



TOURNAMENT GUIDE



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SECTION 1

Rules and Regulations Regarding National Bound State Tournaments Youth Tier I, Youth Tier II, Girls Tier I, Girls Tier II, Senior Women

A. NATIONAL BOUND CATEGORIES

Teams from the following categories are eligible to participate in National Bound Tournaments: Youth Tier I and Tier II teams from all associations that are properly registered and in good standing in 14U Tier I, 14U Tier II, 15 Only Tier I, 16U Tier I, 16U Tier II, 18U Tier I, and 18U Tier II levels of play; Girls/Women Tier I and Tier II teams from all associations that are properly registered and in good standing in 14U, 16U and 19U years of age; Women's Senior A, B & C.

B. APPLICABLE RULES

All National Bound State Tournaments are conducted according to the tournament rules of USA Hockey, Inc., as amended from time to time, which are incorporated herein by reference. Tournament rules can be found in the USA Hockey District and National Championship Tournament guidebook, available at www.usahockey.com. Tournament fees may vary.

To begin play in a National Bound State Tournament held before December 1, each Youth team must have competed in a minimum of seventeen (17) games with each player having played in at least seven (7) of those games and each Girls/Women team must have competed in a minimum of eleven (11) games with each player having played in at least seven (7) of those games. Games may be played in August to count towards these totals if a team's roster has been approved by the USA Hockey Registrar for Massachusetts or his designee.

Games counting towards the verifiable record include any league, tournament and scrimmage games played between USA Hockey or IIHF sanctioned teams under USA Hockey rules or Hockey Canada rules if played in Canada.

C. ELIGIBILITY/GOOD STANDING

In order to be eligible to participate, teams and the associations they represent must be properly regis-

tered and in good standing with USA Hockey and Mass Hockey By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. This good standing includes, but is not limited to, meeting the following qualifications: the team/association is not subject to any current discipline; the team/association is compliant with the requirements of the American Development Model ("ADM"), as set out in Article VI Section 3 of the Rules and Regulations in this Annual Guide; the association has fielded during the previous three seasons, at a minimum, a team at two age classifications (8U, 10U, 12U, 15 Only, 14U, 16U, 18U) for Youth and at three age classifications (10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 19U) for Girls/Women; the team/association does not have any outstanding financial obligations owing Mass Hockey; the association is compliant with Mass Hockey's CORI screening requirements and all rostered personnel have been screened; all team personnel are properly credentialed; and players may only be rostered on one team leading towards a national tournament. A player who has participated in a playdown game towards a National Bound State Tournament or a National Bound State Tournament may not play for another National Tournament Bound team during the current season.

D. TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

Youth National Bound teams shall submit a tournament application with the required fee no later than August 1 to the Youth National Bound Tournament Committee. Girls/Women's National Bound teams shall submit a tournament application with the required fee no later than July 1 to the Girls/Women's National Bound Tournament Committee. The tournament application submission deadline will not be waived for any reason. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to make sure they have received a receipt from Massachusetts Hockey confirming that their Application has been received. Applicants who do not receive a receipt should contact the appropriate tournament chairperson

to confirm the status of their application.

E. CREDENTIALS REQUIREMENTS

All teams shall submit the required credentials in order to participate in the National Bound State Tournament according to the dates listed at the end of this Tournament Guide under “Key Dates”. Credentials should be prepared in a clear and logical format following that format set out in the Massachusetts Hockey Credentials Meeting Guide which is referenced as the end of this Tournament Guide. Credentials shall include team rosters, coaching credentials for all coaches, evidence of CORI screening for all bench personnel individual evidence of date of birth of players if not previously certified by USA Hockey, team game sheets complete with clearly legible printed names or pre-printed roster stickers and Consent to Treat form. A failure to provide complete credentials in a timely fashion shall render a team ineligible for tournament play. Credentials requirements and the dates to complete same will not be waived for any reason.

F. TOURNAMENT COMPOSITION

Tournament team composition at all levels will be determined based upon the number of applications received in any given season.

The number of teams in a tournament may change at the discretion of the National Bound Tournament Committee from season to season.

G. YOUTH TOURNAMENT COMPOSITION/FORMATS

National Bound Youth tournaments shall be as follows:

(i) 16U & 18U Tier I and Tier II

- a. 16U & 18U Tier I and Tier II shall be 12 team fields and play a single elimination tournament on the second weekend in November. All 16U & 18U games will be played to a winner under the new USA Hockey playoff round rules of one full overtime period followed by a shootout.
- b. The 16U & 18U Tier I and Tier II Na-

tional bound tournaments shall be seeded fields and the top 4 teams at each level shall receive a bye into the round of 8 and teams seeded 5 thru 12 would play on the first night of the tournament in seeded games 5 v 12, 6 v 11, 7 v 10 and 8 v 9, with the winners playing the top 4 seeds on the second round of the tournament based upon a traditional bracket.

- c. In the event the number of eligible teams or applicants is less than 12 teams, the Tournament Committee may reduce the tournament field and increase the number of byes awarded accordingly.

(ii) 15 Only Tier I

- a. 15 Only Tier I Tournament shall be an 8 team single elimination tournament and play a single elimination tournament on the second weekend in November. All 15 Only games will be played to a winner under the new USA Hockey playoff round rules of one full overtime period followed by a shootout.

(iii) 14U Tier I & Tier II

- a. Tournaments will be held the second weekend in March.
- b. 14U Tier I & Tier II 8 team tournament and will provide for pool play starting on Friday evening and concluding with semi-finals and championship games on Sunday afternoon.
- c. 14U Tier I tournament field will be established based upon the games completed as of the second Sunday in February and the Tournament Committee will establish the 8 team field and seedings based upon the MyHockeyRankings available to the Tournament Committee as of the Wednesday following the second Sunday in February.
- d. 14U Tier II tournament will allow for up to 12 teams to play into an 8 team tournament and will provide for pool play starting on Friday evening and concluding with semi-finals and championship games on Sunday afternoon.

- e. 14U Tier II tournament field will be established based upon the allocation of 4 teams each from the current 14U Tier II leagues consisting of the Eastern Hockey Federation (EHF), Elite 9 Hockey League/Boston Hockey League (E9/BHL) and Premier Hockey League of New England (PHLNE).
- f. EHF, E9/BHL and PHLNE shall provide the Tournament Committee with their league representatives by the second Monday in February. Tournament Committee will establish the seedings for the 12 nominated teams based upon the MyHockeyRankings available to the Tournament Committee as of the Wednesday following the second Sunday in February.
- g. Top 4 seeded 14U Tier II teams (regardless of league affiliation) would receive a bye into 8 tournament and teams seeded 5 thru 12 would play a single elimination games 5 v 12, 6 v 11, 7 v 10 and 8 v 9 on the 4th Sunday in February to establish the balance of the tournament field. In the event of less than 12 teams.
- h. Upon completion of the play-in games the 14U Tier II field would be established with the teams placed into pools based upon the ranking of the remaining 8 teams based upon the original rankings (1, 4, plus highest and lowest remaining seeds) and (2, 3, two remaining play in winners).
- i. In order for an independent team to be considered for 14U Tier II field, it must be a top 12 ranked Massachusetts team based upon the MyHockeyRankings. If such a team (or teams) are eligible, the tournament committee shall increase the play-in games by the number of eligible independent teams up to a maximum of 2 games and seeded team 4 would play 13 and, if a second independent team was determined, 3 would play team 14.
- j. Where there are insufficient teams from the league submissions to fill out the 14U

Tier II tournament field the committee may decide to allow a league to place an additional teams in the tournament based upon next eligible team based upon the MyHockeyRankings in the Tournament Committee's discretion. In the event the number of eligible teams or applicants is less than 12 teams, the Tournament Committee may reduce the tournament field and increase the number of byes awarded accordingly.

- k. Pool play games will be played under the USA Pool Play 3 point system with a 5 minute overtime followed by a shootout. Playoff games will be played under the new USA Hockey playoff round rules of one full overtime period followed by a shootout.

H. FILLING TOURNAMENT SLOTS/ NOTICE/PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY/YOUTH

If a National Bound team is selected for a tournament or slotted for a play-in game at any level and either declines to play the play-in or forfeits the game, then the program will be subject to a ban at all levels for the following year's Massachusetts Youth National Bound Tournament, and there shall be no appeal of this ban. Failure of any team to participate in the tournament will cause a penalty in the amount of the tournament fee to be imposed against such team/association and which penalty if unpaid will cause such team/association to be barred from participation in future tournaments until such time as the penalty is paid. Withdrawal and failure to pay any assessed penalty will result in the team/association not being in good standing with Mass Hockey.

I. FILLING TOURNAMENT SLOTS/ NOTICE/PENALTY/GIRLS/WOMEN

Girls/Women tournaments will be conducted using a playdown system including all teams that meet the tournament requirements in a time, manner and place as determined by the national bound Girls/Women Associate Registrar, subject

to the provisions of Section K (ii) below. Failure of any team that has applied for and been deemed eligible to participate in the tournament to play in the tournament will cause a penalty in the amount of the tournament fee to be imposed against such team/association and which penalty if unpaid will cause such team/association to be barred from participation in future tournaments until such time as the penalty is paid. Withdrawal and failure to pay any assessed penalty will result in the team/association not being in good standing with Mass Hockey.

J. JURISDICTION

National Bound Tournaments shall be under the jurisdiction of The Massachusetts Hockey National Bound Tournament Committee, of which the Youth National Bound and Girls/Women Associate Registrars shall be members. The said Associate Registrars shall seek the advice and consent of the Tournament Committee when necessary in conducting the duties of their offices.

K. TOURNAMENT SEEDING

Youth National Bound Tournament Fields shall be seeded as follows:

- (i) All games for tournament qualification purposes for the 15 Only, 16U & 18U levels must be completed by no later than 6:00pm the Sunday prior to the start of the tournament and promptly reported and entered into MyHockeyRankings.
 - a. The Tournament Committee will meet on the Monday evening review the rankings at each level and set the tournament fields which will be the top 12 tournament eligible teams for 16U & 18U Tier I and Tier II and top 8 teams for 15 Only based upon the most current MyHockeyRankings available to the Tournament Committee.
 - b. All 16U & 18U Tier II teams must insure that they are properly listed in the appropriate Tier II rankings and a team playing in the Tier II tournament at the 16U & 18U shall not be listed in the Tier I rankings.
- (ii) Girls/Women Teams will be seeded at a

meeting of the Girls'/Women District team/program representatives based on league standing, head to head competition and the use of mathematical ranking systems.

- a. Any team who plays a league schedule of Tier I opponents will be classified as a Tier I team by Massachusetts Hockey's Girls/Women District. A team classified as a Tier I team can submit a tournament application to participate in the Tier I State Tournament only.
- b. Any team who plays a league schedule of Tier II or lower opponents will be classified as a Tier II team by Massachusetts Hockey's Girls/Women District. A team may have a league schedule consisting of no more than 40% of its games against Tier I teams to be considered a Tier II team by the Massachusetts Hockey Girls/Women District. A team classified as a Tier II team can submit a tournament application to participate in the Tier I or Tier II State Tournament. All entries will be reviewed for appropriate competitive level by a committee of the Girls/Women Registrar and the Division Directors prior to being accepted for the Tier II State Tournament.
- c. Girls programs with more than one team in an age classification are strongly encouraged to place their top team in the Tier I bracket. Top teams from programs with two or more teams in an age classification requesting to participate in the Tier II tournament will be examined carefully by the Girls/Women Registrar and Directors to ensure an appropriate competitive level. All questions regarding the eligibility of teams to participate in the Tier I or Tier II State Tournaments will be handled by a committee of the Girls/Women Registrar and Directors.

L. FAILURE TO COMPETE/PENALTY

Any team, and the program that team is a member of, that competes in the Massachusetts National Bound State Tournament, wins the tournament

and fails to attend the national tournament and represent Massachusetts, regardless of the reason, shall be penalized for such failure by being deemed ineligible to participate in national bound state tournaments for a subsequent period of two years (2) and shall be fined \$5,000.00. A second offense shall be penalized by ineligibility to participate in National Bound State Tournaments for a subsequent period of five (5) years and a fine of \$10,000.00. A third or more such failure will result in a permanent ban from participation in all Massachusetts Hockey National Bound State Tournaments. The period of ineligibility shall not end until the stated time has passed and the stated fine has been paid in full. There is no appeal of any penalty imposed by operation of the provisions of this rule.

M. MISCELLANEOUS

- (i) Any Midget 18U or 16U national bound player who is rostered on a dormant “split season” Midget 17-18 team is permitted to be rostered on a Junior team during the period of dormancy and shall be returned to their Midget team on or before February 15, provided the player submits a Roster Designation Form to the USA Hockey Registrar and the USA Hockey Junior Registrar in a timely fashion stating his intention to return to his Midget team.
- (ii) Associations may only enter one team at each age level in Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 National Bound Tournament Play.
- (iii) Players may not be solicited for play on a Tier I or Tier II team for any reason prior to 48 hours after the conclusion of the National Tournaments by any person, association, or organization except for the player’s present association or organization.
- (iv) Girls/Women’s rosters for the levels of 14U, 12U and 10U shall be limited to a maximum of four out of district players. Residency shall be determined by the player’s parent’s place of residence. Any association may appeal this limitation to the Girls/Women’s Associate Registrar.

- (v) It is recommended that all Tier I and Tier II teams should include in their programs strength and conditioning, on-ice skills, tactics and habits, hydration and recovery, mental preparation, concussion and neck and spine injury prevention education.
- (vi) All Round-Robin games are played to a winner, using the overtime/shootout procedures in the USA Hockey District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook. Tournament standings will use the following three point system.
 - a. Regulation Win = 3 Points
 - b. Overtime or Shootout Win = 2 Points
 - c. Overtime or Shootout Loss = 1 Point
 - d. Regulation Loss = 0 Points

SECTION 2

Rules and Regulations Regarding Massachusetts State Championships

NEW ENGLAND SECTIONAL BOUND CLASSIFICATIONS

Youth 14U Tier III Large

Youth 12U Tier II Large and Tier III Large

Youth 10U Tier II Large and Tier III Large

MASSACHUSETTS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS CLASSIFICATIONS

Youth 18U Tier II Large, Tier II Small, Tier III

Youth 14U Tier II Medium, Small, Tier III Medium, Small and Tier IV

Youth 12U Tier II Medium, Small, Tier III Medium, Small and Tier IV

Youth 10U Tier II Medium, Small, Tier III Medium, Small and Tier IV

Girls 19U Tier III

Girls 14U Tier III and Tier IV

Girls 12U Tier I, Tier II, Tier III and Tier IV

Girls 10U Tier I, Tier II, Tier III and Tier IV

A. TIER II

- (i) Any registered Massachusetts Youth Hockey team except Massachusetts Hockey Tier I or Tier II national bound teams and Massachusetts Hockey Club teams may compete in the State Tournament at the proper Tier II classification. A Tier II team is considered to be the first, or highest rated, team in a City/Town association.
- (ii) A Tier II team electing not to compete in the District playdowns and State Tournament will not penalize the Tier III and/or Tier IV teams from competing at the proper classification, subject to the approval of the District, if the District Registrar has a viable roster and at least ten (10) game sheets for the non-competing Tier II team.
- (iii) A team competing in Tier II Large, Medium and Small 14U, 12U and 10U shall be so classified by Mass Hockey the previous

playing season association roster. In the case of 18U more than 36 players

- (iv) A team competing in 18U Tier II Small shall be so classified where in the previous playing season the association rostered, fewer than 37 players at each level.
- (v) Any team in Division II Small may apply for participation in the Division II Large District playdowns and State Tournament competition.
- (vi) For purposes of total player census all players rostered in house leagues, other travel teams and on Yankee Conference teams shall be included for purposes of paragraphs (iii) and (iv) above.

B. TIER III

Except as provided in paragraph 2 of this section, any second or third team from an association that has a team competing in Tier II in that same youth classification for that year's tournament (see rules under Tier II part (ii) above for exception). A team competing in Tier III Large, Medium and Small 14U, 12U, and 10U shall be so classified by Mass Hockey based on the previous playing season association rosters.

Any team competing in Tier III Medium or Small may apply for participation in Tier III Large.

C. TIER IV

Any third or lower team from an association that has teams eligible for Tier II and Tier III competition in that same youth classification for that year's tournament. Also included shall be any team playing in a city/town recreation league or combination of players from a recreation program, subject to eligibility requirements and upon approval of the STC and the District Registrar for that team's district.

Under no circumstance shall any team be allowed to play down.

D. GIRLS TIER I, TIER II AND TIER III

Tier Classifications for Girls State Championships Tier I and Tier II teams

- (i) Tier I teams register as Tier I. Tier I denotes an advanced level of competition.
- (ii) Tier II teams register as Tier II. Tier II denotes an intermediate level of competition.
- (iii) Tier I and Tier II tryouts are open tryouts. Rosters will be limited to a maximum of four (4) out-of-district players for 12U and 10U levels. Residency is based on where the player's parent resides. An appeal can be made for a waiver if the number exceeds four.
- (iv) Tier III and Tier IV teams register through a hometown program, and must comply with Massachusetts Hockey Rules and Regulations regarding player residency.

E. RULES GOVERNING CLASSIFICATION

Any association making a travesty of team classification will be censured the following season. Classification must be declared on the team application form. The home District shall be construed to be the District in which the team registers. Any team, which competes in an inter-district or inter-community league, must return to its home District for district play. District/Division teams shall, if directed by the Massachusetts Hockey State Championship Tournament Coordinator (hereinafter in these rules referred to as the "STC") enter inter-district/Division playdown activity to reduce the number of entries for the tournament. All other teams that are properly registered and meet all other Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey By-Laws and Rules & Regulations are eligible provided they have 8U and 6U teams registered the previous season.

F. PLAYDOWNS TO SELECT TEAMS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (i) Youth - Each District shall hold a playdown tournament to select their entry/entries in the State Championship.
- (ii) Girls/Women - All teams who submit a Playdown Application and meet the requirements of the tournament rules shall participate in playdowns to reduce the number of teams to enter the State Championship Tournament unless otherwise directed by the STC.

G. TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS AND PLAYDOWN TIMETABLES

- (i) All playdown applications and rosters are due by the date according to the Mass Hockey Annual Guide: Article I - Section 2; Completion; C. Teams. Each District may set a date earlier than what is listed in the Annual Guide. All playdown Applications shall be submitted online and programs are restricted to apply at levels designated by Mass Hockey. See Sections A Tier II and B Tier III.
- (ii) All Youth District 18U Tier II and Tier III and Girls 19U Tier III playdowns must be completed by October 31.
- (iii) Youth District playdowns for all 14U, 12U and 10U Tier II, III and IV; and Girls Tier III 14U, 12U, and 10U start no earlier than October 1 and must be completed by Friday of the February school vacation.

H. DISTRICT PLAYDOWNS

- (i) The appropriate Registrar shall appoint the District Playdown Tournament committee. They shall be responsible for all playdown activity, and will notify the STC verbally and in writing of the complete playdown results.
- (ii) At every District Playdown game, there shall be in attendance at least one member of the

District Playdown Committee, and it shall be their responsibility to establish and monitor player sign-in procedures to prevent any irregularities.

I. TOURNAMENT HOSTS

- (i) The STC shall award the state and north-east sectional tournaments to the Districts at the Annual Meeting. The District will award the tournament to the host/co-host by the September State Meeting. The District shall submit to the STC the on-line compliance form for approval no later than the October state meeting. Districts shall be responsible for meeting this and all other Mass Hockey requirements. The STC may on the above dates award the tournament to a new District who shall submit the compliance form by the November state meeting.
- (ii) The Tournament Host shall pay all fees for that state tournament. Massachusetts Hockey strongly recommends having accredited medical personnel for all Tournament games.
- (iii) District/Divisional Teams entering the state finals shall have a representative attend the pre-tournament meeting to obtain the schedules and other pertinent information, meet the host, give the tournament a check and receive an overview of the Tournament Rules by the committee and hosts.
- (iv) Host teams for state, and sectional tournaments shall not participate in games leading to that tournament unless they are giving up the host spot, or are invited by the STC.

J. TOURNAMENT SEEDING

- (i) The STC shall set the number of teams in each non National Bound Tournament using as a guide 20% of the playdown applications for that level the previous year. Tournaments will be 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 16 teams.

NOTE: There are no host spots guaranteed for tournaments of 10, 8, 6 or 4 teams. Host spots are only guaranteed at 12 or 16 team tournaments.

- (ii) District champions determined through playdowns will be awarded spots in the associated state tournament. If there are not sufficient district champions to fill a tournament the remaining slots will be awarded to district runners up based on the number of playdown applications at each tournament classification from each district.
- (iii) Tournaments consisting of 16 teams will be divided into four Divisions with the teams playing everyone in their division in a round-robin. The team in each division with the best record (see section K below) shall advance to the semifinals.
- (iv) Tournaments consisting of 12 teams will be divided into three divisions with the teams playing everyone in their division in a round-robin. The division winners plus the second place team with the best record (see Section K below) shall advance to the semifinals. With the National vs. American and the Olympic vs. second-place team. If the second place team is from the Olympic Division then the American winner will play the Olympic winner and the National winner will play the second-place team.
- (v) Tournaments consisting of 10 teams will be divided into three Divisions. An Olympic division consisting of four teams and an American and a National Division consisting of three teams each. The teams in the Olympic Division will play each other in the round-robin. The teams in the American and National Division will play the teams in the other Division in the round-robin. The Olympic Division winner, plus the top two teams from the combined American and National divisions, and the remaining

team with the best record (See section K below) shall advance to the semifinals, with the Olympic winner playing the team with the second best record from the combined American National Divisions and the best team from the American National divisions playing the remaining team.

- (vi) Tournaments consisting of 8 teams shall be divided into two divisions with the teams playing everyone in their division in a round-robin. The two teams in each division with the best records (see section K below) shall advance to the semifinals with the winner in each division playing the runner-up from the other division.
- (vii) Tournaments consisting of six teams shall be divided into two divisions with the teams playing everyone in the other division in a crossover round-robin. The four teams with the best records (see section K below) will advance to the semifinals with the team with the best record playing the team with the fourth best record and the teams with the second and third best records playing each other.
- (viii) Tournaments consisting of 4 teams will not be divided into divisions. They will play each other in the round robin (3 games each). The 2 teams with the best record (see section K below) shall advance to the Finals.

(ix) 16 Team Tournament Brackets

North	South	East	West
District 3	District 4	District 8	District 1
District 10	District 9	District 2	District 5
Runner-Up	District 7	Runner-Up	District 6
Host	Runner-Up	Host	Runner-Up

(x) 12 Team Tournament Brackets

Olympic	National	American
District 3	District 4	District 8
District 10	District 9	District 2
District 1	District 7	District 5
Host	District 6	Host

(xi) 10 Team Tournament Brackets

Olympic	American	National
District 3	District 4	District 2
District 8	District 9	District 5
District 1	District 7	District 10
District 6		

K. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tie-breaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tiebreaking process over again at step (i). (If all tied teams have not played each other, then proceed to step (ii). Note: a team may go into the tie-breaking process having defeated another of the tied teams and still not advance).

The tie-breaker formulas are as follows:

- (i) The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:
 - a. Standings — most points.

- b. Most total wins.
- c. Least goals against.
- d. Quotient — dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tie-breaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of “goals for.” A maximum of six goal differential per game will be used in the quotient tie breaker. Running up the score beyond the six goal differential will have no benefit to the winning team.

(ii) If after applying the formulas of (i) a, b, c, d or e the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order:

- a. Most total wins.
- b. Least goals against.
- c. Quotient — dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tie-breaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of “goals for.” A maximum of six goal differential per game will be used in the quotient tie breaker. Running up the score beyond the six goal differential will have no benefit to the winning team.
- d. If a tie still exists the teams will be placed in order by the least penalty minutes. A game misconduct will be calculated as 10 minutes.
- e. Most periods won — in the games played

by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total.

- f. Quickest first goal — the team that scored the quickest goal in their preliminary round games shall be ranked highest.

(iii) If the above procedure does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shootout. Note: Forfeits - if a team forfeits any of its games, and becomes involved in any tie-breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games in the round-robin play and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.

(iv) Girls 10U Tier I, 10U Tier II, 12U Tier I, and 12U Tier II State Tournaments will use the tie breaking procedure from the USA Hockey District and National Championship Guidebook.

L. ROUND ROBIN GAME PROCEDURES

All round-robin games shall be played to a winner. If the game is tied following regulation play, one five-minute 3-on-3 sudden death overtime period shall be played. At the completion of the third period, the tied teams shall receive a three-minute rest period. The teams will remain on the ice. The teams will change ends. At no time will there be less the 3 players per team. If a team is penalized they will play with 3 players and the unpenalized team will play with 4 players. When the penalty ends it will be 4-on-4 until the next stoppage in play. It will then revert back to 3-on-3. If the score is tied at the end of the sudden death overtime period, there shall be a sudden death shootout. The winner of the shootout will be credited with one additional goal in the final score.

- (i) Tournament Standings will use the following three point system
 - a. Regulation Win = 3 Points
 - b. Overtime or Shootout Win = 2 Points
 - c. Overtime or Shootout Loss = 1 Point
 - d. Regulation Loss = 0 Points
- (ii) Sudden Death Shootout. The sudden shootout will be conducted as follows: A shootout is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring the goal.
 - a. The referee shall call the two captains to the referee's crease to flip a coin to determine which team takes the first shot. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether his/her team will shoot first or second.
 - b. All goaltenders and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
 - c. Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).
 - d. The sudden death shootout procedure shall begin with shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand.
 - e. The goaltenders from each team may be changed after each shot.
 - f. The players will take alternate shoots until a decisive goal is scored.
- (iii) Overtime and Shootout – Girls 10U Tier I, 10U Tier II, 12U Tier I and 12U Tier II. These divisions will use the overtime and shootout procedures from the USA Hockey District and National Championships guidebook.

M. SEMIFINAL AND FINAL GAME PROCEDURES

- (i) The game shall be continued to determine a winner.
- (ii) At the completion of the third period, there shall be a three (3) minute rest period before the start of the first overtime session.
- (iii) All overtimes shall be five (5) minutes in length and sudden death. Teams shall not switch ends throughout overtime periods; therefore teams will play in the same end from which they played during the third period until a winner is determined. After each five (5) minute sudden death period there will be a one (1) minute rest before the start of the next overtime session.
- (iv) Girls 10U Tier I, 10U Tier II, 12U Tier I, and 12U Tier II will use the overtime procedures in the USA Hockey District and National Championship Guidebook.

N. TOURNAMENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

- (i) No team participating in District Playdowns or State Tournament shall be required to play more than two (2) games per day, and no team shall be scheduled to play a second game in one day against a team playing its first game on that day, except in six team and 12 team State Championship Tournaments or with specific prior approval of the STC or his designee. It is recommended that there be a minimum of four (4) hours between games on the same day, and twelve (12) hours between games played on consecutive days. The playing schedule and times of games must be approved by the STC or his or her designee.
- (ii) Unless otherwise agreed by the team and tournament director, the home team shall wear light/white jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark colored jerseys in all games. If the home team has not been established by the Tournament Committee, it shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

The team traveling the furthest distance shall call.

(iii) All State Tournament games shall be played stop time.

(iv) USA Hockey Playing rules and Massachusetts Hockey variations shall prevail. All games shall be 12-minute periods.

(v) Tournament fees will be established by STC and announced at the January State meeting if possible.

(vi) All disciplinary actions in playdowns or state tournament games will be acted upon using the Massachusetts Hockey Disciplinary Procedure. There will be no hearings conducted at Playdown or State Tournament sites.

(vii) Suspensions resulting from a game misconduct imposed during a playdown or tournament game must be served in the next state playdown or tournament game. If there is an intervening non-playdown, non-state tournament game, the suspension will also apply to that intervening game. Any member incurring a Match Penalty during playdowns, regional or state tournaments shall be ineligible for such play for the balance of the games leading to a State Championship.

(viii) State Champions will be considered to represent Massachusetts Hockey in the Designated Tournaments if they receive the approval of the Massachusetts Hockey STC and Executive Board.

(ix) In the event a state champion is not selected through tournament competition at any level of play, for any reason, the Massachusetts Hockey STC, in consultation with the Executive Board, shall name a team to represent Massachusetts in all national and other competitions.

Period Length		Penalty Times		
1st, 2nd and 3rd	Overtime	Minor	Major	Misconducts
12 Minutes	5 Minutes	1.5 Minutes	4 Minutes	6 Minutes

O. PROTESTS

Protests must be filed by a rostered team official of the protesting team. Protests must be filed with the on-site Massachusetts Hockey Tournament Committee representative(s), in writing, within one (1) hour after the completion of the game in question. On-ice judgment calls and playing rules are not cause for protest.

Specific Requirements:

- (i) Written protest must contain all the facts and may only protest one stated issue or challenge the qualifications of one player. Multiple protests may be submitted if multiple issues and/or player qualifications are being protested. However, each is considered a separate protest requiring a separate fee.
- (ii) Protest will be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 cash, and will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- (iii) All parties must be duly notified and be present in person at the protest hearing or no appeal will be allowed the absentee.
- (iv) A hearing of the protest will be heard by a committee designated by the STC.
- (v) The decision of the committee shall be final.

P. REFEREES

- (i) Referees fees shall be negotiated at the Massachusetts Hockey Annual Meeting and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. A two (2) man system may be used for all games in the District/Division playdowns, State Tournament, Regional and other tournaments designated by Mass Hockey.
- (ii) The USA Hockey Referee-in-Chief and the Massachusetts Hockey Referee Coordinator shall provide a list of tournament-certified referees for all State Tournament sites. The Referee-in-Chief and the Referee Registrar shall assure availability of officials for each game

played. The District Referee Supervisor shall provide a list of assigned referees matched to the tournament game schedule to the respective District/Divisional Associate Registrar. All minor officials will be the responsibility of the Tournament Host Committee.

- (iii) The Referee-In-Chief or his/her designee must approve all referees used for all State Tournaments, Sectionals (if held in Massachusetts), and any other tournaments designated by Massachusetts Hockey.

Q. TEAM AND ROSTER REQUIREMENTS

- (i) All teams entering District/Division playdowns must be prepared to compete through the State Tournament, New England Sectional (if there is one) or other tournament site as directed by Massachusetts Hockey. If a team withdraws prior to the tournament, its association will be held ineligible to participate in the following year's District/Division playdowns, State Tournaments and New England Sectional (if there is one). The withdrawing teams/association will be responsible for all tournament fees plus a penalty fee equal to the tournament fee made payable to Massachusetts Hockey.
- (ii) If a team fails to appear in time to start a game, the game will be forfeited provided the other team takes the ice to claim the forfeit. Forfeiting team, coach, team officials and associations will be subject to additional disciplinary action up to and including ineligibility to participate in the following year's tournament. The forfeiting association will be responsible for all tournament fees plus a penalty fee equal to the tournament fee made payable to Massachusetts Hockey within 14 days of the forfeit. In the event of exceptional circumstances, the forfeit fee/ineligibility may be timely appealed to the Tournament Committee.

(iii) In order to qualify for a State Tournament, prior to the start of the tournament each team must have competed, as a team and each player including roster change players at least fourteen (14) games, with each player having played in at least ten (10). In the case of State Championship Tournaments held before December 1, each team must have competed in nine games, with each player having played in at least six of these games.

(iv) It shall be the responsibility of each team to make sure copies of the USA Hockey approved roster, birth certificates, approved waivers, game sheets and team personnel change forms (if applicable) are available at the site for each playdown and final site game. Any player who is unable to obtain a birth certificate will be allowed to register if the player is able to supply satisfactory proof of birth date. These include only hospital records, immigration papers or affidavits sworn before an officer of the court.

(v) Only eligible players and team officials listed on the approved official USA Hockey Team roster may participate in District/Divisional non-National Bound Playdowns, State, Regional and other tournaments designated by Massachusetts Hockey except injured players on non-national bound teams may be replaced by players on a lower level team of the Association. Handwritten names of players or team officials will not be accepted on any approved roster.

(vi) Each team may dress 20 players (Massachusetts Hockey strongly recommends two goaltenders - see Section R of this Article) equipped and ready to play. No more than four (4) registered and accredited team officials in good standing will be permitted on the bench. At least one properly accredited team official must be on the bench at the start of the game. Electronic communication in any form to or from the bench by

team officials will not be permitted.

R. GOALTENDERS

(i) Any alternate goaltender that meets the requirements in Section Q (iii) of this article for his/her original team may be rostered provided that he/she is of appropriate age. An alternate goaltender may return to his/her lower division or classification team. The alternate goaltender shall only enter the game in the event of illness or injury to the regular goaltender during the tournament game or if a doctor's note is provided prior to the start of the game indicating that the original rostered goaltender cannot participate. This rule is intended to apply to games in the State Tournament as well as games leading up to the State Tournament i.e., District playdown games. Coaches violating this rule are subject to suspension.

(ii) Massachusetts Hockey strongly recommends all teams entering District/Division Playdowns, State, and other Massachusetts Hockey designated tournaments, have two (2) goaltenders dressed and ready to play. The host will not be required to furnish alternate goaltenders for such playdowns or tournaments held in Massachusetts. Alternate goaltenders must come from teams in the same association as the team to which he/she is moving up.

S. MISCELLANEOUS

(i) Player and/or team eligibility can be resolved by the Massachusetts Hockey Tournament Committee at any time.

(ii) There shall be no all-star teams selected at any State Tournament or Playdown sites.

(iii) In the event of problems not covered by the existing rules, the STC may make any determination in the best interest of the Tournament.

- (iv) Any 17-18 Midget National Tournament Bound players, who are rostered on a dormant split-season 17-18 Midget team, are permitted to be rostered on a Junior team and be returned to their Midget team on or before February 15. These players file a Roster Designation Form with their District Registrar and the Junior Registrar before playing their first game with the Junior team. Players must complete the Roster Designation Form, which states their full intention of rejoining their Midget split season team no later than February 15.

T. OTHER TOURNAMENTS

- (i) All Senior and Junior Tournaments shall be held at the direction of and under the format prescribed by the State Championship Tournament Coordinator.
- (ii) Any independent or invitational tournament held in Massachusetts must secure the sanction of Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey. One of the requirements necessary for obtaining a Massachusetts Hockey sanction is that only Massachusetts Hockey, USA Hockey, CAHA and IIHF registered teams be allowed to enter or compete in the tournament and USA Hockey playing rules are followed.
- (iii) Any registered team participating in a non-sanctioned tournament may be declared ineligible for the next Playdown, State or National Tournament.

APPENDIX A

Sample 4 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT

National Conference	
	Seed #1
	Seed #2
	Seed #3
	Seed #4

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #4
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #3
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #3	Seed #1
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #4
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #2
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #3
Sunday	PM	First Place	Second Place

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APPENDIX B

Sample 6 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT

Option #1

American Conference	National Conference
Seed #1	Seed #4
Seed #2	Seed #5
Seed #3	Seed #6

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM	Seed #1	Seed #6
Friday	PM	Seed #2	Seed #5
Friday	PM	Seed #3	Seed #4
Saturday	AM	Seed #5	Seed #1
Saturday	AM	Seed #4	Seed #2
Saturday	AM	Seed #6	Seed #3
Saturday	PM	Seed #1	Seed #4
Saturday	PM	Seed #2	Seed #6
Saturday	PM	Seed #3	Seed #5
Sunday	AM (SF1)	1st Place Round Robin	4th Place Round Robin
Sunday	AM (SF2)	2nd Place Round Robin	3rd Place Round Robin
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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Sample 6 Team Schedule
 NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT
 Option #2

American Conference	National Conference
Seed #1	Seed #2
Seed #3	Seed #4
Seed #5	Seed #6

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM	Seed #1	Seed #6
Friday	PM	Seed #3	Seed #4
Friday	PM	Seed #5	Seed #2
Saturday	AM	Seed #4	Seed #1
Saturday	AM	Seed #2	Seed #3
Saturday	AM	Seed #6	Seed #5
Saturday	PM	Seed #1	Seed #2
Saturday	PM	Seed #3	Seed #6
Saturday	PM	Seed #5	Seed #4
Sunday	AM (SF1)	1st Place Round Robin	4th Place Round Robin
Sunday	AM (SF2)	2nd Place Round Robin	3rd Place Round Robin
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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Sample 6 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT

Option #3

American Conference	National Conference
Seed #1	Seed #2
Seed #4	Seed #3
Seed #5	Seed #6

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM	Seed #1	Seed #6
Friday	PM	Seed #4	Seed #3
Friday	PM	Seed #5	Seed #2
Saturday	AM	Seed #3	Seed #1
Saturday	AM	Seed #2	Seed #4
Saturday	AM	Seed #6	Seed #5
Saturday	PM	Seed #1	Seed #2
Saturday	PM	Seed #4	Seed #6
Saturday	PM	Seed #5	Seed #3
Sunday	AM (SF1)	1st Place Round Robin	4th Place Round Robin
Sunday	AM (SF2)	2nd Place Round Robin	3rd Place Round Robin
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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APPENDIX C

Sample 8 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT

Option #1

American Conference	National Conference
Seed #1	Seed #2
Seed #4	Seed #3
Seed #5	Seed #6
Seed #8	Seed #7

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #8
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #5
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #7
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #3	Seed #6
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #5	Seed #1
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #8
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #2
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #3	Seed #7
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #4
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #8	Seed #5
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #3
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #7	Seed #6
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF1)	1st Place American	2nd Place National
Sunday	AM (Rink 2) (SF2)	1st Place National	2nd Place American
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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Sample 8 Team Schedule
 NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT
 Option #2

American Conference	National Conference
Seed #1	Seed #2
Seed #3	Seed #4
Seed #6	Seed #5
Seed #8	Seed #7

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #8
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #3	Seed #6
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #7
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #5
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #1
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #3	Seed #8
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #5	Seed #2
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #7
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #3
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #8	Seed #6
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #4
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #7	Seed #5
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF1)	1st Place American	2nd Place National
Sunday	AM (Rink 2) (SF2)	1st Place National	2nd Place American
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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APPENDIX D

Sample 10 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT

Option #1

Olympic Conference	American Conference	National Conference
Seed #1	Seed #2	Seed #3
Seed #4	Seed #6	Seed #7
Seed #5	Seed #9	Seed #8
Seed #10		

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #10
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #5
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #8
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #6	Seed #7
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #3
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #5	Seed #1
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #10
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #7	Seed #2
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #3	Seed #6
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #8	Seed #9
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #4
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #10	Seed #5
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #3
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #6	Seed #8
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #7
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF1)	1st Place Olympic	2nd Place Am/Nat
Sunday	AM (Rink 2) (SF2)	1st Place Am/Nat	Wild Card
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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Sample 10 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT

Option #2

Olympic Conference	American Conference	National Conference
Seed #2	Seed #1	Seed #3
Seed #5	Seed #4	Seed #7
Seed #6	Seed #8	Seed #10
Seed #9		

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #9
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #6
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #10
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #7
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #8	Seed #3
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #2
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #9
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #7	Seed #1
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #3	Seed #4
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #10	Seed #8
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #5
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #9	Seed #6
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #3
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #10
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #8	Seed #7
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF1)	1st Place Olympic	2nd Place Am/Nat
Sunday	AM (Rink 2) (SF2)	1st Place Am/Nat	Wild Card
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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APPENDIX E

Sample 12 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT WITH QUARTERFINALS

Option #1

Olympic Conference	National Conference	American Conference	Int'l Conference
Seed #1	Seed #3	Seed #2	Seed #4
Seed #5	Seed #7	Seed #6	Seed #8
Seed #9	Seed #11	Seed #10	Seed #12

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #11
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #7
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #3
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #12
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #8
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #10	Seed #4
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #7	Seed #1
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #3	Seed #5
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #11	Seed #9
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #8	Seed #2
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #4	Seed #6
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #12	Seed #10
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #3
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #11
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #7
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #4
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #12
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #10	Seed #8
Saturday	PM (QF1) (Rink 1)	1st Place Nat'l/Oly	4th Place Amer/Int'l
Saturday	PM (QF2) (Rink 2)	2nd Place Amer/Int'l	3rd Place Nat'l/Oly
Saturday	PM (QF3) (Rink 1)	1st Place Amer/Int'l	4th Place Nat'l/Oly
Saturday	PM (QF4) (Rink 2)	2nd Place Nat'l/Oly	3rd Place Amer/Int'l
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF1)	Winner QF1	Winner QF2
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF2)	Winner QF3	Winner QF4
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

Sample 12 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT WITH QUARTERFINALS

Option #2

Olympic Conference	National Conference	American Conference	Int'l Conference
Seed #1	Seed #4	Seed #2	Seed #3
Seed #5	Seed #8	Seed #6	Seed #7
Seed #9	Seed #12	Seed #10	Seed #11

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #12
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #8
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #4
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #11
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #7
Thursday PM/Friday AM	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #10	Seed #3
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #8	Seed #1
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #5
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #12	Seed #9
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #7	Seed #2
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #3	Seed #6
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #11	Seed #10
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #4
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #12
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #8
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #3
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #11
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #10	Seed #7
Saturday	PM (QF1) (Rink 1)	1st Place Nat'l/Oly	4th Place Amer/Int'l
Saturday	PM (QF2) (Rink 2)	2nd Place Amer/Int'l	3rd Place Nat'l/Oly
Saturday	PM (QF3) (Rink 1)	1st Place Amer/Int'l	4th Place Nat'l/Oly
Saturday	PM (QF4) (Rink 2)	2nd Place Nat'l/Oly	3rd Place Amer/Int'l
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF1)	Winner QF1	Winner QF2
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF2)	Winner QF3	Winner QF4
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

Sample 12 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT NO QUARTERFINALS

Option #1

Olympic Conference	National Conference	American Conference	Int'l Conference
Seed #1	Seed #3	Seed #2	Seed #4
Seed #5	Seed #7	Seed #6	Seed #8
Seed #9	Seed #11	Seed #10	Seed #12

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #11
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #7
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #3
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #12
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #8
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #10	Seed #4
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #7	Seed #1
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #3	Seed #5
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #11	Seed #9
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #8	Seed #2
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #4	Seed #6
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #12	Seed #10
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #3
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #11
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #7
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #4
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #12
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #10	Seed #8
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF1)	1st Place Oly/Nat	2nd Place Amer/Int'l
Sunday	AM (Rink 2) (SF2)	1st Place Amer/Int'l	2nd Place Oly/Nat
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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Sample 12 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT NO QUARTERFINALS

Option #2

Olympic Conference	National Conference	American Conference	Int'l Conference
Seed #1	Seed #4	Seed #2	Seed #3
Seed #5	Seed #8	Seed #6	Seed #7
Seed #9	Seed #12	Seed #10	Seed #11

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #12
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #8
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #4
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #11
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #7
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #10	Seed #3
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #8	Seed #1
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #4	Seed #5
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #12	Seed #9
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #7	Seed #2
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #3	Seed #6
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #11	Seed #10
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #4
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #12
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #8
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #2	Seed #3
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #6	Seed #11
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #10	Seed #7
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF1)	1st Place Oly/Nat	2nd Place Amer/Int'l
Sunday	AM (Rink 2) (SF2)	1st Place Amer/Int'l	2nd Place Oly/Nat
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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APPENDIX F

Sample 16 Team Schedule

NATIONAL BOUND STATE TOURNAMENT

North	South	East	West
Seed #1	Seed #4	Seed #2	Seed #3
Seed #8	Seed #5	Seed #7	Seed #6
Seed #9	Seed #12	Seed #10	Seed #11
Seed #16	Seed #13	Seed #15	Seed #14

Day	Time	Home Team	Visitor Team
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #16
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #8	Seed #9
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #4	Seed #13
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #12
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #15
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #7	Seed #10
Friday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #3	Seed #14
Friday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #6	Seed #11
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #9	Seed #1
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #8	Seed #16
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #12	Seed #4
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #5	Seed #13
Saturday	AM (Rink 1)	Seed #10	Seed #2
Saturday	AM (Rink 2)	Seed #7	Seed #15
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #11	Seed #3
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #6	Seed #14
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #1	Seed #8
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #16	Seed #9
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #4	Seed #5
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #13	Seed #12
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #2	Seed #7
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #15	Seed #10
Saturday	PM (Rink 1)	Seed #3	Seed #6
Saturday	PM (Rink 2)	Seed #14	Seed #11
Sunday	AM (Rink 1) (SF1)	1st Place North	1st Place South
Sunday	AM (Rink 2) (SF2)	1st Place East	1st Place West
Sunday	PM	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

APPENDIX G

USA HOCKEY YOUTH/JUNIOR AFFILIATED PLAYER POLICY

- (i) Domestic Affiliate Player Program
The Youth/Junior Affiliated Player Policy includes Junior Tier I and Tier II classifications (United States Hockey League [USHL] and North American Hockey League [NAHL]).
- (a) The Affiliated Player Policy is intended to allow USA Hockey-registered 16-, 17- and 18-birth year players to participate on USHL or NAHL rosters. This Policy will also allow the junior team to see a potential upcoming player in the junior environment. This opportunity can help the junior team evaluate the player's ability to play at that level and fill out their roster in case of player shortage caused by injuries or illness on the junior team.
- (b) The junior coach must contact the player's parent(s) and current coach regarding the invitation. A properly completed USA Hockey Player Affiliation Consent Form must then be filed with the USA Hockey national office and League office and shall include the parents' and coach's permission, and the date(s) of games to be played. When a team uses an Affiliate Player from another junior team the coach must contact the junior coach of the Affiliate Player and get his permission prior to contacting the parents of the Affiliate Player. The proper form for this purpose is available on the USA Hockey website.
- (c) These junior teams are limited to a maximum of 12 Affiliate Players per season.
- (d) These Affiliate Players will not be rostered on the official junior protected list. They will remain rostered with their current team and must be returned to that team on or before March 1. Additionally, they are allowed to participate as Affiliate Players after they have completed their entire season and this would include State, District and National Championship play.
- (e) Affiliate Players shall be limited to a maximum of 10 junior games per season but only six games prior to March 1 with the ability to play additional games once the player's current team has completed their entire season and this would include State, District and National Championship play.
- (f) A maximum of four Affiliated Players shall have the ability to continue playing an unlimited amount of junior games (Tier I Junior League) after their current team has completed its entire season. This would include league, state, district and national championship play. The earliest that a player may begin playing unlimited games is February 15.

APPENDIX H

USA HOCKEY YOUTH TIER I STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

EFFECTIVE AS OF 2017-2018 SEASON

USA Hockey recognizes Youth Tier I programs/teams only at the 14U, 15(only), 16U and 18U age levels. The following criteria must be met for any team to be classified as a Tier I team in any Affiliate:

- (i) Tryouts for Tier I teams must be published and advertised. No youth Tier I or II team may recruit or solicit players or offer contracts to players for the following season, or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until 48 hours after the last game of Youth National Championships (both Tier I and Tier II Nationals must be completed). (i.e.: if National Tournament ends at 4 PM on Monday, tryouts can begin after 4 PM on Wednesday). Any violation of this prohibition may subject the coach, team, program and/or responsible administrators to appropriate discipline, or ineligibility of the team or coach, as determined by the Affiliate.
- (ii) The number of Tier I teams in each Affiliate in each age classification shall be limited by the number of players registered in that Affiliate in that age classification. In each age classification, the Tier I teams shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total players registered in that age classification in that Affiliate during the preceding season, provided that, subject to Affiliate approval, each Affiliate shall be permitted to have at least one team per age classification. Each Affiliate's player registration numbers for the preceding season shall be provided on or before September 1 each year. For the purposes of this calculation, each team shall be presumed to have twenty (20) players. For example, the total number of players in that age classification shall be multiplied by 15%, and the product shall then be divided by 20

players, which shall determine the number of Tier I teams permitted in the Affiliate. If an Affiliate has 360 players in an age classification, then 15% of that number would equal 54 players eligible for Tier I. In order to have teams of 20 players, the Affiliate would be limited to two Tier I teams at that age.

- (iii) Notwithstanding the use of 20 players per team in the calculation of the number of teams that may be registered in an Affiliate at the Tier I level, all teams at 14U, 16U and 18U classifications must have a minimum of 15 players (including goalkeepers).
- (iv) In order for any team to be eligible for National Tournament play, the program/association must have been in existence and registered with the applicable Affiliate for a minimum of three (3) prior consecutive years.
- (v) The Association/Program must have at least two (2) National Tournament Bound teams from the 14U, 16U, 18U or 15-year-old age categories in either the Tier I or Tier II categories, each of which must have a minimum of 15 players per team.
- (vi) It is recommended that each player on the team have on-ice and off-ice practices consistent with the ADM recommendations for that age group (which practices may include practices on other teams).

NUMBERS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF TEAMS FOR DISTRICTS AND NATIONALS

Nationals – Youth Tier I, Tier II, Girls'/Women's, High School Varsity and/or Prep School (a) The Youth Tier I and Girls Tier I National Championship Tournament shall include a total of 16 teams, comprised of one team representing the host, one team from each USA Hockey District sending a team, and at-large teams selected by a Nationals Selection Committee established by the Youth Council Chair and National Championship Chair, with at-large bids chosen utilizing information the Nationals Selection Committee determines shall be used to evaluate teams, including without limitation, published national rankings, head to head competition among teams and common opponents, league records and other information at the discretion of the Nationals Selection Committee. The Youth Tier II, Girls' Tier II, Women's and High School National Championship Tournaments shall include up to 48 teams, which may include a host representative, as determined by the Youth Council. All teams (Tier I, Tier II, Girls'/Women's and High School) will be placed and/or seeded by the Nationals Selection Committee.

TRYOUTS/PLAYER SELECTION - EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON

TRYOUTS FOR ALL TIER I & TIER II 14U - 18U YOUTH AND 14U - 19U GIRLS TEAMS

Effective as of the 2017-18 season, no youth or girls Tier I or Tier II team may recruit or solicit players or offer contracts to players for the following season, or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until 48 hours after the last game of Youth National Championships (both Tier I and Tier II Nationals must be

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Except for spring or summer season hockey, Affiliates are strongly encouraged to have rules for house, recreational and other youth and girls hockey teams that are not registered as Tier I or Tier II teams, prohibiting tryouts or player selection until after a certain date that is appropriate for such Affiliate.

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KEY DATES

Tournaments dates and locations are subject to change.
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July 1, 2018	National Bound Tournament Girls 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 19U Tier I and Tier II State Tournaments application and application fee due. Online at mahockey.org .
August 1, 2018	National Bound Tournament Youth 14U, 15, 16U, 18U Tier I and 14U, 16U, 19U Tier II application and application fee due. Online at mahockey.org .
August 1, 2018	Earliest date for games to count towards requirements for teams and players. Roster must be approved by designated registrar prior to games counting towards requirements.
September 15, 2018	Roster deadline for 14U, 15, 16U, 18U National Bound Youth Tournament Team Rosters.
October 1, 2018	Roster deadline for 14U, 16U, 19U Girls, Senior A, B and C National Bound Women's Rosters. Playdown applications and rosters deadline for 18U Youth Tier II Large, Tier II Small, Tier III and Girls 19U Tier III Teams.
October 15, 2018	Roster deadline for 10U and 12U Tier I and Tier II State Tournament Bound Girls Teams.
October 15, 2018	Mandatory Credentials Meeting for all Girls 16U/19U Tier I and Tier II National Bound Teams. <u>Location and time TBD.</u>
October 19, 2018	Mandatory Credentials Meeting for all Youth Tier I and Tier II National Bound Teams. <u>Location and time TBD.</u>
November 1, 2018	Playdown applications and rosters deadline for Youth 14U, 12U and 10U Tier II Large, Medium, Small, Tier III Large, Medium, Small, Tier IV, and Girls 14U, 12U and 10U Tier III, Tier IV teams.

November 6, 2018	Conference calls for final seeding Girls 16U and 19U Tier I and Tier II.
November 11-13, 2018	14U, 15 Only, 16U and 18U Tier I and Tier II Youth National Bound State Championships.
November 12, 2018	Girls 16U/19U Tier I and Tier II National Bound Credentials Follow Up Meeting. Teams that did not clear credentials on October 15, 2018 must clear credentials at this meeting or will not be eligible to participate in the tournament. (Game sheets towards the 11/7 rule can be brought to the tournament site, all other credentials items must be complete).
November 15-18, 2018	18U Tier II Large, Small and Tier III Youth State Tournaments and Girls 19U Tier III State Championships.
November 23-25, 2018	16U and 19U Tier I and Tier II Girls National Bound State Championships.
January 14, 2019	Mandatory Credentials Meeting for all Girls 10U/12U/14U Tier I and Tier II National Bound Teams. Location and time TBD.
February 18, 2019	Girls 10U/12U/14U Tier I and Tier II National Bound Credentials Follow Up Meeting. Teams that did not clear credentials on January 14, 2019 must clear credentials at this meeting or will not be eligible to participate in the tournament. (Game sheets towards the 14/10 rule can be brought to the tournament site, all other credentials items must be complete).
March 1-3, 2019	14U, 12U, 10U Tier II and Tier III Large, Small Youth State Championships.
March 7-10, 2019	14U Tier I and Tier II Youth and Girls National Bound State Championships. 12U and 10U Tier I and Tier II Girls State Championships. 14U, 12U, 10U Tier II and Tier III Medium and Tier IV Youth State Championships.
March 15-17, 2019	Girls 14U Tier III and Girls 14U, 12U and 10U Tier IV State Championships.
March 22-24, 2019	Girls 12U and 10U Tier III State Championships.

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