



2025 Registrars Meeting

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Welcome

- This is our 12th season to use the USA Hockey portal. This is a web-based program that is accessible from any computer, tablet or smart phone. The registry is used to claim all players, coach, manager and volunteers. To claim your players, coach, manager and volunteers they will need to be registered with USA Hockey and present a confirmation number to be entered into your portal.

Affiliate Fee

- The MAHA Affiliate fee is charged to each Player and Coach when they register. The Affiliate fees for 2025-26 are:
- 6U and younger no fee
- 7U – 19U \$10.00
- 20U and above \$6.00
- These fees are collected by USA hockey when the participant registers. There is no fee for Managers and Volunteers.

Birth Verification/Birth Certificates/ Citizenship Verification

- USA Hockey has a secure database of all Birth and Citizenship verifications that have been verified by the Associate Registrar. You will only need to look at birth certificates of players that are **not** identified in the Registry, or on the roster as being verified. When building your team roster you start by adding players to the roster. After adding the players to your roster and clicking on the Add Selected Players, your roster will appear with the players added as being pending players. Look at each player and the information below the name. This will indicate DOB and Citizenship along with the player's address. If the DOB and Citizenships have green boxes with check marks inside, they are verified, if not you will need to get this information from your Associate Registrar. Non-US Citizens must complete a Transfer before being rostered. This is completed through the International Department.
- **Do not roster any Player without DOB and Citizenship verified.**

Team Building

- **USA Hockey/ Michigan District Team ID**
- The team ID is generated automatically by the Registry program.
- **6MIH0000-01RYSQT22A**

- **Static portion:**
- **6** Season: 2025-26 (the last digit of the season)
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- **MIH** Affiliate (Michigan)
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- **0000** Association code (assigned Michigan association codes)
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- **-01** Team Number, this is the number of teams in said association. Once you reach 99 the Dash will disappear and start at 100 to 999.
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Dynamic Portion:

- **R Regular Season**
- Youth and Girls Tier, I & II 13O – 19U regular season starts August 1 they may begin the roster process 14 days prior to the start of their season. **Roster limits for 15O, 16O 18U and 19U is 22 players including two goaltenders**
- Youth and Girls Tier, I and Tier II age groups 9U -12U Tier III may begin the roster process 14 days prior to the start of their season. (September 1.) **All Tier I and Tier II teams Categories are Travel.**
- Pre/Post High School teams may begin roster process 14 days prior to August 1 season start date.
- Tier III JV/High School teams may begin roster process 14 days prior to September 1 start date.
- Split Season teams are **Regular Season** teams and must put either the words split season or the letters (SS) at the end of the team title. All Split Season teams must indicate YES in the National Bound Box on the team information screen and be prepared to participate in the Split Season MAHA playoffs in October. The 18U & 16U champions will represent MAHA at the USA AA National Championships

Dynamic Portion:

- **P** Pre/Post (this is only for pre-season high school teams).
- **S** Spring/Summer (teams may form as early as March 15 but cannot play games until April 1)
 - Players may participate with two teams at one time during the Spring/Summer season and roster sizes are increased to 25 players per team. Teams are open to USA Hockey registered Canadian players. Canadian player must sign appropriate paperwork.
 - Youth and Girls Tier 1 and Tier 2, ages 13O through 19U Spring/Summer expire July 31st.
 - Youth and Girls Tier 1 and Tier 2, age groups 9U through 12U Spring/Summer rosters expire August 31st.
 - JV/High School teams Spring/Summer rosters expire August 31st.
 - High School Pre/Post Season rosters expire on November 15th.
- **T** Tournament Teams
 - During regular season September 1 to April 1 Youth and Girls tier III players may roster a tournament team. These rosters are only good for one tournament. Only Tier III players are allowed. Tier I, Tier II and Travel players may roster a tournament team after the completion of the player's regular season and before April 1.

Team Roster Essentials

- **You must assign a Head Coach, Team Manager and at least one Locker Room Monitor. LRM's should be present at all games, and you may add more than one LRM to your roster if needed, to complete the official roster. The team Manager shall be the custodian of all documents necessary for credential review prior to participation in Tournaments, Districts, State and National playoffs. Association registrars will not be allowed to add a coach, team manager or LRM to a roster who has not completed SafeSport training and Background Screening for all youth teams. All 10U and above Youth and Girls teams are required to have the players uniform number and position on their roster. Rosters will then be sent through your Registry (online) to the District/Associate Registrar and after it has been approved you will receive a link to the Official Approved Roster that can be distributed, as necessary. **Adult teams are exempt from this rule, assigning a manager would be greatly appreciated to improve communications.****
- **Youth and Girls' National Championship bound teams are restricted to only two players (2) that are non-U.S. citizens temporarily residing in the U.S. under any combination of the following immigration visa categories: F. Academic Students; J. Exchange Alien Visa; P. Athletes and Entertainers (excluding their spouses and children under visa category P-4); and Q. International Cultural Exchange Program participants. This restriction does not apply to non-U.S. citizens temporarily residing in the U.S. under category P-4, referenced above, or other visa categories not referenced above, excluding cate-gory B. Temporary Visitor.**
- Tier I organizations are limited to the following non-Michigan players per organization:
 - a. 10U Tier I - Zero (0)
 - b. 11U Tier I - Zero (0)
 - c. 12U Tier I - One (1)
 - d. 13O Tier I - Two (2)
 - e. 14U Tier I - Five (5)
 - f. 15O Tier I - Six (6)
 - g. 16O Tier I - Seven (7)
 - h. 18U Tier I - Nine (9) and must be less than 50% of the team roster
- At the 10U age classification, teams may only form at the 10U (Major age 10) level only. Teams may have a maximum of four (4) players playing up from below the age 10 age group.
- 10U, 11U and 12U are to be categorized as Travel.
- At the 14U classification, no team may roster any player 12 years of age or under.

Team Roster Essentials

- 14U - 18U Tier II Category and AA Division (Note: in the 16 and Under, Age Classification, Tier II is "A") and 10U – 12U Travel Category and AA Division.
 1. The Tier II category and the Travel Category AA Divisions are the next level of competitive hockey in Michigan. Teams in this category include teams which plays in a declared Tier II or Travel AA league or any team playing an independent schedule, registered as a Tier II or Travel AA team. The recognized Youth age classifications shall be the Youth 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U. The 14U, 16U and 18U age classifications are national bound classifications and the teams must meet all national bound eligibility requirements. Teams in the Youth 10U and 12U age classifications are eligible for MAHA State playoffs and must meet all requirements to be eligible for MAHA State playoffs.
 2. 10U-14U classification teams shall have no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered
 3. Any team in the youth 16U or 18U age classification shall be allowed an unlimited number of Out-of-District players provided those players are Michigan residents, as defined by the MAHA Residency Policy, and MAHA registered participants. Said teams will be restricted to one (1) Out-of-State player but may submit an exception where applicable.

Team Roster Essentials

- Any team in the youth 16U or 18U age classification shall be allowed an unlimited number of Out-of-District players provided those players are Michigan residents, as defined by the MAHA Residency Policy, and MAHA registered participants. Said teams will be restricted to one (1) Out-of-State player but may submit an exception where applicable.

Team Roster Essentials

- 10U - 18U Travel Category and A Division.

1. The Travel category is a level of select hockey in Michigan. Teams in this category include teams which play in a declared Travel A Division league or any team playing an independent schedule, registered as a Travel A team. The recognized Youth classifications shall be the Youth 9U, 11U, and 13U age classifications. The Travel category will be the A Division. Teams in this classification are eligible for MAHA State playoffs and must meet all requirements to be eligible for MAHA State playoffs.
2. A 14 and under, 12 and under and 10 and under team in this classification shall not have players who are in their last year of eligibility. In the (Midget) 15/16 classification, no players from the (Midget) 17/18 classification are allowed.
3. May have no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered. In the 16U (Midget) classification teams will be allowed an unlimited number of Out-of-District players provided those players are Michigan residents, as defined by the MAHA Residence Policy, and MAHA registered participants. Said teams will be restricted to one (1) Out-of-State player, but may submit an exception where applicable.

Team Roster Essentials

- **10U - 18U Tier III Category and B & BB Division**
- The Tier III category is a recreational travel level of hockey in Michigan determined by a draft. Teams in this category include teams which plays in a declared Tier III league or any team playing an independent schedule, registered as a Tier III team. The recognized Youth classifications shall be the Youth 10U, 12U, 14U, 16UB and 18UBB age classifications. The category will be Tier III and the Division will be B or BB (18U only). Teams in this classification are eligible for MAHA State playoffs and must meet all requirements to be eligible for MAHA State playoffs.
- Tier III Category and B & BB divisions are teams with players chosen through an open draft. To qualify for District and State Playoffs, teams in the B or BB classification must adhere to the MAHA draft system.

Team Roster Essentials

Girls Essentials

Tier I Girls

Girls 14U-19U Tier 1 Category AAA Division

Girls 10U – 12U Travel Category AAA Division

Girls Tier I teams are limited to the following number of out-of-state or import players: 12U-2, 14U-2, 16U-3, 19U-6. An import player is an out of state player that lives in Michigan as outlined in the Michigan residency policy.

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

Team Roster Essentials

Girls Essentials

- Tier II Girls
- 14U - 19U Girls Tier II Category AA Division
- 10U – 12U Travel Category AA Division
- A team cannot have more than three (3) out of state or import players (example: 1 import + 2 out of State = Maximum number allowed). 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 school/district they are attending.
- No player 12 years of age or younger (as defined in the age classification chart for the current season) is eligible to play on a team eligible to compete in the District or National Championships or playoffs leading thereto.

Team Roster Essentials

Girls Exception Tier II

- Players can participate in only one age classification higher than player's actual birth year classification. Requests for a one year waiver shall be submitted to the State Playoff Committee.
- Female players (ages 19 & under) may roster either with a youth team or with a girls' team by following the rostering procedures for that classification. Additionally, under the circumstances below a female player may petition to dual roster:
- When the female player's intent is to play for her youth team but would also like to participate with a rostered girls' team for tournament play (limited to two tournaments per season up to 12/31 of the current season, excluding a State tournament). A female player who is on a youth Tier II primary (travel) roster cannot dual roster on a Tier III girls' team for 2 tournaments. Female players who wish to dual roster under this condition must request permission to roster with the girl's team by notifying the Vice-President of Girls/Women in writing and provide a letter of support from the coach of her youth team and the coach of the girl's team prior to the request being considered by the MAHA Girls/Women Committee. The committee's written approval must be presented to the District Associate Registrar(s) at the time of rostering on the girl's team. All games played by the female player in the aforementioned circumstances will be included in the total game count as it applies to all Youth classifications.
- A female player playing on a Youth Tier III team may dual roster on a girl's Tier III team within the same Association. In the absence of a girls team in their Youth B team Association a female player may roster on a girls Tier III team that is offered in another local Association. Under these circumstances the female player is limited to 10 games (played prior to 12/31 of the current season) on the girls team. These games shall not include State playoffs.

Team Roster Essentials

Girls Exception Tier II

- A female player registered on a Girls Tier III team in an Association that has two or more such teams at an age level may also roster on a second Girls Recreational “Development” team from the same Association. The Development team must be comprised only of players from the Girls Tier III teams in the Association and the team shall not be formed by a tryout process. The Development team is limited to a maximum of 20 games and the games played will be included in the game count as it applies to all girls’ classifications.
- Players who wish to dual roster under the above conditions must notify the Girls’/Women’s Vice President in writing and provide a letter of support from both the youth team coach and the girls’ team coach prior to the request getting consideration by the MAHA Women’s Committee. Players must request dual rostering permission before rostering with their second team. The dual rostered player must present the District Associate Registrar(s) with the Committee’s written approval at the time of her registration.

Team Roster Essentials

Girls Exception Tier III

- This level is a recreational Tier. It is intended as an introduction level for Associations/Clubs that are offering a girl's program in order to provide skill development in a recreational setting. The recognized Girls classifications shall be the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U age classifications. Teams in this classification are eligible for MAHA State playoffs and must meet all requirements to be eligible for MAHA State playoffs.
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- When the female player's intent is to play for her youth team but would also like to participate with a rostered girls' team for tournament play (limited to two tournaments per season prior to December 31). Female players who wish to dual roster under this condition must request permission to roster with the girl's team by notifying the VicePresident of Girls/Women in writing and provide a letter of support from the coach of her youth team and the coach of the girl's team prior to the request being considered by the MAHA Girls/Women Committee. The committee's written approval must be presented to the District Associate Registrar(s) at the time of rostering on the girl's team. All games played by the female player in the aforementioned circumstances will be included in the total game count as it applies to all Youth classifications.

Team Roster Essentials

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- A female player registered on a Girls Tier III team in an Association that has two or more such teams at an age level may also roster on a second Girls Recreational "Development" team from the same Association. The Development team must be comprised only of players from the Girls Tier III teams in the Association and the team shall not be formed by a tryout process. The Development team is limited to a maximum of 20 games and the games played will be included in the game count as it applies to all girls' classifications.

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- Exceptions: Any exceptions to the rules outlined in Section V will be handled by the Girls Committee, except where noted within the rule itself.

Number of Players

- A limit of twenty (20) players including 2 goaltenders at any one time may be rostered per team except for **Tier I 150, 160, 18U & 19U teams may roster and dress 22 players including 2 goaltenders.** High school girls' and boys, college and women's college who may roster 30 players and may dress 20 players and, adult men and women's teams may roster 25 players and may dress 20 players. Non-Varsity High School Division teams (JV) may roster up to 25 players between September 1 and November 14 each season. After November 15, those teams with 20 or more players on their roster would not be able to add additional players. Any team that falls below 20 players could add additional players to bring their team up to 20 players. A team may only dress 20 players for any game, of which only 18 skaters, per USA Hockey rules. Michigan allows (Spring/Summer) teams that play between the end of the last USA Hockey National Youth/Girls Championship and August 31 to have a limit of twenty-five (25) players on a roster and may dress twenty (20) players per game. Spring/Summer teams in Michigan may roster Canadian citizens on their rosters. All Canadian players must register with USA Hockey and have a signed US/Canadian Spring/Summer form on file with their District Associate Registrar

Games prior to season

- If teams are playing games in July or August prior to the start of their season, they must be playing on a (spring/summer) roster. All the players in the game must be on that roster. You cannot mix and match players from a spring/summer and a regular season rosters. Playing players that are not on a Spring/Summer roster at this time of year constitutes playing an illegal player and is subject to a one-year suspension of the coach. **Once the regular season begins for a particular age and classification, (spring/summer) rosters may no longer be used**

Game Count Change at Tier II 16U & 18U

- 16U Tier II and 18U Tier II teams will need to have a minimum of 20 games and players will have to have a minimum of 10 games with the team prior to the start of the State Championship playoffs. This is a USA Hockey Rule that went into affect in 2024. We want everyone to be aware of this change so that they can make sure that they are fully able to participate in our playoffs this coming season.

Invitational Tournaments

- If your program is hosting an invitational tournament, you must apply for a USA Hockey Tournament sanction. The tournament sanction is available by submitting the Invitational Tournament Application through the MAHA.com website under the tournament tab and following the instructions. All Tournaments must verify that **all** participating teams are approved USA Hockey or their country's federation. A USA Hockey **Official Team Roster Form (1-T)** approved by the District or Associate Registrar shall be proof of proper registration and individual player age. Invitational tournaments shall not require player birth certificates for review. **Host must require Travel Permits for any team from an affiliate requiring Travel Permits.** Any team participating in Canadian Tournaments, Exhibition games or League games must complete the appropriate Canadian Travel Application form, via the MAHA.com web site, and submit it with a \$35.00 application fee. An individual application for each tournament and team attending. A travel permit is available for exhibition and league games that covers the entire season provided all games are listed on the initial application. If additional exhibition or league games are added to your team, contact the Michigan District Registrar. All Canadian teams playing in the USA must present an approved Travel Form. An **International Competition Travel Form** is available in the form section of your Registry and is mandatory for all other foreign teams coming to the USA to play. All USA Hockey teams wishing to play internationally must submit an International Competition Travel Form. All forms are available in your Registry, click on 'Forms.'

Notes

- The 16U A and 18U AA Tier II State Championships will be held in October.
- All Split Season Teams 16U A and 18U AA Tier II teams must participate in the State Championships.
- At the completion of the State Championships all split season rosters with the exception of the State Champions will need to have the players released. State Champion rosters will be marked dormant in the registry until the National Championships. Released players are ineligible from participating in any State Tournament leading to a National Championship.
- The proper category for all AAA, AA, or A will be Travel. (No Tier I or Tier II categories)
- All Billet families must have current background screening and successfully completed SafeSport Training. (This includes anyone in the billet home over the age of 18).
- Billeted players along with the Billet family must be listed in the note section of the roster. Also any other important information. (Coaches CEP expiration date, number of OOS players, number of OOD players etc.)

Example of Note Section

- Notes
- Team has two (2) non-US Citizen -Mickle, Cai Team has two (2) out of State players -Mickle, Ryu
- Notes
- Coach Grzenia needs to update his CEP by 12/31/24. D.J. Player cannot play in a game until 12/3/24. D.J.
- Notes
- 5 OOS, Kennedy -Billeted w/Kelly, Falbo -Billeted w/Nicolaides, Kang billeted w/ Nicolaides, Belanger billeted with Nicolaides, Thompson -lives with Dad in Mi 1724 Midtown Circle, Unit 1, Royal Oak, _ 48073 Added player Kmita is eligible to play 12/19/24 at 10:51am
- Notes
- Katherine Martin-Krusniak is the team manager and also a billet volunteer.

Notes

- Regular Season rosters expire on April 1. All teams playing after that date must secure a new Spring/Summer Roster.
- **Do not approve any roster without the following.**
- All Rosters must list at least one locker room monitor(LRM) all LRM's must have successfully completed Safe Sport and an approved USAH background screening. Teams must have LRM's at every game.
- Roster must have the players position and home and away jersey numbers.
- Birth Certificates and Citizenship Verified.
- Exception only for 8U and 6U teams. Must be completed before teams participate in games.

Notes

Zero Club, Playmaker and Hat Trick Patches.



USA Patches

- Requirements for patches are:
- Hat Trick, 3 Goals in a single game. 1 awarded per season.
- Playmaker, 3 Assist in a Single Game. 1 awarded per season
- Zero Club, No Goals scored against goalie in single game. 1 awarded per season.
- Patches are available through USAH. Please contact me with approximate number you may need before February 1.

2025-26 Age Classifications



2025-26 SEASON AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

NEXT SEASON

USA Hockey Playing Season: September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026

YOUTH TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2007	18 Years	18 & Under
2008	17 Years	18 & Under
2009	16 Years	16 & Under
2010	15 Years	16 & Under
2011	14 Years	14 & Under
2012	13 Years	14 & Under
2013	12 Years	12 & Under
2014	11 Years	12 & Under
2015	10 Years	10 & Under
2016	9 Years	10 & Under
2017	8 Years	8 & Under
2018	7 Years	8 & Under
2019	6 Years	6 & Under

GIRLS TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2006	19 Years	19 & Under
2007	18 Years	19 & Under
2008	17 Years	19 & Under
2009	16 Years	16 & Under
2010	15 Years	16 & Under
2011	14 Years	14 & Under
2012	13 Years	14 & Under
2013	12 Years	12 & Under
2014	11 Years	12 & Under
2015	10 Years	10 & Under
2016	9 Years	10 & Under
2017	8 Years	8 & Under
2018	7 Years	8 & Under
2019	6 Years	6 & Under

USA Hockey Rules

- The following rules have been implanted for the 2025-26 season:
- Tier I Moratorium- No new Tier I programs in the 2025-26 or 2026-27 seasons unless approved by USA Hockey. This means if a program didn't field a Tier I team in 2024-25 they can't field a Tier I team in 2025-26 or 2026-27.
- Tier I Roster Submissions – Tier I rosters must be submitted for approval no later than October 15th.
- Tier I Roster Size – 22 Player rosters expanding from Youth 18U to Youth 15Only, 16U and 18U Girls 19U Tier I will be 22 players as well. 22 players can dress, and no more than 20 skaters.
- Vertical Integration – Change from Pilot to a rule and expanded to Girls 16U and 19U.

USA CEP Update

- Affiliates can't impose a CEP deadline earlier than 12/31.
- If a coach is redlined from a roster during the season due to not having a proper CEP, the affiliate may require that coach to have the proper CEP before the coach can be rostered on a team in the next season.
- Adds a 6U/8U CEP level (includes LTS) for new coaches.
- All Coaches need a Level 1 once they begin coaching an aged classification of 10U or above.
- Good for 5 years as long as not coaching a higher age classification. Refresher will be needed after 5 years
- No need to progress unless coaching something other than 6U/8U/LTS.
- Expired coaches can continue to coach 6U/8U/LTS.
- Student coaches need to take the 6U/8U or level 1 clinic.
- Must wear a helmet and neck laceration protection, even when on the bench.

MAHA Rule Change Summary

NEW RULES/RULE REVISIONS						
MAHA #	RULE PROPOSAL	REASON	EFFECTIVE	SUMMARY	AUTHOR	FILE NAME
MAHA 1	1.3 Only player movement - Tier 1	pilot to rule	'26-27 season	Allows 130 player to participate in vertical integration to 14U	Tier 1 Commit	130 player movement_5.1.25
MAHA 2	Tier 1 player movement: 10U - 12U	pilot to rule	'26-27 season	Restricts player movement for Tier 1 players post rostering: 10U to 12U	Tier 1 Commit	tier 1 player movement_5.1.25
MAHA 3	Girl's USAH High School Nationals	pilot to rule	9/1/2025	Allows teams that participate in the Michigan Girl's High School Hockey League to play in the USAH High School National Championships. Editorial: will require an extension of the current pilot for the 2025-26 season as the rule cannot be implemented until the 2026-27 season due to the MAHA rule cycle.	Wright	IV.F. 7 Rules_Submission_form_4_(4)
MAHA 4	Increase Out of District limit to 4: 10U, 12U, 14U Tier 2/A	rule update	'26-27 season	Increases out of district players for 10U, 12U, 14U by one for Tier 2/A	DeSpirt	4 out of district_5.1.25
MAHA 5	Increase Out of District limit to 4/5/6: 10U, 12U, 14U Tier 2/A	rule update	'26-27 season	Increases out of district players based on age to 4 10U, 5 12U, 6 14U from 3 for Tier 2/A	DeSpirt	4.5.6 out of district_5.12.25
MAHA 6	Limit Out of District requirements and delete closest to the rink option for 10U, 12U, 14U Tier 2/A	rule update	'26-27 season	Allows out of district players not to exceed 50% of the roster and deletes closest to the rink for 10U, 12U, 14U Tier 2/A	DeSpirt	delete out of district_5.12.25
MAHA 7	Out of District Players per team	rule update	'26-27 season	For youth 10U, 12U, 14U Tier 2 and A: >Limits out of District players to less than 50% of the roster; goalies do not count toward the 50% >Out of state players within 60 miles of the MI home association rink are allowed and count toward the 50%; goalies are exempt	Gtowacki	IV.B2_rules_submission_form_4_
MAHA 8	Revision of Tier II/AA Travel team formation	rule update	'26-27 season	For youth 10U, 12U, 14U Tier 2: >eliminates district boundaries >at birth years 9 through 14, limits player movement to 2 associations with allowances for players 'cut' >at birth years 15 and above players have no restrictions >limits the number of players that can move as a group	Phair	80210067_tier_ii_team_travel_aa_division_for_mation_revision

MAHA Rule Change Summary

MAHA 9	Revision of Tier II/A Travel team formation	rule update	26-27 season	For youth 11U, 13U, 14U A >eliminates district boundaries >at birth years 9 through 14, limits player movement to 2 associations with allowances for players 'cut' >at birth years 15 and above players have no restrictions >limits the number of players that can move as a group	Pinair	80210067_tier_ii_team_travel_a_division_formation_revision
MAHA 10	IV. Rules and Regulations for District Playoffs	rule update	Jan 2026	For Youth 10U, 12U, 14U A: >eliminates district boundaries >allows for a limited number of second year players with restrictions	Yohe	IV. C Rules and Regulations for District Playoffs 5_2_25

MAHA 11	72 hour rule date stamp	rule update	26-27 season	Provides a time certain for the beginning of the 72 hour calculation	DeSpir/Yohe	72 hour rule_5.1.25
MAHA 12	72 hour rule for released players	rule update	26-27 season	Reduces the wait period from 72 to 24 hours	DeSpir/Yohe	72 hour rule released players_5.1.25

MAHA 13	II. E. Registration and Rostering: Participants and Teams	clarify rule		Clarifies season length and incorporates implications for players on teams that participate in the MAHA State Championship in October	Yohe	II E Registration and Rostering
MAHA 14	IV.D.6 Youth Age & Division Classifications	rule update		Clarifies criteria for tournament teams formed by Tier III teams	Yohe	IV. D.6 Youth Age Division Classification (Tournament Teams)
MAHA 15	Youth Tier I application	rule update	26-27 season	Changes the application submission and approval from yearly to every two years	Tier 1 Commit	tier 1 odd year_5.1.25
MAHA 16	Controlled practice sessions	rule update	26-27 season	Allows for an extended period of time for scrimmaging during association shared ice practices	Henry	scrimmage_5.1.25
MAHA 17	Game count table	rule update	26-27 season	Deletes game count limits; changes the table from mandatory to an instructional reference	Youth Commit	game count limits 5.125
MAHA 18	Team Marketing	rule update	26-27 season	Clarifies current rule on how youth teams can market themselves	Youth Commit	elite names_5.1.25
MAHA 19	CEP for Oct/Nov teams	rule update	26-27 season	Requires coaches to be at the correct CEP level in order to coach during the MAHA State Championships held in Oct/Nov	D4 Council	cep for oct team_5.1.25
MAHA 20	Suspension documentation and clarification on the score sheet	rule update	26-27 season	Provides clarification on how to document a suspension being served and incorporates USAH language on allowed activity during the suspension	Pepma D4 Council	document serving suspension_5.1.25
MAHA 21	18U BB 30% and 50% requirements	rule update	26-27 season	Allows games against JV teams to be used in meeting minimum game limits	Barone/DeSpir	18U BB_5.1.25
MAHA 22	PREFACE	rule update	26-27 season	Updates responsibilities for coaches/managers/team officials to include meeting all MAHA rules not just rules related to Districts and States	DeSpir	preface_5.1.25
MAHA 23	Rule changes driven by USAH and correcting errors in the MAHA Guidebook	housekeeping	26-27 season	Allows for incorporation of changes quickly; not waiting for the MAHA 2 year cycle	Barone/DeSpir	corrections_5.1.25

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MAHA 24	Clarifying Non-National Bound	rule update	'26-27 season	Clarifies rostering nomenclature for Non-National bound teams; youth and girls Tier 2	Barone	II.G.clarifying_non-national_bound
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MAHA 25	Credentialed / Rostering	rule update	26-27 season	Documents that all 18U and above teams must be credentialed	None	11H_all_teams_credentialed
MAHA 26	Remove District and State Deadline Dates	rule update	26-27 season	Moves the entry deadline to participate in the MAHA State Championships to the MAHA "District and State Championship Tournament Guidebook"	None	11C.10PV.D.B_remove_state_and_district_deadline_dates
MAHA 27	Move entry deadlines to state / tournament book	rule update	26-27 season	Moves the specific entry deadlines to participate in the MAHA State Championships to the MAHA "District and State Championship Tournament Guidebook"	None	11C.10PV.D.B_remove_state_reporter_deadline

MAHA 28	30% Rule for Tier B	rule update	26-27 season	Clarifies the 30% rule for Tier B	None	11D.2_30_percent_rule_tier_b_11
MAHA 29	Tier B- 30% Rule	rule update	26-27 season	Clarifies the 30% rule for Tier B	None	11D.5_year11_30_A&B_tier_B

CORRECTING GUIDEBOOK OMISSIONS/ERRORS; REFLECT CURRENT PRACTICE						
MAHA #	NAME (PARENT MA)	REASON	EFFECTIVE	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	FILE #
MAHA 30	Deadline for exceptions	correct rule	immediately	Allows for exceptions to be submitted and reviewed throughout the season as is the current practice	Remove/Delete	11c.10, exceptions, 5.1.25
MAHA 31	Serving Suspensions	correct rule	immediately	Corrects an omission in the original rule to include coaches	Delete	serving suspensions, 5.1.25
MAHA 32	Reporting 18U+ players	correct rule	immediately	Updates Guidebook to current practice	Delete	18U+ player reporting, 5.1.25
MAHA 33	STAR Hockey Program	correct rule; align w/ USAH	immediately	Replaces STAR with USAH Codes of Conduct; updates reporting to new MAHA structure	Delete	star hockey program, 5.1.25
MAHA 34	Miscellaneous erroneous rules	correct rule	immediately	Updates references in the rules to the correct location	Delete	miscellaneous rules, 5.1.25
MAHA 35	Coaches contacting players	correct rule; align w/ USAH	immediately	Deletes incorrect Guidebook language and aligns national bound players with USA Hockey rules	Delete	coaches contacting player, 5.1.25
MAHA 36	Play in one classification	correct rule	immediately	Deletes Guidebook language which violates who teams can play	Delete	one classification, 5.1.25
MAHA 37	Tournaments, showcases, jamborees	correct rule	immediately	Adds sanctions in Guidebook to match the MAHA website language for tournaments, showcases, and jamborees	Delete	tour showcases, 5.1.25
MAHA 38	Tampering	correct rule	immediately	Deletes Guidebook language which violates the current rules on tampering	Delete	tampering, 5.1.25
MAHA 39	William Hallig Award	align w/ new MAHA structure	immediately	updates approval to the new MAHA structure	Delete	award, 5.1.25
MAHA 40	John Stross Award	correct rule	immediately	Adds the definition of who is eligible for the award to align with current practice	Delete	4-23-25 Rules Submission - Stross
MAHA 41	Girls 13U / 18U Tier B 30% Rule	correct rule	immediately	Corrects omission in the previous Guidebook update	None	11B.C.AGirlsTierB_30_rule

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MAHA 42	Exceptions - Youth	correct rule	Immediately	Clarifies which exceptions are to be heard by the Youth Committee and which by the State Playoff Committee	Barone	IV.H Youth_exceptions
MAHA 43	V.C.10b. 10U-19U Girls Tier III	correct omission	July 2025	Provides clarification of allowed dual rostering teams and requires the limit of games on the girls team to be completed by 12/31	Laxton	V.C.10.b Rules_Submission_form_4_tierIII(1)

INCORPORATION OF USA HOCKEY CHANGES

MAHA #	RULE PROPOSAL	REASON	EFFECTIVE	SUMMARY	AUTHOR	FILE NAME
MAHA 44	Roster size	align with USAH	Immediately	Changes roster limits for Youth 18U, 16O, 15O to 22	DeSpir	roster size_5.1.25
MAHA 45	XI. A. Youth and Age Classifications	align with USAH includes rule update		Revises definition of Tier I hockey in MI; adds 13 Only category	Yehe	XI. A Youth Age Division Classification
MAHA 46	13 Only nomenclature	align with USAH	Immediately	Incorporates USAH rule which recognizes 13O youth teams at Tier 1	DeSpir	13only_5.1.25
MAHA 47	Adopt 13 Only nomenclature for Youth	align with USAH	Immediately	Incorporates USAH rule which recognizes 13O youth teams	DeSpir	tier 1.nomenclature_5.1.25
MAHA 48	Tier 1 vertical integration- 16O, 15O, 14U	align with USAH	Immediately	Combines the new USAH rule and the current MAHA rule language for vertical integration at 16, 15O, and 14U youth Tier 1	DeSpir	vert.integration_5.1.25
MAHA 49	Completion of 17 Games	align with USAH	Immediately	Defines when 17 game are to be completed to follow USA Hockey rules	DeSpir	17 games_5.1.25
MAHA 50	Substitute goalkeepers	correct rule	Immediately	Updates language to reflect clarification from the MAHA VP of Youth and Exec VP 11/5/24 based on USAH rule change	Barone/DeSpir	substitute goalkeepers_5.1.25
MAHA 51	Billeting duration	align with USAH	Immediately	Updates the duration of billet hosts; also aligns with the Center for SafeSport	DeSpir	billeting_5.1.25
MAHA 52	Update the definition of hazing <i>[to be staged before #54]</i>	align with USAH	Immediately	Updates the MAHA Guidebook with the current Safe Sport Handbook definition	DeSpir	hazing_5.1.2025
MAHA 53	Update definitions of sexual and physical abuse <i>[to be staged before #55]</i>	align with USAH	Immediately	Updates the MAHA Guidebook with the current Safe Sport Handbook definitions	DeSpir	sexual physical abuse_version 5.1.2025
MAHA 54	Relocate definitions of sexual abuse, physical abuse, hazing <i>[to be staged after #54 and #55]</i>	align with USAH	Immediately	Removes the outdated definitions from the MAHA Guidebook and refers to the Safe Sport Handbook from the Center for the most current information	DeSpir	abuse version 5.1.2025

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INCORPORATION OF BYLAW REVISIONS						
MAHA #	RULE PROPOSAL	REASON	EFFECTIVE	SUMMARY	AUTHOR	FILE NAME
MAHA 55	Bylaw 11: Amendments	correct omission	immediately	Allows for rules to be considered in even numbered years	Pozdol	Bylaw 11 Rules_Submission_form_4_(3)
MAHA 56	District Voting Eligibility	correct omission	immediately	Allows District Council members and Directors to vote in District elections	Barone	District Voting

USA Hockey Proposed Legislative Proposals

- The following Legislative Proposals were presented at the USAH Annual Meeting for consideration at the USAH winter meeting. These proposals all come from the USAH Registrar Section.
- Registrars #1 Revises the Youth 20/10 game count and Girls 14/10 game count requirements to be 18/12. High School remains at 10/5.
- Registrars #2 Moves roster freeze deadline to 2/15 to allow teams that have had players injured or lost to Juniors in January to fill those spots.
- Registrar #3 To provide consistency that all Tier 1 teams must be National Tournament declared.

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- Registrars # 4a Reduce the allocation percentage of Tier 1 teams to 5% (after 2.5% for DL).
- Registrars #4b To simplify the calculation process for number of Tier I teams in each Affiliate and limits the number of out of affiliate players on a Girls Tier I team.
- Registrars #5 Confirm that coaches should sign the scoresheet prior to every game
- Registrars #6 Changes the definition of a "Tournament" that requires a Tournament Sanction.

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- Registrars #7 Allows National Championship-bound teams to add a replacement goaltender due to injury late in the season.
- Registrars #8 To remove the opportunity for Tier 1 teams to have a 2nd nonnational tournament bound roster with ineligible players
- Registrars #9 Addresses residency definition for registration of teams in an Affiliate (which Affiliate program/team must register) and limits the number of out of affiliate players on a Youth Tier I team.
- Registrars #10 Provide clarification that Player Agreements are required for all Tier 1 teams.