

# PROPOSAL FOR NDAHA MEETINGS

BY-LAW (Heading): \_\_\_\_\_

RULE/REGULATION (Heading): ARTICLE VI: CLASS OF PLAY

MAIN SECTION: A. GENERAL \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-Section / Paragraph: 5. INADEQUATE NUMBERS:

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## CURRENT WORDING:

5. INADEQUATE NUMBERS: In the event an organization does not have adequate numbers to fill out a team, that organization may use players from a lower age classification to fill out a team to a maximum of fourteen (14) players including goaltenders without the player(s) from the lower age classification losing his/her eligibility to continue in league and state tournament play at the lower age level. This rule can only be used by organizations that only have one team at each level. The District Directors/Section Directors involved and the ND Associate Registrar must approve the request. Requests are to be submitted to the appropriate District Directors/Section Directors and the ND Associate Registrar.

## SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions-underlined, New Wording-in bold, Deletions-Strikethrough)

5. INADEQUATE NUMBERS: In the event an organization does not have adequate numbers to ~~fill-out~~ **field a team at a level of play**, that organization may use players from a lower age classification ~~to fill-out team~~ to a maximum of ~~fourteen~~ (14) **eleven (11)** players including goaltenders without the player(s) from the lower age classification losing his/her eligibility to continue in league and state tournament play at the lower age level. **Teams at the 19U or Jr. Gold classification may use players from a lower age classification to a maximum of thirteen (13) players including goaltenders. Any player rostered on two teams under this rule is required to participate in 70% of each team game schedule to be eligible for the state tournament.** This rule can only be used by organizations that only have one team at each level. The District Directors/Section Directors involved, and the ND Associate Registrar must approve the request. Requests are to be submitted to the appropriate District Directors/Section Directors and the ND Associate Registrar.

## INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

### Housekeeping to update our rules with our practices since approximately 2017

1. Rule originally designed to not strand players if not enough to field a team in a small community.
2. Safety of players not playing too many games, family burnout.
3. Safety of player having to adjust to two levels of play.
4. More age-appropriate locker room environment.
5. Rule on play on 1 team
6. Rule on all-star teams – prior experience was coaches were taking the top 2-4 players at two levels to be more competitive.

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