



# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-00

SUBJECT: **Definition of Rink Closest to Residence**

☒ MAHA      ☐ USA      ☒ CHANGE      ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. II.L., IV.B.3., IV.C.4., IV.D.3.

PAGE NO. 28, 31, 31, 32

Current Rule Reads:

Michigan resident players of any age classification are permitted to play for an Association/Club that has the rink closest to their residence, based on Google maps point to point distance, and will not be counted as an out of District player if it is beyond District boundaries. Player residence documentation must be provided at the time of team registration with MAHA/USA Hockey and approval received from both the respective districts.

Revise As Follows:

Michigan resident players of any age classification are permitted to play for an Association/Club that has the rink closest to their residence, based on the shortest distance by roads calculated by Google Maps, and will not be counted as an out of District player if it is beyond District boundaries. Player residence documentation must be provided at the time of team registration with MAHA/USA Hockey and approval received from both the respective districts.

Effective Date of Rule: April 1, 2021 (For the Spring 2021 and 2021-22 Regular Season)

Reason For Change:

The intent of the existing rule is to allow someone to use the rink that is the shortest *driving* distance from their home as their home rink. The use of the Google point to point distance (straight-line distance) does not always allow this. The straight-line distance method is a consistent method but just doesn't make sense if you're trying to allow families to go to the rink that is the shortest driving distance from home. I believe the shortest distance by roads per Google Maps is also a consistent method (even more consistent because you do not manually pick the points as in the straight-line distance calculation) and it is consistent with the original intent of the existing rule. Not changing the rule forces families to potentially switch associations after mites (where districting is not used and typically families choose the rink that is closest to them) and it forces them to drive a further distance to play hockey. I'm sure this is happening to a number of other families in the state since there are 2 families on the same Rochester Rattlers 12-U team from the Lake Orion/Oxford area where the Suburban Rochester rink is the closest rink by roads by at least 3 miles (and 5-10 minutes closer depending on traffic) but are non-district players because other rinks in their home district are closer based on the straight-line distance.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

Submitted by: **Steve Doud**

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-01

SUBJECT: X. Rules and Regulations for District and State Playoffs

☐ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. 9  
& REGULATIONS Revised and Adopted January 2021

PAGE NO. 16 of the MAHA RULES

### Current Rule Reads:

9. No more than two teams from any District may participate in the State Playoffs in any one classification. **No more than one team from the same Association may participate in the State Playoffs in the same classification.** The State Playoff Committee Reserves the right to make exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.

### Revise As Follows:

9. No more than two teams from any District may participate in the State Playoffs in any one classification. **Two teams from the same Association may participate in the State Playoffs in the same classification, if the two teams are the district champion and the district runner-up.** The State Playoff Committee reserves the right to make **further** exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.

Effective Date of Rule: **August 1, 2022**

### Reason For Change:

This rule does not allow the most talented, competitive, and highest ranked teams, if they happen to be from the same association, the opportunity to compete in the State Tournament. If only one team is allowed to compete per association, despite finishing as the champion and the runner-up, perhaps the rule should allow only one team from each association to enter in Districts per age classification, similar to the Girl's divisions. This would save the second team a \$125 entry fee, second round weekend tournament fees and runner up fees that are associated with district play, not to mention the time playing and scheduling games. Associations who are focused on growth, player development and coach retention are, in many cases, fortunate to have not only one, but two, talented and competitive teams in many divisions. The current rule does not allow the most talented teams to compete when they have proven to be competitive and making this change will ensure that the best teams in Michigan are represented in the State Tournament.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Michelle Christ KVHA**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-02

**SUBJECT: Revise District and State Tournament Guidebook- Sec 1 Eligibility for District and State Playoffs**

☒ MAHA      ☐ USA      ☐ CHANGE      ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO.      **F**      PAGE NO.      5

Current Rule Reads:

No more than two teams from any District may participate in the State Playoffs in any one classification. No more than one team from the same association may participate in the State Playoffs in the same classification. The State Playoff Committee reserves the right to make exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.

Revise As Follows:

No more than two teams from any District may participate in the State Playoffs in any one classification. No more than one team from the same association may participate in the State Playoffs in the same classification. Two exceptions exist to this rule that would allow for more than one team from an association to participate in the State Playoffs.

1) In cases where an association is hosting the State Playoffs and two teams from the host association play in the District Championship game in this classification, the winner of the District Championship game will enter the State Playoffs as the Host (District 1) and the runner up will represent the District.

2) In instances where a runner-up tournament is sanctioned by MAHA as necessary to fill 8 entries into the State Playoffs, if a team from an association that already has a representative in the State Playoffs from winning a District Championship wins the runner up tournament, the team that won the runner up tournament will also be deemed eligible for participation in the State Playoffs, representing the district that could not field a representative.

The State Playoff Committee reserves the right to make exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediate**

Reason For Change:

The way rule F is currently written, it punishes teams and associations that enter more than 1 team into district play. It Contradicts Rules A, B, D and E. Any team that is properly credentialed to enter district play and pays their fee should expect an equal opportunity to make the state playoffs. Those opportunities should not be limited due to the success of another team from their association who has made the state playoffs. All teams should be eligible to participate in a runner up tournament as well. The rule serves no purposes, no Tier 2 association team has an inherent advantage over other districts as long as the association is running all their teams out of 1 district.

Rule B- All teams are eligible for district Playoffs in the district which they are legally registered. The method for selection of eligible teams as candidates for District Playoffs shall be determined by the District council. Once a team is ruled eligible for districts, they should be afforded the same opportunity as every other team to make the state playoffs and not be limited because of their association's success.

There is not an Asterix here that says "unless the association is the host" in which case only one team would actually be eligible to play in the state tournament, which is the entire point of participating in districts.

Rule D. Each District will conduct Playoffs to determine the district entry into the state playoffs. In the event the team representing the host city wins the district playoff, the district playoff runner up shall represent the District.

Note: there is no Asterix here saying if the Host associations wins and the runner up is also from the same association that the runner up would not get the bid.

There is no mention in this rule that states "unless the district runner up is from the same association as the team that won the district final game". If that was stated in this rule, the host association could never allow two teams from their association to enter districts (which would speak directly against Rule B above). In fact, one could argue that any large association that has more than 1 team in a particular age classification would never be motivated to host a state playoff because it would be effectively eliminating the chance that their own association teams could make the State Playoffs- for example let's take Team A who is in district 4 but not a part of the chosen host association. They have two opportunities to make the State Playoffs. Their first chance is if they win the tournament, their second chance is if the host association wins the tournament and Team A finishes runner up. Why should Team A be afforded more opportunities than a Host association to make the State playoffs?

Rule E. Each District Champion or alternate team is eligible to enter the State Playoffs along with a team representing the host City. Per rule D above, once a district Champion has been established as a member of the host association, the Runner UP will represent the district. Should

this format fail to establish eight (8) entries the State Playoff Committee shall select from district runners-up a sufficient number of teams to establish eight entries. As it applies to this situation, per rules A-D, 8 entries have been established.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Jeffrey King**

District Director: **Dan Pozdol**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-03

SUBJECT: **DUAL ROSTER EXCEPTION FOR HS SPLIT SEASON PLAYERS**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☐ CHANGE ☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II S**

PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

Rostering Exceptions.

A player may be rostered with only one (1) MAHA/USA Hockey team at a time during the regular (winter) season except as noted below.

Revise As Follows:

Add:

5. Split season players shall be allowed to dual roster on no more than 2 USA Hockey teams in the Pre-Season (August 1 – November 1) providing only one team is designated as National Bound

Effective Date of Rule: **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Reason For Change:

With the increase in HS Split Season teams across the state, many HS players play on one or more USA Hockey rostered teams in the pre fall season, which is August 1 – November 1. The current rule requires players to be released via the MAHA Release form and added to the new team for them to be eligible to play. The paperwork is sometimes a barrier and with a 72 hour waiting period as well from when the MAHA registrar receives the form, there are times when a split season player may miss a MDHL or "high school" tier 2 tournament game waiting for the release form to be processed. This is a tremendous burden on coaches, parents, association registrars and MAHA Registrars with no real purpose, as players move back and forth on teams in the short pre-season to further their playing opportunities. Further, there are no game count limits in the fall or split season, so this has no effect on eligibility. We believe that this would cause many more players to register with USA Hockey, helping MAHA grow registration significantly.

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Submitted by: **Michelle Christ - KVHA**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-04

SUBJECT: **Large Association Exemption**

☒ MAHA      ☐ USA      ☐ CHANGE      ☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **I. A. 10**

PAGE NO. 1 of the 2020-

21\_Guide\_book\_-\_Rules\_and\_Regulations\_Rev\_Jan\_2021

Current Rule Reads:

N/A

Revise As Follows:

Associations with memberships of 500 or larger, who have 25% of their membership in tier 3/house/recreational and learn to play hockey programs are exempt from rules limiting the amount of teams at any age classification or division.

500 players – 125 house players

600 players – 150 house players

700 players – 175 house players

800 players – 200 house players

Effective Date of Rule: **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Reason For Change:

There have been rules under consideration for several seasons limiting the amount of A/AA teams per association. Rules of this nature put families located in growing, young communities at a disadvantage when looking for options to play hockey. Limiting teams in a local area will displace several players and limit their ability to find a team at an appropriate level of skill. Rules of this nature also force families to play at facilities that are further away as well as places where they may not wish to play due to early or late ice times, inferior coaching, or available rink amenities. Most parents understand and actively seek out "travel" teams because their child will have a dedicated coaching staff, with a focus on skill development and there is most often stability on those types of teams. "House" hockey has a branding problem and has been on the decline for several seasons when compared to the increase in "travel" programs. With the structure of the leagues having multiple levels of competition at the travel level (Yzerman, Howe, 1, Howe, 2, Howe 3, Howe 4) an association with a multi-tiered association structure provides many opportunities for players to develop and move through these skill levels within their home association. In this current structure, 25% is a decent number of recreational players in any program and shows that an association is contributing to the growth of hockey while offering options for beginner, lower level, mid-level, and upper levels of play.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

Submitted by: **Michelle Christ - KVHA**

1. Submit to District Director

District Director:



2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
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4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-05

SUBJECT: **Girl's Age and Division Classifications**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V. A. 8**

PAGE NO. 10

### Current Rule Reads:

Girls Tier I teams are limited to the following number of out-of-state or import players: 12U-2, 14U-2, 16U-3, 19U-4. An import player is an out of state player that lives in Michigan with a Michigan address whose parents have assigned guardianship to a family in Michigan. Import players must produce documentation from the school/district they are attending.

### Revise As Follows:

Girls Tier I 19U teams are limited to six (6) out-of-state or import players. An import player is an out of state player that lives in Michigan as outlined in the Michigan Residency Policy. Import players must produce documentation to prove they meet the residency requirements.

Effective Date of Rule: **July 10, 2022**

Reason For Change: : To provide for additional out-of-state players at the Tier I Girls 19U Level given older players may be attending college away from home. To put pilot program into the guidebook as a rule.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

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

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-06

SUBJECT: **Re-classify Girls U19 Hockey as Women's U19 Hockey**

☐ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **Numerous**

PAGE NO.

Current Rule Reads:

The current text of MAHA's rules classifies U19 females as a Girls Division.

Revise As Follows:

Replace the reference to "Girls" Hockey Players in all of the MAHA rules and text when referring to the U19 female division and classify them as a "U19 Women's Division."

Effective Date of Rule: **January 1, 2022**

Reason For Change:

**Keeping in line with USA Hockey's definition of youth teams and other affiliates.**

**Allow U19 teams to play women's teams, or college teams without special sanction permission – due to Rule IX:12.**

**Respect for young adult women who want to continue their hockey career who should be considered to be playing in a classification for young women.**

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

Submitted by: **Joe Abraham, U19 Women's Team Mgr**

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-07

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier I Game Scheduling**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☐ CHANGE

☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V. A. Girl's age and Division Classifications Tier I Category** PAGE NO. 9

Current Rule Reads: none-pilot program

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

### Revise As Follows:

Each MAHA Tier I organization (12, 14, 16 and 19U girls) must play the other Tier I organizations excluding tournaments, which determines seeding for the MAHA State Playoffs. Teams must play each other three (3) times within their respective age / division classification. Each team is required to play one (1) home game, one (1) away game, and one (1) additional game. Schedules and standings will be posted on the MAHA website. The Tier I clubs will meet prior to the beginning of the season with the MAHA Vice President of Girl's and Women to create the administrative logistics (i.e.: game playing rules, critical dates, home team for third games, protesting, standing tie breaker, etc.).

All games need to be played and scores entered into the MAHA website by February 15th. 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 I Girl's State Tournament

Effective Date of Rule: July 10, 2022

Reason For Change: Put Pilot program into rule and align with youth Tier I rule..

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **GW committee**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

**MAHA Directors Action:**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-08

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier I Player Movement**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V 12. Girls Player Movement**

PAGE NO. 10

**Current Rule Reads:**

12. In the Tier 1 category shown below, player movement will be as follows:

- a. Players can only move within their own organization.
- b. 14U may move up to 16U. 16U may move up to 19U.
- c. Player using the player movement will be allowed to move up and down for a maximum of eight (8) games per winter season..
- d. Players moving up and down will not have a 72-hour wait period, will not need to be released from one team and added to the other team they are moving to.
- e. Player movement will be allowed up to December 31 of the current playing season.
- f. Players exercising this option must include these games in their total number of games count. Teams and players in this classification are restricted to a maximum number of games per season. Refer to paragraph P-1. Players exceeding the limit will be ineligible for MAHA State Playoffs.
- g. For player movement tracking, an individual appointed by the State Playoff Committee will be assigned to the Tier 1 category. Teams will submit players moving up and down to this individual. This will track how many games an individual player has moved up. Coaches who do not report player movement or exceed the maximum number of moves will be subject to disciplinary actions and suspension of up to one year.

**Revise As Follows:**

V. A. 12

PAG 10. In the Tier 1 *classification* player movement will be as follows:

- a. Players can only move within their own organization.
- b. 14U **may move up to 16U; 16U may move up to 19U. Players using the player movement rule will be allowed to move up and down for a maximum of 8 games per regular season.**
- c. **Player movement is only permitted for injuries or to give a player an opportunity to play at the next level. A player shall not be moved up if all of your rostered players, 18 skaters and 2 go alies, will be present for the game. Movement is not permitted to replace a player serving a Misconduct or Match penalty.**
- d. Players exercising this option must include these games in their total **game count based on MAHA game count allowance.** (Rule III. D) **Teams and players in this classification are restricted to a maximum**

***number of games per season. Players exceeding the limit will be ineligible to to participate in MAHA State Playoffs.***

- e. Players ***exercising this option*** will not have a 72- hour waiting period, will not need to be released from one team and added to the other team they are moving to.
- f. Player movement will be allowed up to December **23** of the current playing season.
- g. For player movement tracking, an individual appointed by the State Playoff Committee ***Chair*** will be assigned to the Tier 1 category. Teams will submit players moving up and down to this individual. This will track how many games an individual player has moved up. Coaches who do not report player movement or exceed the maximum number of moves will be subject to disciplinary actions and suspension of up to one year.

**Effective Date of Rule: July 2022**

**Reason For Change: Clarify Player Movement Rule for Girls**

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Deborah Frescura**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-09

SUBJECT: **Limiting Coach Movement Among Tier 1 Teams Alternate Proposal**



MAHA



USA



CHANGE



NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV. Youth Age & Division Classifications

A. Tier 1 Category and AAA Division Teams

MAHA RULES & REGULATIONS; Revised and Adopted January 2021 PAGE NO. 5 and 6 of 21

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

Add section at the end-

Summary: No rostered personnel from any MAHA Tier I organization may roster on a different MAHA Tier I organization, at an age category that includes players from the team in which they participated the previous season. Team personnel are defined as Coaches and Managers.

- a. Team personnel may move (resign or not be returned) to a new team the following season, but only with their own children.
- b. Non-parental team personnel would not be allowed to bring any players with them if they elect to move (resign or not be retained).
- c. Team personnel who are not offered a position, at a corresponding age category by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season, are released from their current team at the end of the season and may coach at any other MAHA Tier I organization at any age group. However, they are still bound by the restriction outlined in section (a) above.
- d. This does not preclude a player moving to another organization and their parent choosing not to have any rostered role in the new team.
- e. Players and team personnel are determined by the USA Hockey roster as of midnight on 12/31 of the previous season.
- f. Skills coaches and goalie coaches (whether on the roster or not), who will have routine contact with players or participants, must be registered with USA Hockey as a coach or volunteer, which includes a USA Hockey Background Screen and Safe Sport certification.
- g. In an instance where the above movement criteria may have been violated, the aggrieved Tier I organization will submit in writing the detail to the State Playoff Committee. The State Playoff Committee will investigate, and provide a determination and sanctions, based on its findings. If the filing Tier I organization is not satisfied, they may appeal to the MAHA Executive Board.
- h. Anyone found in violation of the movement criteria outlined above will be immediately suspended from being a coach or manager, in any Tier I organization, for the remainder of the season.



**Effective Date of Rule: 2022-2023 season**

**Reason For Change:** revises an existing rule to incorporate an expiring MAHA Pilot (attached). The pilot was first put in place to gather data for potential rule formation in the 2019-20 season. For the 2021-22 season, the pilot was revised and extended for an additional season since the 2020-21 season was COVID-19 affected. Item 2 of the Policy was significantly revised by the MAHA Executive Committee for the 2021-22 season.

Background: There are two facets to this Item. One involves players and/or potential team personal (3 or more) moving organizations at the same birth year to be approved by the MAHA State Play Off Committee. There were 81 players requesting approval for the 2021-22 season. The threshold does not require approval of two (2) or less players moving from one organization/team to another. 2021-22 was the first season of this requirement. Of the 81 submissions all were approved.

The Tier 1 Committee recommends that this portion of the pilot be let to expire without continuation or amendment.

The other facet of this Item involves trying to control movement of team personal from one Tier 1 organization to another and associated player movement. This is the third season of this policy. This policy has in fact disallowed some of our most qualified coaches from being allowed to work with our most talented youth. Of the 81 applicants in 2021-22, 3 head coaches, 6 assistant coaches, and 1 manager were identified as not able to coach or manage for the 2021-22 season when in fact all are in short supply.

The Tier 1 Committee recommends adoption of the aforementioned rule.

**PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:**

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Tier 1 Committee**

District Director: **Joe Barone**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

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One-Year Pilot Proposal (2021-2022)

Submitted to: MAHA Executive Board (Approved 02/11/2021)

Submitted by: MAHA Tier I Committee

### Item 1: Scheduling Agreement

**18U:** 9 teams @ 3 games per season versus each opponent for a total of 24 total games. The first two games will be played Home and Away. The location for the third game is 'To Be Determined' by the Tier I Committee.

**160/150/14U:** 8 teams @ 3 games per season versus each opponent for a total 21 games. The first two games will be played Home and Away. The location for the third game is 'To Be Determined' by the Tier I Committee.

**13U/12U/11U/10U:** 8 teams @ 2 games per season versus each opponent for a total of 14 games. The games will be played Home and Away.

#### Notes:

- 1) Games must be scheduled as MAHA Play-In games and cannot be played in tournament play.
- 2) Teams will continue to follow MAHA guidelines in the scheduling and the reporting of games.

**Editorial:** Versus the previous pilot, adds more games at 14U and eliminates the tiered games at 14U and younger to provide for more balanced competition.

### Item 2: Limiting Coach Movement Among Tier I Teams

**Summary:** No personnel from any MAHA Tier I organization may move to a different MAHA Tier I organization, at an age category that includes players from the team in which they participated the previous season. This includes Coaches, Managers, Volunteers, Advisers, "Influencers" or any other Administrative personnel who have participated in the routine operation of the team or organization in the past two regular seasons.

- a. Team personnel may resign and move to a new team the following season, but only with their own children.
- b. Coaches who are not offered a position, at a corresponding age category by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season, are released from their current team at the end of the season and may coach at any other MAHA Tier I organization at any age group. However, they are still bound by the restriction outlined in Section (a).
- c. At the point that more than two players, who are associated with the previous team or organization, attempt to move to a new team or organization, approval from the State Playoff Committee is required.
- d. Skills coaches, goalie coaches, advisers and/or any other Administrative personnel (whether on the roster or not), who will have routine contact with players or participants, must be registered with USA Hockey as a coach or volunteer, which



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includes a USA Hockey Background Check, and SafeSport certification. This is mandatory for any on-ice, bench, or locker room interaction with rostered participants.

- e. Any inquiries received by a MAHA Tier I organization, from personnel currently serving under a different MAHA Tier I organization, for the purposes of seeking future opportunities with the organization contacted should be immediately reported to the Tier I Director of the inquirer's MAHA Tier I organization. Conversations should be documented between both Tier I Directors, and no resolutions agreed upon by the Directors may violate the movement criteria outlined above.

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## **Reasoning:**

- Emphasizes development over recruiting.
- Puts value on Tier 1 club structure as an organization.
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## **Direction:**

- 1) Players are determined by the USA Hockey roster of players as of midnight on 12/31 of the previous season.
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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-10

SUBJECT: **Limiting Coach Movement Among Tier 1 Teams**

☒ MAHA      ☐ USA      ☒ CHANGE      ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV. Youth Age & Division Classifications

A. Tier 1 Category and AAA Division Teams

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Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

Add section at the end-

Summary: No personnel from any MAHA Tier I organization may move to a different MAHA Tier I organization, at an age category that includes players from the team in which they participated the previous season. Team personnel are defined as and include Coaches, Managers, Volunteers, Advisers, "Influencers" or any other Administrative personnel who have participated in the routine operation of the team or organization in the past regular season.

- a. Team personnel may move (resign or not be returned) to a new team the following season, but only with their own children.
- b. Non-parental team personnel would not be allowed to bring any players with them if they elect to move (resign or not be retained).
- c. Team personnel who are not offered a position, at a corresponding age category by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season, are released from their current team at the end of the season and may coach at any other MAHA Tier I organization at any age group. However, they are still bound by the restriction outlined in section (a) above.
- d. This does not preclude a player moving to another organization and their parent choosing not to have any role in the new team (not a coach, manager, volunteer, advisor, and or influencer).
- e. Notwithstanding sections (a) through (d) above, team personnel may move from one team to another in the same birth year if the previous club agrees. The new club would post the request on the MAHA website and the previous club either: 1) agrees, 2) agrees with restrictions, or 3) does not agree. If the previous club does not agree, the new club may appeal to the State Playoff Committee for relief.
- f. Players and team personnel are determined by the USA Hockey roster as of midnight on 12/31 of the previous season.
- g. Skills coaches, goalie coaches, advisers and/or any other administrative personnel (whether on the roster or not), who will have routine contact with players or participants, must be registered with USA Hockey as a coach or volunteer, which includes a USA Hockey Background Screen and Safe Sport certification. This is mandatory for any on-ice, bench, dry land or locker room interaction with rostered participants.
- h. Any inquiries received by a MAHA Tier I organization, from personnel currently serving under a different MAHA Tier I organization, for the purposes of seeking future opportunities with the organization contacted should be immediately reported to the Tier I Director of the inquirer's MAHA Tier I organization. Conversations should be documented between both Tier I Directors, and no resolutions agreed upon by the Directors may violate the movement criteria outlined above.

- i. In an instance where the above movement criteria may have been violated, the aggrieved Tier I organization will submit in writing the detail to the State Playoff Committee. The State Playoff Committee will investigate, and provide a determination and sanctions, based on its findings. If the filing Tier I organization is not satisfied, they may appeal to the MAHA Executive Board.
- j. Anyone found in violation of the movement criteria outlined above will be immediately suspended from being a coach or manager, in any Tier I organization, for the remainder of the season.

**Effective Date of Rule: 2022-2023 season**

**Reason For Change:** revises an existing rule to incorporate an expiring MAHA Pilot (attached). The pilot was first put in place to gather data for potential rule formation in the 2019-20 season. For the 2021-22 season, the pilot was revised and extended for an additional season since the 2020-21 season was COVID-19 affected. Item 2 of the Policy was significantly revised by the MAHA Executive Committee for the 2021-22 season.

Background: There are two facets to this Item. One involves players and/or potential team personal (3 or more) moving organizations at the same birth year to be approved by the MAHA State Play Off Committee. There were 81 players requesting approval for the 2021-22 season. The threshold does not require approval of two (2) or less players moving from one organization/team to another. 2021-22 was the first season of this requirement. Of the 81 submissions all were approved. The Tier 1 Committee recommends that this portion of the pilot be let to expire without continuation or amendment.

The other facet of this Item involves trying to control movement of team personal from one Tier 1 organization to another and associated player movement. This is the third season of this policy. This policy has in fact disallowed some of our most qualified coaches from being allowed to work with our most talented youth. Of the 81 applicants in 2021-22, 3 head coaches, 6 assistant coaches, and 1 manager were identified as not able to coach or manage for the 2021-22 season when in fact all are in short supply. The Tier 1 Committee recommends adoption of the aforementioned rule.

**PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:**

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3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
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Submitted by: **Tier 1 Committee**

District Director: **Joe Barone**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

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One-Year Pilot Proposal (2021-2022)

Submitted to: MAHA Executive Board (Approved 02/11/2021)

Submitted by: MAHA Tier I Committee

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#### Notes:

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- d. Skills coaches, goalie coaches, advisers and/or any other Administrative personnel (whether on the roster or not), who will have routine contact with players or participants, must be registered with USA Hockey as a coach or volunteer, which





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2022-11

SUBJECT: **Tier 1 Scheduling Agreement**

☒ MAHA      ☐ USA      ☒ CHANGE      ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV. Youth Age & Division Classifications  
A. Tier I Category and AAA Division Teams

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**Current Rule Reads:**

6. Each MAHA Tier I Organization must play the other MAHA Tier I Organizations two (2) games per season. One (1) home, one (1) away; excluding tournaments.

**Revise As Follows:**

- 6) Each MAHA Tier 1 organization must play the other Tier I organizations, excluding tournaments, which determines seeding for the MAHA State Playoffs.
- i) For all National bound divisions, teams must play each other three (3) times within their respective age / division classification. Each team is required to play one (1) home game, one (1) away game, and one (1) additional game.
  - ii) For all non-National bound divisions, teams must play each other two (2) times within their respective age / division classification. Each team is required to play one (1) home game and one (1) away game.
  - iii) Schedules and standings will be posted on the MAHA website.
  - iv) The Tier I clubs will meet prior to the beginning of the season with the MAHA Vice President of Youth Hockey to create the administrative logistics (i.e.: game playing rules, critical dates, home team for third games, protesting, standing tie breaker, etc.).

**Effective Date of Rule: 2022-2023 season**

**Reason For Change:** revises an existing rule to incorporate an expiring MAHA Pilot.

The Scheduling Agreement is now in its third season and the Tier 1 Committee fully supports conversion from a Pilot to a rule.

Attachment 1 is the expiring pilot.

Attachment 2 is the 2021-2022 Tier 1 MAHA Home/Away Game Series; Rules and Regulations for reference.

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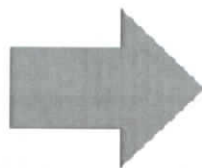
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## ATTACHMENT 2 (5 pages)

8/5/2021

### 2021-2022 Tier 1 MAHA Home/Away Game Series

#### Rules and Procedures:

##### Dates

- Complete game schedules for all teams must be emailed to Joe Barone MAHA Vice President of Youth by September 15, 2021 by the organizations.
- Schedules/standings will be posted on the MAHA website.
- Critical dates are shown below in Table 1.
- If a team does not have its' home and away game scores entered by the designated deadline, the head coach is suspended for the first game of the State tournament. Teams then have until 5:00 pm on designated date to review and correct any errors/incorrect scores or missing scores. Teams/Organizations can work amongst themselves to correct any error. If the issue cannot be resolved among the parties, it must be reported to Joe Barone by 5:00 pm on the designated date for resolution. Once the deadline passes, no further discrepancies will be addressed, and these standings will be used to seed State tournament play.
- If a game is not played, the head coach refusing to play is suspended for the first game of the State tournament. The not played game is considered a forfeit and a 1-0 victory for the other team and counts as a game played for both teams.
- Scores must be posted to the MAHA website 48 hours after the game is completed. The home team is responsible for posting scores, but either team can enter scores.

##### Games Required

- 18U teams will play each team three (3) times during the course of the season. Each team will play one home and one away game against each team: 16 games. And the third game adds eight (8) more games for 24 total games. Teams split the cost of the third game equally; except for those games played in the MAHA Showcase.
- 16 Only, 15 Only, and 14U teams will play each team three (3) times during the course of the Season. Each team will play one home and one away game against each team: 14 games. And the third game adds seven (7) more games for 21 total games. Teams split the cost of the third game equally; except for those games played in the MAHA Showcase.
- 13U, 12U, 11U, and 10U teams will play a total of 14 games. Each team will play a home and away with game each of the other MAHA teams: 14 games.

**Third Game Home and Away Designation**  
**SHADED GAMES TO BE PLAYED AT THE MAHA SEPTEMBER SHOWCASE**

**18U 3<sup>rd</sup> game** (costs to be split equally between the two teams playing)

Belle Tire	Oakland	Biggby	Victory Honda	Compuware	Soo	Honeybaked	Fox Motors	Little Caesars
OJG @ BT	OJG @ BT	BT @ Biggby	VH @ BT	BT @ CYH	Soo @ BT	BT @ HB	Fox @ BT	BT @ LC
VH @ BT	VH @ OJG	OJG @ Biggby	VH @ OJG	OJG @ CYH	Soo @ OJG	OJG @ HB	Fox @ OJG	LC @ OJG
Soo @ BT	Soo @ OJG	VH @ Biggby	VH @ Biggby	Biggby @ CYH	Soo @ Biggby	Biggby @ HB	Biggby @ Fox	Biggby @ LC
Fox @ BT	Fox @ OJG	Soo @ Biggby	CYH @ VH	CYH @ VH	Soo @ VH	HB @ VH	Fox @ VH	VH @ LC
BT @ Biggby	OJG @ Biggby	Biggby @ CYH	Soo @ VH	CYH @ Soo	CYH @ Soo	CYH @ HB	CYH @ Fox	LC @ CYH
BT @ CYH	OJG @ CYH	Biggby @ HB	HB @ VH	CYH @ HB	HB @ Soo	HB @ Soo	Fox @ Soo	LC @ Soo
BT @ HB	OJG @ HB	Biggby @ Fox	Fox @ VH	CYH @ Fox	Fox @ Soo	HB @ Fox	HB @ Fox	HB @ LC
BT @ LC	LC @ OJG	Biggby @ LC	VH @ LC	LC @ CYH	LC @ Soo	HB @ LC	LC @ Fox	LC @ Fox

**160 3<sup>rd</sup> game** (costs to be split equally between the two teams playing)

Biggby	Compuware	Fox Motors	Honeybaked	Belle Tire	Little Caesars	Victory Honda	Oakland
CYH @ Biggby	CYH @ Biggby	Biggby @ Fox	HB @ Biggby	Biggby @ BT	LC @ Biggby	Biggby @ VH	OJG @ Biggby
HB @ Biggby	HB @ CYH	CYH @ Fox	HB @ CYH	CYH @ BT	LC @ CYH	CYH @ VH	OJG @ CYH
LC @ Biggby	LC @ CYH	HB @ Fox	HB @ Fox	Fox @ BT	LC @ Fox	Fox @ VH	Fox @ OJG
OJG @ Biggby	OJG @ CYH	LC @ Fox	BT @ HB	BT @ HB	LC @ HB	VH @ HB	OJG @ HB
Biggby @ Fox	CYH @ Fox	Fox @ BT	LC @ HB	BT @ LC	BT @ LC	BT @ VH	BT @ OJG
Biggby @ BT	CYH @ BT	Fox @ VH	VH @ HB	BT @ VH	VH @ LC	VH @ LC	OJG @ LC
Biggby @ VH	CYH @ VH	Fox @ OJG	OJG @ HB	BT @ OJG	OJG @ LC	VH @ OJG	VH @ OJG

**150 3<sup>rd</sup> game** (costs to be split equally between the two teams playing)

Victory Honda	Oakland	Compuware	Fox Motors	Honeybaked	Belle Tire	Biggby	Little Caesars
VH @ OJG	VH @ OJG	VH @ CYH	Fox @ VH	HB @ VH	BT @ VH	VH @ Biggby	LC @ VH
Fox @ VH	Fox @ OJG	OJG @ CYH	Fox @ OJG	OJG @ HB	BT @ OJG	OJG @ Biggby	OJG @ LC
BT @ VH	BT @ OJG	Fox @ CYH	Fox @ CYH	CYH @ HB	BT @ CYH	CYH @ Biggby	CYH @ LC
LC @ VH	OJG @ LC	BT @ CYH	HB @ Fox	HB @ Fox	Fox @ BT	Biggby @ Fox	LC @ Fox
VH @ CYH	OJG @ CYH	CYH @ HB	Fox @ BT	HB @ BT	HB @ BT	HB @ Biggby	LC @ HB
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VH @ Meij	OJG @ Biggby	CYH @ LC	LC @ Fox	LC @ HB	BT @ LC	Biggby @ LC	Biggby @ LC

### 14U 3<sup>rd</sup> game (costs to be split equally between the two teams playing)

Oakland	Fox Motors	Biggby	Honeybaked	Little Caesars	Compuware	Victory Honda	Belle Tire
Fox @ OJG	Fox @ OJG	OJG @ Biggby	HB @ OJG	OJG @ LC	CYH @ OJG	OJG @ VH	BT @ OJG
HB @ OJG	Fox @ HB	Fox @ Biggby	Fox @ HB	LC @ Fox	CYH @ Fox	VH @ Fox	BT @ Fox
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### Game Rules

- See Table 2 for: ice block, warm up, period length, ice resurfacing, overtime, referee system, time out, curfew clock, and mercy rule.
- If a league game between two MAHA teams is to be used as part of the MAHA Home/Away Series, the league rules will govern play.
- Tournament games cannot be used to meet these game requirements.
- If a home team fails to follow the game rules, the game can be protested by the away team and the game replayed on the away team's ice with all the costs being borne by the original home team. The MAHA VP Youth has sole discretionary authority. It is understood that in all cases it may not be possible to follow the game rules, but these should be extraordinary circumstances and so noted by the referees on the score sheet and signed by both head coaches (i.e.: 3 referees scheduled and only 2 show up, acts of god that may shorten the ice block; injury to players where emergency services are called and the ice block is curfewed, etc.)
- If there is to be any deviation from the game rules, both coaches must record the deviation on the score sheet prior to the game and sign the scoresheet prior to the game.

### Tie-Breaking For Standings

The tie-breaking rules defined in the current "District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook" will be used to break all standing ties.

### States

- 18U  
The top eight (8) teams based on the standings will qualify for the State tournament.  
Period length will be 17 minutes.  
Three man referee system if available.  
Two division round robin play will be one game a day: March 2-6, 2022  
The semis and finals will be March 9-13, 2022 with one game a day.  
Only the finals will be the best of three, with a game played in the round robin counting as part of the best of three.
- In all AAA divisions, the highest seed as determined from the MAHA Home/Away Series standings will be the home team in the State tournament, regardless of round.

**Table 1: 2020-21 SEASON CRITICAL DATES**

**2021-22 SEASON MAHA HOME/AWAY GAME SERIES CRITICAL DATES**

8/1/2021

The end date for 160/150/14U games could be moved up if the format for the MAHA State Championships are revised

National Bound Teams	18U	160	150	14U
First day games can be played	9/1/21	9/1/21	9/1/21	9/1/21
Game schedules due to the MAHA VP of Youth	9/15/21	9/15/21	9/15/21	9/15/21
Number of games to be played	24	21	21	21
Last day to register to play in MAHA State Chamionships (Failure to register by 11/1 will require approval of the SPOC to be allowed to participate in States)	11/1/2021	11/1/2021	11/1/2021	11/1/2021
All games must be completed and results posted to the MAHA website by 11:59pm	2/21/22	2/26/22	2/26/22	2/26/22
Scores due by 11:59pm to the MAHA website or the head coach sits the first game of the state tournament	2/21/22	2/26/22	2/26/22	2/26/22
<i>If a game is not played, the head coach of the team refusing to play sits the first game of the state tournament</i>	2/21/22	2/26/22	2/26/22	2/26/22
Score review complete 5:00 pm (correct any errors/incorrect scores or missing scores)	2/23/22	2/28/22	2/28/22	2/28/22
Appeals due to the MAHA VP of Youth on scores by 5:00 pm	2/23/22	2/28/22	2/28/22	2/28/22
Standings on the MAHA website used to determine seeding for MAHA state tournament play	2/23/22	2/28/22	2/28/22	2/28/22
First round of States 18U only (use a digital program)	3/2 to 3/6	n/a	n/a	n/a
MAHA States (use a digital program)	3/7 to 13	3/7 to 13	3/7 to 13	3/7 to 13
USA Hockey Nationals begin	3/30/22 MI	3/30/22 MI	3/30/22 MI	3/30/22 IL

Non-National Bound Teams	13U	12U	11U	10U
First day games can be played	9/1/21	9/1/21	9/1/21	9/1/21
Game schedules due to the MAHA VP of Youth	9/15/21	9/15/21	9/15/21	9/15/21
Number of games to be played	14	14	14	14
Last day to register to play in MAHA State Chamionships (Failure to register by 11/1 will require approval of the SPOC to be allowed to participate in States)	11/1/2021	11/1/2021	11/1/2021	11/1/2021
Quebec 12U	--	2/9 to 20	--	--
All games must be completed and results posted to the MAHA website by 11:59pm	3/5/22	3/5/22	3/5/22	3/5/22
Scores due by 11:59pm to the MAHA website or the head coach sits the first game of the state tournament	3/5/22	3/5/22	3/5/22	3/5/22
<i>If a game is not played, the head coach of the team refusing to play sits the first game of the state tournament</i>	3/5/22	3/5/22	3/5/22	3/5/22
Score review complete 5:00 pm (correct any errors/incorrect scores or missing scores)	3/7/22	3/7/22	3/7/22	3/7/22
Appeals due to the MAHA VP of Youth on scores 5:00 pm	3/7/22	3/7/22	3/7/22	3/7/22
Standings on the MAHA website used to determine seeding for MAHA state tournament play	3/7/22	3/7/22	3/7/22	3/7/22
MAHA States (use a digital program)	3/14 to 20	3/14 to 20	3/14 to 20	3/14 to 20





# MAHA Home/Away Series

As of July 21, 2021

Tier 1 (AAA): Belle Tire Hockey Club, Fox Motors Hockey Club, Biggby Coffee AAA Hockey, Victory Honda AAA Hockey, Little Caesars AAA Hockey Club, Honeybaked Hockey Club, Computware Youth Hockey, Soo Indians, Oakland Junior Grizzlies

Scoresheets should be labeled: "MAHA Home/Away Series game"

When using a game to count for both the MAHA Home/Away Series and a league (i.e.: HPHL) game, the league (i.e.: HPHL) rules are to be used

Division	Ice Block	Warm Up	Period Length	Zam	Overtime	Referees	Time Out	Curfew Clock	Mercy Rule
Midget Major 18U '03/'04	2 hours	5 min	17 min stop time	Yes [1] [4]	Yes [2]	3 man [6]	One 1 min time out allowed during the game including overtime	Non-curfew	Yes [3]
Midget Minor 16 Only '05									
Midget Minor 15 Only '06									
Bantam Major 14U '07	90 min	3 min	15 min stop time [7]	Yes [1] [4], [5]	None	2 man	One 1 min time out allowed during the game	Non-curfew	Yes [3]
Bantam Minor 13U '08	90 min	3 min	15 min stop time [7]	None	None	2 man	One 1 min time out allowed during the game	Non-curfew	Yes [3]
PeeWee Major 12U '09									
PeeWee Minor 11U '10									
Squirt Major 10U '11									

[1] **Resurface** at the first whistle after ten (10) minutes into the 2nd period

[2] **Overtime** Procedures:

Five (5) minute sudden death OT period, 4 on 4

If the score is still tied at the completion of the five minute OT period, a three (3) man shoot-out commences; if the game is still tied after the first three shooters, play continues sudden death; all players must be used prior to using a single player again; once all players have been used, you can use any player you wish if the game is still tied

The home team chooses to shoot first or second

[3] If there is a **five (5) goal differential** in the 3rd period, the game must go to run time (not and option)

If a penalty is called, the clock should stop; at the drop of the puck, the clock reverts back to run time

If the score differential in the 3rd period becomes three (3), the clock reverts back to stop time

[4] The **ice resurface** cannot be waived even if both coaches agree. The home team is required to have sufficient ice time for the ice resurface to occur.  
[5] **14U scheduling at Troy Sports Center M/Tu/W/Th/F only:** during the week, the ice resurface will only occur if there are 30 minutes left on the curfew clock at the end of the second period. This needs to be declared by OJG at the time of scheduling. This also needs to be noted on the score sheet and signed in advance by both head coaches.

[6] Teams should schedule **3 referees**. If only two can be provided by the referee scheduler, this is not a protestable event. There should be a mail documentation between the two teams at the time of scheduling that the scheduler can only provide 2 referees.

[7] **Penalty Length:**

Rule 402 Minor Penalties	1:30 min	Rule 404 Misconduct Penalties	8:00 min
Rule 403 Major Penalties	4:00 min	Rule 405 Match Penalties	4:00 min

Table 2: SUMMARY OF GAME RULES



# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2022-12

SUBJECT: **Tier 1 16 Only**

☒ MAHA      ☐ USA      ☒ CHANGE      ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV. Youth Age & Division Classifications  
A. Tier I Category and AAA Division Teams

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Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

Add section at the end-

10) Teams at the 16U Tier 1 hockey classification will only be able to roster players in the second birth year of classification (16 year old players only).

Effective Date of Rule: 2022-2023 season

Reason For Change: revises an existing rule to incorporate an expiring MAHA Pilot (attached).

The 16 Only category is now in its third season and the Tier 1 Committee fully supports conversion from a Pilot to a rule.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

Submitted by: **Tier 1 Committee**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## ATTACHMENT Page 1 of 2

One-Year Pilot Proposal (2021-2022)  
Submitted to: MAHA Executive Board (Approved 02/11/2021)  
Submitted by: MAHA Tier I Committee

### Item 1: Scheduling Agreement

**18U:** 9 teams @ 3 games per season versus each opponent for a total of 24 total games. The first two games will be played Home and Away. The location for the third game is 'To Be Determined' by the Tier I Committee.

**160/150/14U:** 8 teams @ 3 games per season versus each opponent for a total 21 games. The first two games will be played Home and Away. The location for the third game is 'To Be Determined' by the Tier I Committee.

**13U/12U/11U/10U:** 8 teams @ 2 games per season versus each opponent for a total of 14 games. The games will be played Home and Away.

#### Notes:

- 1) Games must be scheduled as MAHA Play-In games and cannot be played in tournament play.
- 2) Teams will continue to follow MAHA guidelines in the scheduling and the reporting of games.

**Editorial:** Versus the previous pilot, adds more games at 14U and eliminates the tiered games at 14U and younger to provide for more balanced competition.

### Item 2: Limiting Coach Movement Among Tier I Teams

**Summary:** No personnel from any MAHA Tier I organization may move to a different MAHA Tier I organization, at an age category that includes players from the team in which they participated the previous season. This includes Coaches, Managers, Volunteers, Advisers, "Influencers" or any other Administrative personnel who have participated in the routine operation of the team or organization in the past two regular seasons.

- a. Team personnel may resign and move to a new team the following season, but only with their own children.
- b. Coaches who are not offered a position, at a corresponding age category by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season, are released from their current team at the end of the season and may coach at any other MAHA Tier I organization at any age group. However, they are still bound by the restriction outlined in Section (a).
- c. At the point that more than two players, who are associated with the previous team or organization, attempt to move to a new team or organization, approval from the State Playoff Committee is required.
- d. Skills coaches, goalie coaches, advisers and/or any other Administrative personnel (whether on the roster or not), who will have routine contact with players or participants, must be registered with USA Hockey as a coach or volunteer, which



includes a USA Hockey Background Check, and SafeSport certification. This is mandatory for any on-ice, bench, or locker room interaction with rostered participants.

- e. Any inquiries received by a MAHA Tier I organization, from personnel currently serving under a different MAHA Tier I organization, for the purposes of seeking future opportunities with the organization contacted should be immediately reported to the Tier I Director of the inquirer's MAHA Tier I organization. Conversations should be documented between both Tier I Directors, and no resolutions agreed upon by the Directors may violate the movement criteria outlined above.

Anyone found in violation of the movement criteria outlined above will be immediately suspended from being a coach or manager, in any Tier I organization, for the remainder of the season.

## **Reasoning:**

- Emphasizes development over recruiting.
- Puts value on Tier 1 club structure as an organization.
- Limits wholesale player movement dictated directly by coach movement and/or outside influences through coach movement.

## **Direction:**

- 1) Players are determined by the USA Hockey 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 April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>. All appeals will be decided, and parties notified of the Committee's decision.
- 4) In an instance where the above movement criteria may have been violated, the aggrieved Tier I organization will submit in writing the detail to the State Playoff Committee. The State Playoff Committee will investigate, and provide a determination and sanctions, based on its findings. If the filing Tier I organization is not satisfied, they may appeal to the MAHA Executive Board.

## **Item 3: 150 And 16U Age Classifications**

**Summary:** Teams at the 16U Tier 1 hockey classification will only be able to roster players in the second birth year of classification (16 year old players only).

Players rostered in the 15-only classification will still be able to participate at the 160 (16 year old players only) classification per the MAHA player movement rule (VI. M. 1.)



# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2021-2022  
LATE -01

SUBJECT: **Tier 1 Out of State Player Requirements**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV. Youth Age & Division Classification

A. Tier 1 Category and AAA Divisions

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Current Rule Reads:

IV. Youth Age & Division Classifications

A. Tier I Category and AAA Division Teams.

5. To qualify as a Tier I Organization the following criteria must be followed:

- c. Tier I organizations are limited to ten (10) non-Michigan players per organization at the 12U (Pee Wee) age level through 16U Midget Minor age level (age 11–16) with no more than six (6) non-Michigan players on any one team. 18U (Midget Major) (age 17-18) teams shall be allowed no more than 6 (six) non-Michigan players on any one team.
- d. At the 10U (Squirt) age classification, teams may only form at the 10U (Squirt Major age 10) level only. Teams may have a maximum of four (4) players playing up from below the age 10 age group. At the 10U Level, there are no out of state or import players allowed.

Revise As Follows:

Replace 5. above and renumber accordingly-

- 1) Tier I organizations are limited in the number of non-Michigan players per organization. Non-Michigan players will be defined as:
  - a) Players who were rostered with USA Hockey outside of Michigan during their first regular season of play after the 8U age classification are out-of-state players.
  - b) A player whose entire family has moved to and become permanent residents of the state of Michigan for reasons other than to play hockey, may apply to the Tier I Committee for acceptance as a Michigan resident player. The Tier 1 Committee shall make a recommendation to the MAHA Executive Board which will have the final approval. The deadline for application is February 1.
- 2) Tier I teams will be allowed the following number of out-of-state players.
  - a) Tier 1 Organizations are limited to the following:
    - i) Non-National bound teams – Three (3)
    - ii) 14U Tier I – Five (5)
    - iii) 15U Tier I – Six (6)
    - iv) 16U Tier I – Seven (7)
    - v) 18U Tier I – Nine (9)
  - b) Non-US Citizens and US Citizens living in Canada are considered out-of-state players.
  - c) Tier I organizations are restricted to only two players per team that are non-US citizens.
- 3) The head coach of a team that is found in violation of this pilot will be suspended for the remainder of the current season and the following season.

- 4) All players that stay with a billet family are required to register with USA Hockey with their actual home address, not the billet address.

**Effective Date of Rule: 2022-2023 Season**

**Reason For Change:**

The current MAHA Youth Tier 1 Out of State Player Requirements Pilot Program (Revised May 13, 2021) expires at the end of the 2021-22 season (Attachment).

If no action is taken, the requirements would revert to the MAHA Guidebook.

The intent of the Pilot Program was to “Make it easier to administer out of state player requirements and help promote the development of Michigan players”.

It is the opinion of the MAHA Tier 1 Committee that the current Pilot Program does not achieve those objectives. Subsequently, the MAHA Tier 1 Committee would like to propose a rule that would better achieve that objective as well as address some of the changing issues in the Tier 1 hockey landscape.

**Issues/Concerns:**

- In the 2021-22 season, midget-aged Michigan players have moved on to play high-end junior hockey in the USHL, NAHL, OHL or NTDP. For the USPHL Premier and NA3HL this equates to 98 players or roughly 16% of the best players in the state. While it is great that the Michigan model provides the developmental and competitive environment for those players to advance, at the same time losing the best players puts Michigan programs at a competitive disadvantage unless they can be replaced.
- We are also losing a significant number of Michigan top end players to prep schools and other club programs across the country – not to a higher level of hockey – to teams that are competing against Michigan. Again, the players that we are losing are some of the better players, which puts Michigan programs at a competitive disadvantage unless they can be replaced.
- The MAHA Tier 1 Application Process for Establishing Michigan Residency was created in 2020-21 and revised on May 13 of 2021 to set the application and approval process for families moving to Michigan. While the intent of the process is valid and necessary, it is cumbersome and time-consuming and the current timeline often results in teams being uncertain of whether players will be eligible to play at all, players missing parts of the season and wasted time spent on needless hearings and appeals.
- MAHA has one of the most restrictive out of state player policies of all Districts in the country. Only Mid-Am appears to have enforceable criteria (4 per Tier 1 team; report cards define residency). While the better Michigan players have the freedom to move out of state (to higher levels of hockey and to teams that we are competing against), Michigan programs do not have the ability to replace those players with equal caliber players.
- While Michigan does not allow any out of state players for Tier 1 teams at non-National bound level teams to protect programs in the Mid-America affiliate, Michigan players and entire teams are being enhanced to leave the state to play on teams in that affiliate resulting in some Michigan programs not having teams at all levels.
- While Michigan does not allow any out of state players for Tier 1 teams non-National bound level teams, three out of state players are currently allowed in MAHA Tier 2 hockey.

#### Realities:

- Michigan is considered one of the best hockey Districts in the country with a significant player pool, plenty of rinks and strong hockey programs that create one of the best developmental and competitive hockey environments in the world.
- Michigan has the resources to support eight (8) (nine at the 18U age group) Tier 1 hockey programs, which allows for a highly-competitive Tier 1 hockey experience with minimal travel, limited school days missed and low travel costs and time-commitment. Additionally, our geographic proximity to Canada and surrounding states allows us to play other strong competition with limited travel and costs.
- While the Michigan youth hockey player participation pool has gradually declined over the past several years, Michigan is still considered a strong competitive hockey environment that is an attractive destination to high-end hockey players from around the country.
- In our current world, many people work remotely and are able to work from wherever they reside in the country. Accordingly, relocation for lifestyle reasons is much easier for families. Highly competitive hockey is part of that lifestyle and families are willing to move for it.

#### Benefits of Rule Change Proposal:

- Streamline the MAHA Tier 1 Application for Establishing Michigan Residency Process. The deadline for application would be February 1. Any player not approved by March 15, would be considered out of state. There is no rush for families to establish residency and subsequently no unnecessary angst, anguish and stress for the process to be completed. If families choose to become Michigan residents, they have plenty of time to apply and receive a decision prior to the next season. [Editorial: the current deadline is the first Thursday of the month from August to December.]
- Michigan Tier 1 programs would be able to replace the high-end talent that is lost to higher levels of hockey (junior) and retain the high-end talent that leaves for “better teams/competition” each year.
- Michigan Tier 1 teams would have the opportunity to continue to be highly competitive on a national level and Michigan would remain one of the best developmental and competitive hockey environments in the world.
- Allowing the replacement of the best Michigan talent that leaves the state with equal caliber players from out of state also provides a benefit for Michigan Tier 2 hockey. The better Tier 2 players don’t get rushed to Tier 1 when they are not yet ready which allows them to have a better developmental and competitive experience while also improving the level of play and competitiveness of Tier 2 hockey in Michigan.
- Makes it easier to administer out of state player requirements and help promote the development of Michigan players, which was the intent of the original Pilot Program.

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## Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Policy & Guidelines

### Youth Tier 1 Out of State Player Requirements

Section: Youth

Revised: May 13, 2021

#### Two Year Pilot Program: 2020 – 2021 and 2021 – 2022 Seasons Submitted by MAHA Tier 1 Committee

**Summary: Make it easier to administer out of state player requirements and help promote the development of Michigan players**

- 1) Tier I organizations are limited in the number of non-Michigan players per organization. Non-Michigan Players will be defined as:
  - a) Players who were rostered with USA Hockey outside of Michigan during their first regular season of play after the 8U age classification are out of state players.
  - b) Once a player is determined to be out-of-state, that player will be considered an out-of-state player no matter how long they play in Michigan.
  - c) A player whose entire family has moved to and become permanent residents of the state of Michigan for reasons other than to play hockey, may apply to the Tier I committee for acceptance as Michigan resident player. The Tier 1 committee shall make a recommendation to the Executive Board which will have the final approval.
- 2) Tier I teams will be allowed the following number of out of state players that live outside 100 miles of either the Taylor Sportsplex or Wings West in Kalamazoo, based on Google maps point to point distance.
  - a) Tier 1 Organizations are limited to the following:
    - i) 10U Tier I – No Out of State Players
    - ii) 11U Tier I – No Out of State Players
    - iii) 12U Tier I – No Out of State Players
    - iv) 13U Tier I – No Out of State Players
    - v) 14U Tier I – One Out of State Players
    - vi) 15U Tier I – Two Out of State Players
    - vii) 16U Tier I – Three Out of State Players
    - viii) 18U Tier I – Nine Out of State Players - Combination totaling 9 players, including out of state, Ohio/Indiana, commuter US Citizens and non-US citizens
  - b) Non-US Citizens and US Citizens living in Canada will also fall into this category.
  - c) Tier I organizations are restricted to only two players that are non-US citizens. These players are considered in your out of state count.
- 3) Beginning at the 14U age category, players who are 14 years old or older as defined by USAH age classifications.
  - a) Must live within 100 miles of either the Taylor Sportsplex or Wings West in Kalamazoo (point to point as determined by the same MAHA system used to calculate Tier II closest rink).





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### Youth Tier 1 Out of State Player Requirements

Section: Youth

Revised: May 13, 2021

- b. Teams will be allowed the following number of Ohio, and Indiana players providing they meet the requirements above. These players will not count against the number of players allocated to out-of-state players, but shall be limited as follows.
  - i) 14U Tier I – One Players
  - ii) 15U Tier I – Two Players
  - iii) 16U Tier I – Three Players
  - iv) 18U Tier I-Combination totaling 9 players, including out of state, Ohio/Indiana, commuter US Citizens and non-US citizens
  - v) At the 16U level a team may increase either their out of state player number or their Ohio/Indiana player's number to four. If they increase one of these categories to four, then the corresponding category must be reduced to two. Under no circumstance may the total between the two categories be more than six.
4. The head coach of a team that is found in violation of the Tier I out of state rule will be suspended for the remainder of the current season and the following season.
5. All players that stay with a billet family are required to register with USA with their actual home address. No billet parent addresses.

***Proviso: Any out of state player playing for a Michigan Tier I organization in the 2019-2020 season may be grandfathered in until they reach the 14U age classification provided they stay with the same organization, that they were with during the 2019-2020 season. Players who were grandfathered in the 13, 12 and 11 age classification in the 2019-2020 season may appeal for an exemption to allow them to continue to play at 14U and 15 Only classifications for the same organization. However, if approved and the team exceeds the 1/1 limit for 14U and the 2/2 limit for 15 Only then no other players either out of Ohio, Indiana or US Citizens living in Canada will be able to be added to that team's roster. (Note: Ohio, Indiana or Non-Us and US Citizens living in Canada, cannot be used as an out of state player)***