

State Playoff Committee Minutes

May 19, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Meeting time: 8:00pm

Joe Barone, VP Youth called the meeting to order at 8:00. Attending the meeting were voting members Joe Barone, Al Wakeham, Jim Cosgrove, Dan Pozdol, Doug Diroff, Jerry Ruszowski, Bob Yohe, Dorothy Ballard, Micky Jesue, George Atkinson, Roger Mauritho.

Past Minutes from April and May will be presented at the next meeting.

State playoff sub committees: Split Season-Meeting coming up soon. State Tournament- Discussion was had regarding using a single elimination tournament, using My hockey rankings for seeding. D5 had great discussions/feedback regarding state tournaments. Ideas tossed around was to not have a host enter a team there would be a second-place tournament to fill the 8th place tournament slot., also discussion on should we reshuffle the rankings. Shared the photos of awards from the national tournaments that USA Hockey presents to the teams. Consensus was to present a generic banner, more color in our medals, if it cost more maybe eliminate the hats to offset the cost. How to make states a big event was discussed, maybe all wage groups on the same weekend at the same place. Make sure the period lengths are the same for states that teams are playing at national tournaments., SPC Chair has formats from AHAI and New York to share, keeping districts the way, was very favorable.

Credentialing meeting- have not met again yet, plan on having a Board of Directors credentialing training seminar.

Motion for D6 tier 3 in Grand Rapids and D3 for the runner up tournament. See if the JV teams come back with a different format. There was a motion and seconded, motion carries.

State Locations:

Tier 1 Boys and Girls, Tier II Girls: bids are due for three years at the end of the month, so the bid can be awarded at the summer meeting.

Chairs should be looking at age group in your divisions that you are hosting. Try to get as much done now and vote on locations at the summer meeting. If you have a division that you cannot host please let the SPC Chair know ASAP.

An updated State tournament association hosting information sheet is forthcoming.

Can we send out regarding the tournaments to coaches/associations, so they are aware we are now looking for hosts, and possibly put in the monthly newsletter.

Questions on dates for state tournaments-no questions-did we communicate to Little Caesars League on dates-we can reach out to them.

JV Tournament Chair talked to a few people from Adray to possibly revamp the state tournament if they have suggestions.

Medals, trophies, banners-can we get the names that USA Hockey uses for Nationals to investigate their products. Can the pictures be sent to all SPC members?

Registrar reached out on some age and classification changes, Single birth years starting at 13 years old and up at the tier 1 level, 17-18 years old stay the same. Nationals will start at 13 years old, tier 1 only. Michigan is already doing minor and major teams. At the 13-year-old divisions no 12-year old's could play on those teams due to being National bound. 10u-12u travel vs. AA now going to all be travel. HS -JV alignment-Prep, we don't have any HS Prep teams. Split season will be regular season teams-no longer pre and post teams-the team will have to disband if they don't make the national tournament.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chairs -normally we have not opened the closest to the rink form online-should we start early, discussion was had, and the decisions was made to open it like previous years after the summer meeting.

Make sure the treasurer's verbiage is in the new official's contract for state tournaments.

No meeting is scheduled in June, next meeting would be the summer meeting in July.

Motion to Adjourn, seconded, 8:33pm

Next Meeting: Summer meeting in July

Kevin Wood
Secretary