

Good day affiliates!

Hope the great October weather has treated you all well, I know some of you get started very soon and some are on the verge of getting started and we want to wish you the best in registration, tryouts etc & thought now would be a great time to throw an update out there for you all. But hey....Keep enjoying this great weather.

Sanctioned tournaments

If your affiliate is hosting any tournaments, just a reminder, ***they need*** to be sanctioned. You can do this

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Neck guards, Mouthguards, Helmets

- As you all know, it is now a requirement for all players to wear a neck guard.
- I would also like to remind everyone about the requirement for mouthguards for the 12u and older age classifications.
- Both of these items are required, so please ensure a reminder to all of your coaches to pass along to all of your players and the importance for them.
- Personally, being around the rinks this fall in various places, one other item to note is how many players are playing the game not wearing their helmet properly. Whether it's no chin strap, the chin guard 1 to 4 inches away from the chin, ear clips, etc. there are a lot of players that are putting themselves in danger by not wearing their helmet properly.

All good reminders to your coaches and players of the importance of all of these things. We should all be focused in one way or another on every players safety and reminding them periodically to do so is indeed a big part of it.

League play, game length & pim's

Just a reminder that the following levels for NDAHA League play utilize the 17 minute periods.

- JR Gold
- NDAHA Girls HS
- Bantam, AA
- Bantam A
- 15uA.

All other levels utilize the 15 minute period length.

Overtime games - if a league game is tied at regulation, just a reminder that the procedure for Overtime is to play one-ten minute overtime. If no one scores, the game result is a tie.

Penalty Minutes (pim's) are as follows

- Jr Gold, NDAHA Girls HS, All Bantam & Girls 15u - 2 minute minors, 5 minute majors
- All Girls 12u & Pwee's - 1:30 minute minors, 5 minute majors

Schedules & Score sheets

All home league games must be sent in to JerryZachmeier prior to the first league game being played. This will allow Jerry to get all schedules loaded onto the website for proper standings being tabulated. Jerry's email address is zzakk2@hotmail.com

Copies of all home league games must be sent in to the respective league directors following the Leake game being played. Most of the directors will accept score sheets via email or text. Please let your coaches and managers know the following people take care of the standings and their contact info is here as well.

AA, A Is Dallas Kuntz - dickinsonhockey@ndsupernet.com - 701-260-4222

All B1 is Chad Arendt - carendt@ndaha.org - 701-331-0426

Phantom bee is Jay McLintock - jaymccl@yahoo.com - 701-771-1021

Pee-wee be is Greg Bender - gbender@nemont.net - 701-774-3113

All girls is Jerry Zachmeier - zzakk2@hotmail.com - 701-202-1921

Officials

There is still time to get officials registered with USAH by the October 31, 2024 deadline. All officials must be registered by that time.

- There will be no exceptions after that October 31st, 2024 deadline.

With USA Hockey eliminating some of the required materials this year from past, to a certain degree, it's a free year. You register as an official, attend a virtual clinic & you're certified for the year.

Safesport

As discussed at the fall meeting, Terry Halstengard and I will begin meeting once a month via zoom with at least one representative from each affiliate with discussion and conversations, revolving around safe Sport, Bylaw, 10, etc. Please utilize the sign-up sheet below to list your affiliate representative/s that will attend these meetings. (more than 1 is welcome)

The plan right now is to have our first meeting just prior to Thanksgiving, and we will have a second one just prior to Christmas.

Feedback from a lot of you was that these sessions would be a good start in hearing how to handle various or specific incidents that occur from both disciplinary or administrative action that is placed on any of your members.

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Standing appeal hearing committee

Below is another sign-up sheet for anyone in your affiliate that is interested in sitting in on the standing hearing committee in the event NDAHA needs to have a hearing.

We already have a handful of volunteers, which is awesome, but if someone would like to be a part of this from your affiliate, please enter their contact information in the form below.

It really is nice to have a pool of people to go to in the event an unbiased hearing committee is needed.

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Player development

Spring registration links for some of the upcoming spring events are already live. The 2025 HP camp, 2025 team North Dakota tryouts are already accepting registrations.

State tournaments

Below are the dates and locations for this year's state tournaments. If you are a host, please get your tournament Director to reach out to Chad Arendt so he gets the right contact for each tournament.

I have also attached the qualification criteria for Bantam AA, A and B1. Please make sure the teams in these leagues understand the criteria for qualifying for their respective state tournament. Feel free to pass along this document to them as well.

Feb 27, 2025 - Mar 2, 2025

- Jr. Gold – Minot (2/27-3/1)
- Girls HS/19u – Minot (2/28-3/2)
- BAA/BA – Grand Forks (2/28-3/2)
 - BAA : 4 Teams Qualify for State
 - BA : 8 Teams Qualify for State

Mar 7, 2025 - Mar 9, 2025

- PWAA/PWA – Minot
 - PWAA : 4 Teams Qualify for State
 - PWA : 8 Teams Qualify for State

- PWB1 – Bismarck
 - 12 Teams Qualify for State
- PWB Gold – Grand Forks
- PWB Silver – Grand Forks
- PWB Bronze – Williston

Mar 14, 2025 - Mar 16, 2025

- BB1 – West Fargo
 - 8 Teams Qualify for State
- BB Gold – Richland
- BB Silver – Bismarck
- Girls 12uA - Bismarck
- Girls 12uB - Mandan
- Girls 15uA - Bismarck

All for now....See you at the rink!

Matt