# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## MAHA Pilot Program

Pilot Program Name: Non-national bound substitute goalie
Effective Date: 9/1/25 – 9/1/27
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Pilot Program:

The pilot program is for teams in the following categories:

- Youth 10U Tier III
- Youth 10U Travel (A,AA)
- Youth 12U Tier III
- Youth 12U Travel (A,AA)
- Youth 14U Tier III
- Youth 14U Travel (A)
- Youth 16U Tier III
- Youth 18U Tier III
- HS JV Div 1 / Div 2
- Girls 10U Tier III
- Girls 10U Travel (AA)
- Girls 12U Tier III
- Girls 12U Travel (AA)
- Girls 14U Tier III
- Girls 16U Tier III
- Girls 19U Tier III

For teams outlined above the substitute goalie must fall within the following guidelines:

- If the substitute goalie is in the same age classification, then must be on an equal or lower team classification.
- If the substitute goalie is in a younger age classification, then the goalie cannot be from a Tier I team.
- If the substitute goalie is rostered on an older age classification, but their birth year falls within the requesting team's age classification, then the goalie must be on an equal or lower classification.

All other rostering and player eligibility rules remain in effect and are not superseded by this pilot.

Rationale: We are dealing with a shortage of goalies everywhere. The intent is to open a few more avenues to see if we can provide help to teams that need it. This pilot would allow us to validate if this is beneficial or is causing more issues before making it a rule.

Examples:

1. 12U Tier III team can use a 12U Tier III, 10U Tier II, or 10U Tier III goalie
2. 2015 U10 Tier II team could use a 2015 birth year goalie from 12U Tier III or 12U Tier II team.
3. 12U Tier II girls team ***could not*** use a 10U Tier I goalie.