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CHAMPIONSHIPS

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AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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High School Divisions

(Division I, Division II, Prep School Division, Girls Division)

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For districts only, these rules and regulations may be modified for local and state association competition and districts that are composed of a single state, as conditions may require.

Player eligibility regulations may not be less restrictive than those governing national championships.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)
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HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS – Any high school team that is properly registered with USA Hockey as a High School national championship bound team ~~in one of the four divisions (Division I, Division II, Prep School Division or Girls Division)~~ **shall be eligible to participate in the High School National Championship.** Representation from each state will be determined by the state Affiliate participating in the tournament.

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Teams seeking to participate in the High School National Championship should play a regular season schedule in a high school league as a team, if available within that team's state, or compete against other high school registered teams during their regular season schedule. They should not be an "all-star" team formed for the purpose of attending the High School National Championship.

A High School player residing in one Affiliate may not play on a National Tournament bound Division II (Combined) High School team in a different Affiliate unless both the Affiliate where the player resides and the Affiliate where the player desires to play have granted permission. In the event that a High School player has been denied such permission to play on a Division II (Combined) High School team other than in the Affiliate where the player resides, the player may appeal such denial to the National Championship Appeal Committee.

As set forth in greater detail each season in the USA Hockey District and National Championship Guidebook, to achieve balance and parity at the High School National Championship, teams participating in the High School National Championship (other than Girls teams) shall be placed in three (3) divisions (3A, 2A and 1A) with the 3A division made up of teams from states that have traditionally demonstrated a high level

of competitiveness at prior High School National Championships and/or teams that have demonstrated a high level of competitive play during the current season.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

Relocate some language on National Championships currently in Rules & Regulations Section II to Rules and Regulations Section IX. Also, language added to transition High School National Championships from current Pure, Combined, Prep and Girls divisions to 3A, 2A, 1A and Girls format similar to current Tier II National Championship format with the goal to promote a more competitive level of play within the High School divisions.

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