

2025 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY 2026

DISTRICT 3 PLAYDOWN RULES

Welcome Coaches,

The following rules have been established so the District Playdowns can run as smoothly as possible for the benefit of the players. A great deal of cooperation is necessary between ALL participants including coaches, players, parents, spectators, referees, local program reps, directors.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

1) The Designated **HOME TEAM** (which is always the top team in the pairings) is responsible for the following:

a) **OBTAIN ICE TIME** to play the game. We strongly recommend 2 hours of ice be reserved. If an outcome cannot be determined because enough ice time was not reserved, then the Home Team will forfeit the game which will be listed as 1-0. The Location, Date, and Time **MUST** be mutually agreed upon by both teams. If an agreement cannot be reached, then the District Director overseeing that age group is to be notified immediately! He/she will then designate when and where the game will be played from ice times provided by both teams.

b) **CONTACT YOUR OPPONENT ASAP TO SCHEDULE GAME.** We highly recommend NOT waiting until the "play by" date to play the game. If your team is fortunate enough to have drawn a "bye", contact your District Director-in-Charge to find out who your opponent will be. Be Pro-Active!

c) **Use online scheduler to schedule your game**

Click: [On-line District 3 Game Scheduler](#)

This will send an email to the coaches, the level director and the referee supervisor for the rink.

REFEREE SUPERVISOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Chip Fagan	cbfagan7@gmail.com	(508) 951-5125
Ed Vahey	edvahey@verizon.net	(781) 708-2269
Matt Hallock	mhallock@mahockey.org	(203) 731-9227

Rinks Assigned by District Referee Supervisors:

■ **Chip Fagan:** Blackstone Valley IcePlex (Hopedale), Cadillac Ice Arena, Canton Ice House, Canton Ponky, Foxboro Sports Center, Franklin, New England Sports Village, Norfolk, Skating Club of Boston

■ **Ed Vahey:** Babson, Bajko, Boch, Cleveland Circle, Dexter, Milton Ulin, Nobles, Rivers School, Roche, Roxbury Latin, St Sebastians, Walter Brown, Warrior Ice Arena, Wellesley Rink

■ **Matt Hallock:** Asiaf, Bavis, Canton Sportsplex, Connell, Devine, Hobomock, Milton Academy, Pilgrim, Quincy Youth Arena, Randolph, Shea, Thayer

DISTRICT DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Midgets 18U	Bob Roche	broche@mahockey.org	(617) 429-2179
Bantams 14U	Keith Brown	kbrown@mahockey.org	(617) 543-4632
Pewees 12U	Nick Valentino	nvalentino1214@gmail.com	(781) 492-4508
Squirts 10U	Pat McCarthy	pat.mccarthy.jr@gmail.com	(617) 785-3100
ALL Girls	Dave Young	dyoung@mahockey.org	(617) 529-0165
Registration/Roster changes	Rocky Morrison	rwmorrison1@comcast.net	(781) 864-8617

NOTE: District Referee Supervisor **AND** the District Director-in-charge **MUST** be Notified **AT LEAST FIVE (5) Calendar Days** in advance of time and place of **ALL** Playdown Games scheduled.

• The **Referees Fees** will be **PAID BEFORE** the game is started.

• **Rates** for the Referees are as follows:

Squirt 10U	\$50 per Referee	Pewee 12U	\$55 per Referee
Bantam 14U	\$60 per Referee	Midget 18U	\$70 per Referee
Girls U10	\$50 per Referee	Girls U12	\$55 per Referee
Girls U14	\$60 per Referee	Girls U19	\$70 per Referee

Timekeeper Fee \$40 per game (\$20 per team)

NOTE: When contacting one of the District Referee Supervisors remember to leave a phone number or an E-Mail address where you can receive a Confirmation Reply. Please include the Date, Time, and Location of your scheduled Playdown Game and who you are!

e) **ARRANGE FOR A KNOWLEDGEABLE and RELIABLE TIMEKEEPER / SCOREKEEPER.**
It is NOT the On-Site Director's job to provide / perform these functions. Timekeeper MUST be 14 years of age or older!

f) **RESOLVE ANY CONFLICT IN JERSEY COLORS PRIOR TO GAME DAY.** Pinnies / Pullovers will be worn by the home team, if used.

2) League games cannot be used for playdown games

****** PLEASE AVOID SCHEDULING GAMES ON WEEKENDS ******

NOTE: Playdown Games can NOT start prior to 7:00am (5:00pm on weekdays) or start after 8:30pm on any night, unless approved by director!

3) No Scheduled Playdown Game may be canceled within 72 hours of game without permission of your District Director-in-Charge. A canceled game may result in Forfeit and the canceling team will be responsible for all Fees and Fines. If the Governor declares a "State of Emergency" then ALL games are canceled for that day. Please use Common Sense traveling in adverse weather conditions.

4) An On-Site Director MUST be present for the game to count as a District Playdown game or game is only considered a "scrimmage". The On-Site Director has sole authority to make decisions as deemed necessary as so described by the District Registrar.

5) Both Teams split the cost of icetime, referees, and timekeeper 50/50.

Example: Game @ Canton Rink; ice costs \$600; visiting team provides check to home program for \$300.00. Each team provides \$20 for the timekeeper (\$40 total) and appropriate amounts

for Referees as indicated above. Each team passes **CASH** to On-Site Director who will, in turn, pay referees and timekeepers. Making change is not an option.

Please also send game results to rwmorrison1@comcast.net For any other questions/problems/concerns please contact the Director-in-Charge of your Level of Play.

Failure to comply with the Rules of Mass Hockey & District III may result in a team being dropped from Tournament play, as well as other penalties.

7) Only Rostered Coaches that are on the Player's Bench **MUST** be appropriately certified by USA Hockey rules.

8) Per USA Hockey regulations, ALL Bench Officials (coaches) **MUST Sign the USA Hockey scoresheet prior to the start of the game and include your CEP number and Coaching Certification Level. Head Coach (HC) shall be so indicated**, as well as the Team Captain (C), on the scoresheet.

9) By entering the playdowns "teams must be prepared to compete through the State tournament...."

For all District 3 updates check

<http://www.mahockey.org/page/show/796085-news-and-events-for-district-3>

Or go to www.masshockey.org, click on Districts, chose District 3 and then District3
News

Follow @MAHDistrict3 on Twitter for scores and updates

As I do not have access to the District 3 page yet please refer to the link on the playdown email I sent to start them.. I will update it when I get access.



PLAYDOWN RULES

- Games could run early so teams should be dressed and ready to play 20 minutes before scheduled time
- USA Hockey Rules apply in all games.
- Only players and coaches listed on the verified USA Hockey Roster can participate in playdown games
- Games will consist of three twelve (12) minute stop time periods

- Penalties:

Penalty Time	19U, 18U and 14U	12U and 10U
Minor	1:30 Minutes	1:00 Minutes
Major	4:00 Minutes	4:00 Minutes
Misconduct	6:00 Minutes	6:00 Minutes

- One 30 second time-out per team.
- Running Time: At any time during the game, running time will apply when there is a five goal differential between the teams. STOP time will resume if the goal differential is 4 or less.
- All protests will be governed by Mass Hockey Rules and must be filed immediately after the game. Official's on-ice calls CANNOT be challenged.

Tied Games

In the event of a tie at the end of regulation the following apply:

- There will be a 6 minute 3 on 3 running time sudden-victory overtime period.
- If still tied there will be a 1 V 1 sudden victory shootout. Teams can use an individual player or alternate players thru the shootout coach's choice until one team wins. Players whose penalties that have not expired prior to the end of the overtime period CANNOT participate in the shootout.