given to expanding the restriction to any interaction with a referee meant to harass or for other inappropriate conduct.

XV. CONDUCT

K. Coaches/players/managers/spectators may not enter the game official/Referee's room without an invitation before, during or after a game. Coaches/players/managers/spectators may not approach or confront a game official inside a rink or in the parking lot of a rink for purposes of confronting, harassing, challenging or otherwise taking any aggressive or inappropriate attitude towards a game official with respect to any aspect of the game official's role as game official. This Rule shall not prohibit the head coach or acting head coach from respectfully questioning game officials during the course of the game. The following actions will take place for violation of this rule:

1. For a coach or player — assess a game misconduct penalty; report the incident for possible add'l league action or suspension. For coaches and players a first violation of this Rule will result in a game misconduct. A second violation of this Rule will result in a three game misconduct. A third violation of this Rule will result in a suspension for the remainder of the year which may be carried to the next year in the District Director's discretion, and/or a financial penalty to be determined by the District Director and the involved association.
2. For a manager or spectator (fan) - the game official/Referee(s) will report the circumstances to the Supervisor of Officials who will notify the District Director. A mandatory hearing will be held with the team coach and a representative of their association's governing board to discuss possible disciplinary action. For managers or spectators, a violation of this Rule will result in a suspension and/or financial penalty of up to \$1,000.00 as determined by the District Director.

[R3] Encourage associations to appoint a sportsmanship monitor. Officials Task Force.

XV. CONDUCT

M. Sportsmanship Monitor. Associations are encouraged to appoint a sportsmanship monitor to monitor the conduct of its coaches, players, managers, and fans for conduct inconsistent with these Rules.

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[R4] Ebugs. District directors. There is concern about the current rules concerning emergency goalies. Teams are using the rule to attempt to roster a goalie for district and state playoffs when they do not have a rostered goalie who is unavailable. Additionally, uniforms are a concern when the emergency goalie plays for a team in the same association.

VI. TEAM COMPOSITION

C. It is recommended that each team in state and region tournaments dress two goalies. If the team doesn't have two goalies, an Emergency Backup Goalie (E-BUG) may be chosen from a team in its league or association, and such an E-BUG may be chosen from the same or a lower but not higher playing division. If a team has played its games with players from its own team, the E-Bug is not available.

1. Failing the above, an E-BUG may be chosen from within the team's district or finally from the vicinity in which the tournament is being played.
2. The E-BUG may play ONLY in case the regular goalie is unable to play, as determined by the tournament host District Director ~~or Tournament Director~~.
3. The E-BUG shall wear the light or dark jersey of the in-season team on which they are rostered which is the opposite color from the team they are playing for if from the same association.

D. If a team carries only one goalie on its roster and that goalie is not available for region or state tournament play as a result of a physical injury determined by an appropriate medical personnel or as a result of a personal emergency as determined by the District Director, a REPLACEMENT goalie may be chosen from a team in its league or association. The replacement goalie may only be used when the team's rostered goalie is not available. A replacement goalie may not be used to add a goalie to a team that played its games with players from their own team. Such a "replacement" goalie may be chosen from the same or a lower but not higher playing division.

1. If a "replacement" goalie is not available from within a team's league or association, a "replacement" goalie may be chosen from among the teams in its district; or failing the above, from its region.
2. The "replacement" goalie shall wear the jersey of the in-season team on which they are rostered which is the opposite color from the team for which they are acting as a replacement if from the same association.
3. The "replacement" goalie retains eligibility with their parent team at their original classification for the balance of the playing season whether or not they actually play as a "replacement" goalie.
4. The "replacement" goalie must be properly registered on a MH team for the current season to be eligible to participate in a region or state tournament. Proof of registration, such as a copy of their parent team's registration roster will be required during tournament check-in. Note: the objective of the rule is to allow a team to obtain a back-up goalkeeper during region and state MH play. The rule is not intended to permit teams to improve their goaltending by drafting an additional player.
5. The releasing/receiving District Director(s) must approve, using the MH Replacement Goalie Form.

[A1] Age eligibility. Blaine Youth Hockey Association. The BYHA has requested a change in the age classification date from June 1 to May 15. See attached supporting letter. This would be a change to the front cover of the Rule Book. This would not apply to Adult Men, Women, or 19 & Under classifications.

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