

2020 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY ANNUAL MEETING
RESULTS OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS



MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020
7 P.M. EST
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RULE PROPOSAL # 1

Approved 28 (56%) – Disapprove 21 (42%) – Abstain 1 (2%)

Rule proposal did not pass due to a (2/3) majority of the votes cast is required to amend or change the Bylaws and/ or the Rules and Regulations.

Submitted by: Peter Giuliano, Associate Registrar Districts 1 & 10, State Tournament Director & Shawn Crowley, District 9 Director

Current read:

ARTICLE II

D. HOMETOWN PROGRAM PLAYER MOVEMENT & ROSTERS

7. 15 Only, 16U and 18U youth (Midget) level teams/players, players rostered on a National Bound 14U (Bantam) team and all Girls/Women teams/players participating above the Girls/Women Tier III level shall not be subject to these Hometown Program roster requirements.

New to read:

D. HOMETOWN PROGRAM PLAYER MOVEMENT & ROSTERS

7. 15 Only, 16U and 18U youth (Midget) level teams/players, players rostered on a National Bound 14U (Bantam) team, all Girls/Women teams/players participating above the Girls/Women Tier III level **and Girls/Women team/players at the Tier III 16U and 19U Levels** shall not be subject to these Hometown Program roster requirements.

Rules Committee recommends this proposal be rejected.

RULE PROPOSAL # 2

This rule proposal was withdrawn.

Submitted by: Timothy McMahon, Mass Hockey Secretary

Current read:

E. Coaching Requirements

1. All coaches must have completed the following requirements in order to be eligible to coach:
 - a. Current USA Hockey Registration;
 - b. Current up-to-date USA Hockey Coaching Education Program level endorsement (CEP);
 - c. Current online module certification for the appropriate level
 - d. SafeSport certification; and
 - e. Completed USA Hockey background screening.
2. If a Coach (Head or Assistant) is not in possession of these requirements they will be ineligible to coach or participate in any team activities until such time as all requirements are current and up-to-date. Provided however, a coach in their inaugural season who is unable to obtain a CEP prior to the commencement of the season will be required to register for the appropriate CEP as soon as possible and complete the same prior to December 1 of their inaugural season, and will be required to complete all other requirements of Paragraph 1 above before participating in any team activities. Coaches in their inaugural season who fail to achieve their appropriate CEP will be declared ineligible for subsequent season(s) until they do so.

New to read:

E. Coaching Requirements

3. All coaches must have completed the following requirements in order to be eligible to coach:
 - a. Current USA Hockey Registration;
 - b. ~~Current up-to-date~~ USA Hockey Coaching Education Program level endorsement (CEP) For Coaches with Prior Expired CEP Level Certification, they shall have till 12/31 of the current season to complete Certification;
 - c. Current online module certification for the appropriate level
 - d. SafeSport certification; and
 - e. Completed USA Hockey background screening.

4. If a Coach (Head or Assistant) is not in possession of these requirements they will be ineligible to coach or participate in any team activities until such time as all requirements are current and up-to-date. Provided however, a coach in their inaugural season who is unable to obtain a CEP prior to the commencement of the season will be required to register for the appropriate CEP as soon as possible and complete the same prior to December 1 of their inaugural season, and will be required to complete all other requirements of Paragraph 1 above before participating in any team activities. Coaches in their inaugural season who fail to achieve their appropriate CEP will be declared ineligible for subsequent season(s) until they do so.

Rules Committee recommends this proposal be rejected.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL # 1

The submitted proposal has been approved and has been accepted. The adoption of the amended and restated bylaws.

Amendments to adopted restated bylaws were approved and accepted.

Motion to Amend Article XIV paragraph D (4) of the proposed discipline rules:

CHANGE E.4 to read:

Hearing Panel Members:

The party who is the subject of the Hearing may object to a Hearing Panel member if there is a conflict of interest. Such objection must be made in writing to the Discipline Authority

Chair and Hearing Panel Chair no later than 48 hours prior to hearing.

Motion to Amend Article XIV paragraph E (5) of the proposed discipline rules:

Half-way down paragraph E(5), there is a sentence that reads:

The Hearing Facilitator may limit, in his or her sole discretion, the involvement of general character witnesses who lack any knowledge of the facts of the incident.

That one sentence, new to read:

The Hearing Panel may limit, in its sole discretion, the involvement of general character witnesses who lack any knowledge of the facts of the incident.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL # 2

This proposal was withdrawn.

Submitted by: Timothy McMahon, Mass Hockey Secretary

Current read:

- 1) Page 8 (18 under old BYLAWSs)

The hearing facilitator shall not have a vote on any Discipline issue and may participate in the facilitation of the hearing process at the discretion of the hearing panel.

New to read:

The hearing facilitator shall ~~not~~ have a vote on any Discipline issue and may participate in the facilitation of the hearing process at the discretion of the hearing panel.

Rules Committee recommends this BYLAWS Change should be rejected.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL # 3 (OLD BYLAWSs)

This proposal was withdrawn.

Submitted by: John Murray, Mass Hockey Referee Coordinator

New to read:

Article XIV

H. Assault on Game Official:

Assaults on Game Officials are violations of USA Hockey Playing Rules and as such are subject to the provisions for Playing Rules Suspensions. In the event of a match penalty for deliberately inflicting physical harm, or attempting to do so, to any game official, including off-ice officials, the offending party shall be suspended for not less than ~~one~~ **two** calendar years with one calendar year probation thereafter.

Rules Committee recommends this BYLAWS Change be rejected.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL # 4 (Old BYLAWSs)

This proposal was withdrawn.

Submitted by: Jeffrey S. Brown, Esq., 1st Vice President, Rules Committee Co-Chair

Current read:

Article XIV

~~H. Assault on Game Official:-~~

~~Assaults on Game Officials are violations of USA Hockey Playing Rules and as such are subject to the provisions for Playing Rules Suspensions. In the event of a match penalty for deliberately inflicting physical harm, or attempting to do so, to any game official, including off-ice officials, the offending party shall be suspended for not less than one calendar year with one calendar year probation thereafter.~~

New to read:

H. Deliberately Inflicting Physical Harm

There shall be a mandatory discipline hearing for any match penalty issued pursuant to USA Hockey Play Rules 601(f)(1) (Deliberately inflicting physical harm, or attempting to do so, to any game official, including off-ice officials) or 601(f)(2) (Deliberately injuring, or attempting to do so, any opposing player or team official). If, after a discipline hearing the penalty is confirmed by a preponderance of the evidence, the offending party shall be suspended for not less than one calendar year from the date of the penalty, with and additional one year of probation to follow the suspension.

Rules Committee recommends this BYLAWS change be accepted.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL # 5 (New BYLAWSs)

This proposal was withdrawn.

Submitted by: John Murray, Mass Hockey Referee Coordinator

Current read:

Article XIV

H. Assault on Game Official:

1. Assaults on Game Officials are violations of USA Hockey Playing Rules and as such are subject to the provisions for Playing Rules Suspensions.
2. In the event of a match penalty for violation of USA Hockey Playing Rule 601(f)1, the offending Party shall be immediately suspended from all USA Hockey sanctioned activity and if such penalty is affirmed after a hearing, the offending Party shall be suspended for not less than one calendar year with one-year calendar year probation thereafter.

New to read:

Article XIV

H. Assault on Game Official:

1. Assaults on Game Officials are violations of USA Hockey Playing Rules and as such are subject to the provisions for Playing Rules Suspensions.
2. In the event of a match penalty for violation of USA Hockey Playing Rule 601(f)1, the offending Party shall be immediately suspended from all USA Hockey sanctioned activity and if such penalty is affirmed after a hearing, the offending Party shall be suspended for not less than ~~one~~ **two** calendar year with one-year calendar year probation thereafter.

Rules Committee recommends this BYLAWS change be rejected.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL # 6 (New BYLAWSs)

Amendment proposed by email by Dan Esdale was disapproved by a voice vote.

Approve 47 (92%) – Disapprove 2 (4%) – Abstain 2 (4%)

The submitted proposal has been approved and has been accepted.

Submitted by: Jeffrey S. Brown, Esq., 1st Vice President, Rules Committee Co-Chair

Current read:

Article XIV

H. Assault on Game Official:

1. ~~Assaults on Game Officials are violations of USA Hockey Playing Rules and as such are subject to the provisions for Playing Rules Suspensions.~~
2. ~~In the event of a match penalty for violation of USA Hockey Playing Rule 601(f)1, the offending Party shall be immediately suspended from all USA Hockey sanctioned activity and if such penalty is affirmed after a hearing, the offending Party shall be suspended for not less than one calendar year with one year calendar year probation thereafter.~~
3. ~~In the cases of match penalties for violation of USA Hockey Playing Rule 601(f)1, the Massachusetts Hockey Discipline Committee shall exercise original jurisdiction in such matter.~~
4. ~~Suspensions for violation of USA Hockey Playing Rule 601(f)1 shall be immediately reported to the Massachusetts Hockey Discipline Committee, and the appropriate registrar(s).~~
5. ~~Any game official assessing said penalty shall file with his/her USA Hockey District Referee in Chief a written game report within forty eight (48) hours of the incident.~~
6. ~~The District Referee in Chief shall immediately investigate the incident and promptly submit a written opinion, together with the game sheets and reports to the applicable Disciplinary Authority, indicating whether the incident is applicable under Rule 601(f)1 or is more applicable under a different playing rule.~~
7. ~~A copy of the Referee in Chief's written report and opinion shall be sent by the Disciplinary Authority to both the player, team official and game official involved.~~

New to read:

Article XIV

H. Deliberately Inflicting Physical Harm

There shall be a mandatory discipline hearing for any match penalty issued pursuant to USA Hockey Play Rules 601(f)(1) (Deliberately inflicting physical harm, or attempting to do so, to any game official, including off-ice officials.) or 601(f)(2) (Deliberately injuring, or attempting

to do so, any opposing player or team official). If, after a discipline hearing the penalty is confirmed by a preponderance of the evidence, the offending party shall be suspended for not less than one calendar year from the date of the penalty, with and additional one year of probation to follow the suspension.

Rules Committee recommends this BYLAWS change be accepted.

POLICY PROPOSAL # 1

Approved unanimously by voice vote and has been accepted.

Submitted by: Alan B. Ashare, M.D., USA Hockey Director Emeritus

New to read:

Any player who is penalized for a check from behind resulting in a game misconduct or a match penalty shall engage in remedial training, including watching the Heads Up Don't Duck video. Any head coach who coaches a player who is penalized for a check from behind resulting in a game misconduct or a match penalty shall watch the Heads Up Don't Duck video and shall devote some portion of the next two practices towards training players in accordance with Heads Up Don't Duck.

Rules Committee recommends this policy be accepted.

POLICY PROPOSAL # 2

Approved 43 (86%) – Disapproved 6 (12%) – Abstain 1 (2%)

Approved to and has been accepted be placed in the Massachusetts Hockey State Championship Tournament Guide.

Submitted by: Bruce Finethy, District 9 Director

New to read:

All teams are recommended to utilize pre-printed game sheet labels on each page of the scoresheet which list out all players in alphanumerical (jersey) or alphabetical order (last name). The label shall list jersey numbers, last name and first name. In addition, the label shall list all coaches who are approved on the roster with CEP #, CEP Level Number, CEP Level Expiration year as well as the association code with team number.

Rules Committee recommends the approval of this proposal.