



# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-01

SUBJECT: **Rules and Regulations for District Playoffs**

☒ MAHA      ☐ USA      ☒ CHANGE      ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II. E**

PAGE NO. 23

### **Current Rule Reads:**

The Regular season shall be September 1 to April 30. Spring/Summer season shall be April 1 through August 31. Pre/Post season includes all Split Season, Pilot Program and Pre-Season High school teams. That season shall run from August 1 to November 15. Rosters may be submitted up to 14 days prior to the beginning of the appropriate season. However, the roster, once approved by the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar, shall not take effect until the first day of any season and it receives certification from the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar. Players, who are rostered on a team still active in the current season, may not sign another team's roster for an upcoming regular season or spring/summer season team until the team they are on has completed their season. Pre/Post split season type teams that have qualified for the State Championships will have the team roster suspended from the completion of the split season playoffs until the MHSAA championships have completed. Rosters of these teams will then be reactivated for the State and National Championships. All split season teams that do not qualify for the State Championships are considered as having a completed season and the players are released. No release paperwork required for these players.

### **Revise As Follows:**

- Split Season, Pre/Post Season and Pre-Season High school teams. That season runs from August 1 to November 15
- Tier I and Tier II 14U -19U Regular Season runs from August 1 to April 30.
- Travel and Tier III Regular Season runs from September 1 to April 30.
- Spring/Summer season shall be April 1 through August 31 or until player is rostered on a Regular Season roster.
- Players, who are rostered on a Regular Season team still active in the current season, may not sign (**or practice**) another team's roster for an upcoming Pre/Post season or spring/summer season team until the team they are on has completed their season.

However, the roster, once approved by the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar, shall not take effect until the first day of any season.

- Split Season 16U Tier II A teams will play in Split Season Championship in October the Champion will represent Split Season in the MAHA State Championship at the end of the regular season.
- Split Season 18U Tier II teams will be playing for the MAHA State Championship in October. The Champion will represent Michigan in the USA Hockey National Championships Only teams participating in this tournament should use this season type.
- All 16U and 18U Split Season rosters will become dormant at the completion of the Split Season and players will be released in accordance with the MAHA release rules.
- The MAHA 18U Tier II State Championship in October and will be representing Michigan at the 18U USAH National Championships will be remain dormant. The dormant tag will be removed prior to practices leading to Nationals. If this team has no players participating in the MHSAA Playoffs they may request an exception from the MAHA State Playoff Committee to begin practice early.
- The 18U National Championship participant players are ineligible to participate in more than one State, Affiliate or District Championship. They must be released from any roster they are on before Districts or State

Championships.

- All Rosters may be submitted up to 14 days prior to the start of the appropriate season.

**Effective Date of Rule:** July 13, 2023

**Reason For Change:**

Clearer explanation of seasons

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **B. Yohe USA Hockey Registrar MI**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **42 Yes 3 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-02

SUBJECT: **Define Seasons – Add 18U**

☐ MAHA

☐ USA

☐ CHANGE

☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II.E New**

PAGE NO. **23**

Current Rule Reads:

E. The Regular season shall be September 1 to April 30. Spring/Summer season shall be April 1 through August 31. Pre/Post season includes all Split Season, Pilot Program and Pre-Season High school teams. That season shall run from August 1 to November 15. Rosters may be submitted up to 14 days prior to the beginning of the appropriate season. However, the roster, once approved by the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar, shall not take effect until the first day of any season and it receives certification from the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar. Players, who are rostered on a team still active in the current season, may not sign another team's roster for an upcoming regular season or spring/summer season team until the team they are on has completed their season. Pre/Post split season type teams that have qualified for 24 the State Championships will have the team roster suspended from the completion of the split season playoffs until the MHSAA championships have completed. Rosters of these teams will then be reactivated for the State and National Championships. All split season teams that do not qualify for the State Championships are considered as having a completed season and the players are released. No release paperwork is required for these players.

Revise As Follows:

E. The Regular season shall be September 1 to April 30. **For 18U Tier II Teams only, regular season shall be August 1 to April 30.** Spring/Summer season shall be April 1 through August 31. Pre/Post season includes all Split Season, Pilot Program and Pre-Season High school teams. That season shall run from August 1 to November 15... (continue with original rule)

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: Allow for full season 18U Teams to start in August 1. This allows the teams to get all necessary games in to participate in State Playoffs at the end of October.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **40 Yes 7 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-03

SUBJECT: **Number of Games for Eligibility**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☐ CHANGE ☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X.5.d**

PAGE NO. **45**

**Current Rule Reads:**

New

**Revise As Follows:**

Teams formed and certified in Classifications approved by MAHA prior to the September 1 season start may have games counted toward fulfilling the 20/10 (14/10) girls, 10/5 all high school divisions) requirement with the approval of the district registrar.

**Effective Date of Rule:**

**Reason For Change:**

Allowing game count for teams playing in August.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

Submitted by: **Bob Yohe USAH Registrar Michigan**

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **43 yes 2 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-04

SUBJECT: District / State Eligibility Rostering

☐ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. II.F

PAGE NO. 24

Current Rule Reads:

F. All teams are required to be District and State eligible for the classification, division and category in which they are rostered.

Revise As Follows:

F. All teams are required to meet the requirements outlined in MAHA Rule IV or V for their respective classification, division and category in which they are rostered. Failure to adhere to the requirements shall result in the roster being invalidated and participation shall be halted.

G. All teams **participating in Districts, States, and National tournaments** must also adhere to additional rules for District / State eligibility as outlined in Rule X. Failure to adhere to the requirements shall result in the team being deemed ineligible for participation in Districts, States and/or Nationals.

Effective Date of Rule: August 1, 2024

Reason For Change: Set a standard for teams who choose not to participate in District or States and the guidelines they need to adhere to.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **6-1 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **40 Yes 6 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-05

SUBJECT: **Leagues – remove district eligibility**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XIV.4** PAGE NO. **49**

Current Rule Reads:

4. Leagues may not accept teams that are not District and State eligible.

Revise As Follows:

~~4. Leagues may not accept teams that are not District and State eligible.~~

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/24

Reason For Change: This rule is contingent the rule "District / State Eligibility" rule passing. If the rule passes, then teams have a path for not being District / State eligible thus rendering the current rule moot.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **40 Yes 6 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-06

SUBJECT: **Exceptions - SPC**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☐ CHANGE ☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X.2** PAGE NO. **44**

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

Exceptions: Any exceptions to the rules outlined anywhere in Section X will be handled by the State Playoff Committee.

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/24

Reason For Change: This rule is tied to the passing of the District / State eligibility rule. If that rule passes, then this rule provides guidance as to which committee will hear specific exceptions instead of SPC hearing all of them.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **4-3 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **35 Yes 11 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-07

SUBJECT: **50% Team Rule**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VIII.3**

PAGE NO. **40**

Current Rule Reads:

Any Association or Club team with a head coach, assistant coach, or manager that formerly coached or managed in another Association or Club shall not have a team with more than 50% of its players who played on a team coached or managed by one or more of those individuals during the preceding regular or post season.

Revise As Follows:

Any Association or Club team with a head coach, assistant coach, or manager that formerly coached or managed in another Association or Club **shall not be restricted on the amount of individuals from their preceding regular or post season team(s) pending the head coach, assistant coach, or manager has a signed letter from both the preceding and new association/club approving the move; submit both letters to the affected district(s); and receive approval from said district(s).**

**Where the above criteria are not met,** the head coach, assistant coach, or manager that formerly coached or managed in another Association or Club shall not have a team with more than 50% of its players who played on a team coached or managed by one or more of those individuals during the preceding regular or post season.

Effective Date of Rule: **2023 – 2024 season**

Reason For Change: There are reasons a coach and/or families may want to leave an association. Moreover, there are reasons why parents want a specific coach to coach their child. If a coach or team is looking to leave, they should be able to under appropriate circumstances. This rule helps provide some opportunities for teams / coaches to move in those instances where everything is copacetic. In all other scenarios, the rule does not change and no more than 50% may follow the coach.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **5-2 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **32 Yes 14 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-08

SUBJECT: **State Playoff – 2 teams from same district**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X.9**

PAGE NO. **45**

Current Rule Reads:

No more than two teams from any District may participate in the State Playoffs in any one classification. No more than one team from the same Association may participate in the State Playoffs in the same classification. The State Playoff Committee Reserves the right to make exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.

Revise As Follows:

~~No more than two teams from any District may participate in the State Playoffs in any one classification. No more than one team from the same Association may participate in the State Playoffs in the same classification. The State Playoff Committee Reserves the right to make exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.~~

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/24

Reason For Change: Move the guiding principal to the Tournament Guidebook. This will allow for flexibility in determining the best course of action for each and every state tournament versus an overarching rule that has multiple exceptions to it annually.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **42 Yes 5 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-09

SUBJECT: **State Playoff – Team commitment**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☐ CHANGE

☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X.1**

PAGE NO. **44**

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

Add the below rule and renumber accordingly.

Teams participating in Districts, States, and Nationals are required to participate in all games associated with the respective tournaments. This includes, but not limited to, district play-in games and state runner-up games. Teams who choose to not continue their participation in the games shall have their team officials suspended for a maximum of one year.

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/24

Reason For Change: Current practice and also in the tournament guide book. Moving it to the rulebook for clarity purposes.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

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2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **45 Yes 0 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-10

SUBJECT: **State Playoff – Player max game count**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X.4**

PAGE NO. **44**

Current Rule Reads:

4. A player who transfers to a team and who has participated in a combined total number of games in excess of that classification game limit shall be ineligible for District or State Playoffs in that classification.

Revise As Follows:

~~4. A player who transfers to a team and who has participated in a combined total number of games in excess of that classification game limit shall be ineligible for District or State Playoffs in that classification.~~

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/24

Reason For Change: MAHA no longer has a rule for maximum player game count. This rule is out of order.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **46 Yes 0 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-11

SUBJECT: Individual Player Max Game Count – Removal – Youth and Girls

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.D.9.e / V.C.e

PAGE NO. 32 / 39

Current Rule Reads:

For District/State eligibility, individual goalie game counts can be waived by submitting an individual exception request to the State Playoff Committee

Revise As Follows:

~~For District/State eligibility, individual goalie game counts can be waived by submitting an individual exception request to the State Playoff Committee~~

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: MAHA no longer has maximum player game counts

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: 7-0 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 45 Yes 0 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-12

SUBJECT: **Closest to the Rink**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II.K** PAGE NO. **24**

Current Rule Reads:

Michigan resident players of any age classification are permitted to play for an Association/Club that has the rink closet to their residence, based on the shortest distance by roads calculated by Google Maps, and will not be counted as an out of District player if it is beyond District boundaries. Player residence documentation must be provided at the time of team registration with MAHA/USA Hockey and approval received from both the respective districts.

Revise As Follows:

~~Michigan resident players of any age classification are permitted to play for an Association/Club that has the rink closet to their residence, based on the shortest distance by roads calculated by Google Maps, and will not be counted as an out of District player if it is beyond District boundaries. Player residence documentation must be provided at the time of team registration with MAHA/USA Hockey and approval received from both the respective districts.~~

Effective Date of Rule: **2024 – 2025 season**

Reason For Change: The intent of the rule was always to allow Tier III (B) players the opportunity to play at the closest physical arena regardless of district boundaries. Even from its inception, the rule was used primarily by Tier II families. Most of the time people are looking to try and use it because the closest building doesn't have their "level of travel" they want. While removing this rule will impact families, it is to be paired with the 3 out of district rule which, if passed, allows for more flexibility.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **4-3 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **30 Yes 17 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-13

SUBJECT: Youth Tier II / Tier III OOD

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.B.2, IV.C.3, IV.D.2 PAGE NO. 30 & 31

Current Rule Reads:

2. Has no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered. In the 18U (Midget) classification teams will be allowed six (6) players who reside outside the district in which the team is registered. The State Playoff Committee has no authority to consider or grant an exception to this rule.

Revise As Follows:

2. 10U – 14U classification teams shall have no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered.

3. Any team in the youth 16U or 18U age classification shall be allowed an unlimited number of Out-of-District players provided those players are Michigan residents, as defined by the MAHA Residency Policy, and MAHA registered participants. Said teams will be restricted to one (1) Out-of-State player but may submit an exception where applicable.

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: As 16U and 18U hockey continues to decrease, this allows players to choose where they want to play within the state. This is also a current, active pilot program being written as a rule.

This rule also allows for exceptions to be heard for OOD issues.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **43 Yes 2 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-14

SUBJECT: **Player Releases**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II.S**

PAGE NO. **26**

Current Rule Reads:

Player releases, unless requested by the player, cannot be made later than November 30 of the current playing season to be eligible for District, State and National tournaments. No players can be added to a team's roster after December 23rd of the current playing season to be eligible for District, State and National tournaments. Exceptions to this provision, for District and States, may be made in extraordinary circumstances by a two-thirds majority approval of the State Playoff Committee prior to December 31st. Junior players returning to youth teams will have a deadline of December 31st.

Revise As Follows:

S. Player releases, unless requested by the player, cannot be made later than November 30 of the current playing season. ~~to be eligible for District, State and National tournaments.~~

T. No players can be added to a team's roster after December 23<sup>rd</sup> of the current playing season to be eligible for District, State and National tournaments. Exceptions to this provision, for District and States, may be made in extraordinary circumstances by a two-thirds majority approval of the State Playoff Committee prior to December 31st. Junior players returning to youth teams will have a deadline of December 31st.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: This change doesn't tie a coaches release to District, State, and Nationals. It would just state that it can't happen. Separating S. into 2 rules allows for an easier delineation between releases and player signings before 12/23

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **46 Yes 1 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-15

SUBJECT: **Youth Tier I Approval Process**

☐ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.3

PAGE NO. 28

Current Rule Reads:

Only teams from those organizations approved by the State Playoff Committee will be allowed to roster as Tier 1 or AAA teams in Michigan.

Revise As Follows:

Only teams from those organizations approved by the ~~State Playoff Committee~~ MAHA Board of Directors will be allowed to roster as Tier 1 or AAA teams in Michigan.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: *It is not the responsibility of the State Playoff Committee to review and approval Youth Tier I organizations. This responsibility should reside with the Board of Directors (currently Executive Board) as it pertains to affiliate agreements.*

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **6-1 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **41 Yes 5 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-16

SUBJECT: Youth Tier I Approval Process

☐ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.A.5.a

PAGE NO. 28

Current Rule Reads:

Not more than (10) Tier 1 organizations will be awarded on an annual basis for a period from September 1st to August 31st. An application must be sent to the State Playoff Committee Chairperson for consideration not later than November 1st of the year prior to the season's start. The State Playoff Committee will determine the number of Tier I Organizations for the next season: up to six in Districts 2, 3, 4 combined; up to one in District 5; up to two in District 6; and one in Districts 7 and 8 combined. In addition to the above, the Tier I 18U team existing as of June 2019 in District 7 is grandfathered. Upon dissolution of this team, it shall not be replaced other than via the provisions of this rule. The State Playoff Committee will make their decisions no later than the Annual Winter meeting of the preceding season. Each organization is limited to one team at each age classification.

Revise As Follows:

Not more than (10) Tier 1 organizations will be awarded on an annual basis for a period from September 1st to August 31st. An application must be sent to the Youth Committee Chairperson for consideration no later than November 1st of the year prior to the season's start. The Youth Committee will make a recommendation to the MAHA who will determine the number of Tier I Organizations for the next season: up to six in Districts 2, 3, 4 combined; up to one in District 5; up to two in District 6; and one in Districts 7 and 8 combined. In addition to the above, the Tier I 18U team existing as of June 2019 in District 7 is grandfathered. Upon dissolution of this team, it shall not be replaced other than via the provisions of this rule. The MAHA Board of Directors will make their decisions no later than the Annual Winter meeting of the preceding season. Each organization is limited to one team at each age classification.

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: *It is not the responsibility of the State Playoff Committee to review and approval Youth Tier I organizations. This responsibility should reside with the Board of Directors (currently Executive Board) as it pertains to affiliate agreements.*

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: Joe Barone

District Director: VP of Youth

Rules Committee Action: 6-1 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 37 Yes 9 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-17

SUBJECT: Youth MAHA home/away games

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☐ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.6 PAGE NO. 28-29

Current Rule Reads:

IV. Youth Age & Division Classifications

A. Tier I Category and AAA Division Teams.

6. Each MAHA Tier I Organization must play the other Tier I organizations, excluding tournaments, which determines seeding for the MAHA State Playoffs.

a. For all National bound divisions, teams must play each other three (3) times within their respective age/division classification. Each team is required to play one (1) home game, one (1) away game, and one (1) additional game.

b. For all non-National bound divisions, teams must play each other two (2) times within their respective age/division classification. Each team is required to play one (1) home game and one (1) away game.

c. Schedule and standings will be posted on the MAHA website.

d. The Tier 1 clubs will meet prior to the beginning of the season with the MAHA Vice President of Youth Hockey to create the administrative logistics (i.e., game playing rules, critical dates, home team for third games, protesting, standing tie breaker, etc).

Revise As Follows:

IV. Youth Age & Division Classifications

A. Tier I Category and AAA Division Teams.

6. Each MAHA Tier I Organization must play the other Tier I organizations, excluding tournaments, which determines seeding for the MAHA State Playoffs.

a. The amount of home/away games per age classification will be determined annually and posted in the MAHA State Playoff Tournament Guidebook.

b. Schedule and standings will be posted on the MAHA website.

c. The Tier 1 clubs will meet prior to the beginning of the season with the MAHA Vice President of Youth Hockey to create the administrative logistics (i.e., game playing rules, critical dates, home team for third games, protesting, standing tie breaker, etc).

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/2024

Reason For Change:

Moving the home/away count to the tournament guidebook allows for flexibility annually to accommodate for things like a piloted 13U National-bound division or age classifications without a full complement of teams.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: Tier I Committee

District Director: Joe Barone

Rules Committee Action: 7-0 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 44 Yes 3 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-18

SUBJECT: Tier 1 Out of State

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.A, 5.

PAGE NO. 28

Current Rule Reads:

- c. Tier I organizations are limited to ten (10) non-Michigan players per organization at the 12U (Pee Wee) age level through 16U Midget Minor age level (age 11–16) with no more than six (6) non-Michigan players on any one team. 18U (Midget Major) (age 17-18) teams shall be allowed no more than 6 (six) non-Michigan players on any one team.
- d. At the 10U (Squirt) age classification, teams may only form at the 10U (Squirt Major age 10) level only. Teams may have a maximum of four (4) players playing up from below the age 10 age group. At the 10U Level, there are no out of state or import players allowed.
- e. At the 14U classification, no team may roster any player 12 years of age or under.

Revise As Follows:

~~c. Tier I organizations are limited to ten (10) non-Michigan players per organization at the 12U (Pee Wee) age level through 16U Midget Minor age level (age 11–16) with no more than six (6) non-Michigan players on any one team. 18U (Midget Major) (age 17–18) teams shall be allowed no more than 6 (six) non-Michigan players on any one team.~~

c. Tier I organizations are limited to the following non-Michigan players per organization:

- 10U Tier I – Zero (0)
- 11U Tier I – Zero (0)
- 12U Tier I – One (1)
- 13U Tier I – Two (2)
- 14U Tier I – Five (5)
- 15U Tier I – Six (6)
- 16U Tier I – Seven (7)
- 18U Tier I – Nine (9) and must be less than 50% of the team roster

d. At the 10U (Squirt) age classification, teams may only form at the 10U (Squirt Major age 10) level only. Teams may have a maximum of four (4) players playing up from below the age 10 age group. ~~At the 10U Level, there are no out of state or import players allowed.~~

e. At the 14U classification, no team may roster any player 12 years of age or under.

Effective Date of Rule: 2024-25 season

Reason For Change:

Incorporate a current policy into a rule

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone – VP Youth**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: 6-1 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 41 Yes 6 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-19

SUBJECT: Tier I Category and AAA Division Teams

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.A.2

PAGE NO. 28

Current Rule Reads:

Tier I teams are teams that may participate within a Tier I MAHA/USA Hockey sanctioned league that may involve participation with similar teams from Michigan and from across the country. Teams in organizations not approved by the State Playoff Committee that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for District and States Playoffs in any classification. Teams in organizations not approved by the State Playoff Committee may not advertise as Tier I, AAA, elite, or similar designation for tryouts, to recruit, entice or in any way give the appearance of being a Tier I team

Revise As Follows:

Tier I teams are teams that may participate within a Tier I MAHA/USA Hockey sanctioned league that may involve participation with similar teams from Michigan and from across the country. ~~Teams in organizations not approved by the State Playoff Committee that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for District and States Playoffs in any classification. Teams in organizations not approved by the State Playoff Committee may not advertise as Tier I, AAA, elite, or similar designation for tryouts, to recruit, entice or in any way give the appearance of being a Tier I team~~

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: The 30% rule does not belong in the section that defines Tier I. This rule needs to be in all other categories as a restriction to that category.

The advertising rule is being rewritten with another rule within Tier I

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **44 Yes 2 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-20

SUBJECT: Tier I Category and AAA Division Teams

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.A.3

PAGE NO. 28

Current Rule Reads:

3. Only teams from those organizations approved by the State Playoff Committee will be allowed to roster as Tier I or AAA teams in Michigan.

Revise As Follows:

3. Only teams from those organizations approved by the **Board of Directors** will be allowed to roster as Tier I or AAA teams in Michigan and shall only be the only teams allowed to advertise as Tier I, AAA, elite, or similar designation for tryouts, to recruit, entice or in any way give the appearance of being a Tier I team.

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: Designate that only Tier I teams can advertise as Tier I teams. Previous rule was out of order as it applied to categories, but not AAA / Tier I.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: Joe Barone

District Director: VP of Youth

Rules Committee Action: 6-1 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 43 Yes 4 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-21

SUBJECT: Tier I Category and AAA Division Designations

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.A.5.b PAGE NO. 28

Current Rule Reads:

b. Each Tier I Organizations must have teams at the following recognized AAA levels: 12U (Pee Wee Minor and Major), 14U (Bantam Minor and Major), 15 & 16 Only, (Midget Minor) and (Midget Major) 17 and 18. The 15 Only and 16 Only categories are to include only those players who are in that birth year. Organizations wishing to apply without a full complement of teams may do so but must provide a 5-year plan that demonstrates a sustainable program working towards having teams at all the recognized levels.

Revise As Follows:

b. Each Tier I Organizations must have teams at the following recognized AAA levels: **10U – Major**, 12U (Minor and Major), 14U (Minor and Major), 15 & 16 Only, 18U (Major). The 15 Only and 16 Only categories are to include only those players who are in that birth year. Organizations wishing to apply without a full complement of teams may do so but must provide a 5-year plan that demonstrates a sustainable program working towards having teams at all the recognized levels.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: Update the rule to current Tier I / AAA requirements.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **44 Yes 2 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-22

SUBJECT: Youth Tier I State Entry

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.A.9

PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

9. Each team in the Tier I category must signify their intention of entering the State Playoffs no later than November 1st to the Chairman of the State Playoff Committee by completing the online registration at MAHA.org by November 1st. By registering online, the team commits to participating in States and Nationals if the team is a National bound classification team.

Revise As Follows:

9. All teams playing in this classification/category are automatically entered and required to participate in the MAHA State Playoffs. Furthermore, said teams must also participate in Nationals if the team is in a National-bound classification.

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: These teams are supposed to represent the top 10 – 12 % of players in Michigan for their respective age classifications. They shouldn't get a choice to not participate in MAHA States. This puts in the rule enforcing it and also stops State Playoff Committee from having to deal with late entries every year.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: 6-1 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 40 Yes 6 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-23

SUBJECT: **Non-National Bound Designation for Tier II Age Classifications**

☐ MAHA ☐ USA ☐ CHANGE ☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV.B & V.B** PAGE NO. **30 & 37**

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

2. A team in a national-bound designation Tier II age classification shall be allowed to roster as a non-national bound team. Any team choosing this designation shall be precluded from participating in Districts, States and National tournaments.

Re-number accordingly.

Effective Date of Rule: **August 1, 2024**

Reason For Change: Turn a current pilot into a rule. This would allow teams the following:

- A substitute goalie from the same or lesser age classification, category, and / or division
- A 14U team will be allowed a 12U player to roster
- Player(s) from a national-bound dormant rostered team

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **43 Yes 2 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-24

SUBJECT: **Substitute Goalie – Change in all classifications**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV.B.8, IV.C.9, IV.D.10.a** PAGE NO. **30/31/32**

Current Rule Reads:

8. A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in the case of an injury to the regular goalie. If a team elects this method for a substitute goalie, the team may have only nineteen (19) players registered at any time so as not to exceed the maximum number of players allowed.

Revise As Follows:

8. A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in the case of an injury to the regular goalie. ~~If a team elects this method for a substitute goalie, the team may have only nineteen (19) players registered at any time so as not to exceed the maximum number of players allowed.~~

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: The substitute / emergency goalie isn't rostering on the team, therefore doesn't need a spot. USA Hockey regulates the amount of players who can dress in a game, so there is no need for this part of the rule

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **44 Yes 2 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-25

SUBJECT: 10U – 18U Tier II 30% Rule – Option 1

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PAGE NO. 30

Current Rule Reads:

4. Teams in organizations not approved by the State Playoff Committee as Tier I organizations that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for District and States Playoffs in any classification.

Revise As Follows:

4. **Teams rostered under this age, division, and category** that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for District and States Playoffs in any classification. **Coaches and managers found in violation of this rule shall have a recommended suspension of no more than one (1) year.**

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: This rule, as written, did not have any teeth behind it. This clarifies the suspension. This rule is to be used if the District and State Eligibility rule is not moved forward or passed. Moreover, defines which teams this applies to.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: 4-3 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 26 Yes 17 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-26

SUBJECT: 10U – 18U Tier II 30% Rule – Option 2

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV.B.4**

PAGE NO. **30**

Current Rule Reads:

4. Teams in organizations not approved by the State Playoff Committee as Tier I organizations that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for District and States Playoffs in any classification.

Revise As Follows:

4. Teams rostered under this age, division, and category shall not play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents. Coaches and managers found in violation of this rule shall have a hearing with a suspension no more than one (1) year.

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: This rule, as written, did not have any teeth behind it. This clarifies the suspension and also defines what happens to the team, if the District and State Eligibility rule passes. Moreover, defines which teams this applies to.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **4-3 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **27 Yes 17 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-27

SUBJECT: Tier II (A) – 30% Rule



MAHA



USA



CHANGE



NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.C.5

PAGE NO. 31

### Current Rule Reads:

5. To remain eligible for District and States Playoffs, teams may not play more than 30% of their games against teams in higher classifications.

### Revise As Follows:

5. Teams may not play more than 30% of their games against Tier I (AAA) teams.

### Effective Date of Rule: August 1, 2024

Reason For Change: Let the teams decide who they play against. If they are good enough to play against higher competition, then why restrict them? Playing tougher competition helps develop players and the team. It will help them come district and state playoff time, which is a good thing. Keeping the 30% restriction at Tier I keeps it the same for everyone and helps keep the Tier I status intact.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **5-2 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **35 Yes 10 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-28

SUBJECT: Tier III– 30% Rule

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV.D.5

PAGE NO. 31

Current Rule Reads:

5. To remain eligible for District and States Playoffs, teams may not play more than 30% of their games against teams in higher classifications.

Revise As Follows:

5. Teams may not play more than 30% of their games against teams in higher classifications.

Effective Date of Rule: August 1, 2024

Reason For Change: This change is to set a standard for the age, division, and category regardless of being district or state eligible.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: 4-3 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 29 yes 13 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-29

SUBJECT: Tier III- 30% Rule

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. V.C.5 PAGE NO. 31

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

5. Teams may not play more than 30% of their games against teams in higher classifications. Coaches and managers found in violation of this rule shall have a recommended suspension of no more than one (1) year.

Effective Date of Rule: August 1, 2024

Reason For Change: This change is to set a standard for the age, division, and category regardless of being district or state eligible.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: Joe Barone

District Director: VP of Youth

Rules Committee Action: 4-3 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 29 Yes 16 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-30

SUBJECT: **Girls' Women's Committee**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V A2,7,12,B2,10ai,10b,C8a,d**

PAGE NO. **35,36,37,38,39**

Current Rule Reads:

MAHA Girls'/Women Committee  
Vice President Girls'/Women's

Revise As Follows:

Replace the above with the following:

MAHA Girls' Committee  
Vice President for Girls'

Effective Date of Rule: When bylaws change

Reason For Change: to reflect the MAHA Bylaw Changes

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Dan Pozdol**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **43 Yes 0 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-31

SUBJECT: **Associations Girls 30% Rule**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **I.A.6**

PAGE NO. **22**

### Current Rule Reads:

6. An Association must have a demographic large enough to support it. The Association must demonstrate to the District Council that the Association has sufficient ice contracted for each team / program that is age appropriate for its players. Associations must be self-supporting. A minimum of 30% of their Youth membership shall be ages 10 and under. Non-compliance requires review of the Association by the respective District Council in which the Association must submit an action plan to meet the 30% of membership at 10 and under and may subject the Association to disciplinary action.

### Revise As Follows:

6. An Association must have a demographic large enough to support it. The Association must demonstrate to the District Council that the Association has sufficient ice contracted for each team / program that is age appropriate for its players. Associations must be self-supporting. A minimum of 30% of their Youth membership shall be ages 10 and under. Associations with girls teams must be self-supporting. A minimum of 30% of their girl's membership shall be ages 10 and under. Non-compliance requires review of the Association by the respective District Council in which the Association must submit an action plan to meet the 30% of membership at 10 and under and may subject the Association to disciplinary action.

Effective Date of Rule: **January 21, 2024**

Reason For Change: to ensure associations with girls teams are held to the same standards as youth and make it consistent with the overall 30% rule. Associations need to support growth at the 10U age groups to sustain their teams in the older age classifications.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Girls Committee**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **34 Yes 12 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-32

SUBJECT: **Girls - Marketing**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.A.3**

PAGE NO. **35**

Current Rule Reads:

3. Tier 1 teams that advertise as Tier 1 for tryouts, to recruit, entice or in any way give the appearance of being a Tier 1 team.

Revise As Follows:

3. Only approved Tier I teams and organizations shall be allowed to advertise as Tier I, AAA, elite, or similar designation for tryouts, to recruit, entice or in any way give the appearance of being a Tier I team.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: Designate that only Girls Tier I teams can advertise as Tier I teams. Previous rule wording seemed incomplete.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **42 Yes 1 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-33

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier I – Application Process**



MAHA



USA



CHANGE



NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.A.7**

PAGE NO. **35**

Current Rule Reads:

Applications for Tier 1 recognition must be sent to the Chairperson of the Girls'/Women's Committee for consideration not later than November 1st of the year prior to the season being applied for (i.e.: November 1st of 2017 for the 2018-19 season). The Girls'/Women's Sub-Committee will make its recommendation to the State Playoff Committee which will make a final decision no later than the Annual Winter meeting of the preceding season

Revise As Follows:

Applications for Tier 1 recognition must be sent to the Chairperson of the Girls'/Women's Committee for consideration not later than November 1st of the year prior to the season being applied for (i.e.: November 1st of 2017 for the 2018-19 season). The Girls'/Women's Sub-Committee will make its recommendation to the **MAHA Executive Committee** which will make a final decision no later than the Annual Winter meeting of the preceding season.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: Same with the youth, the State Playoff Committee governs State Playoffs not the formation / approval Tier I organizations. The Executive Board, who approves affiliate agreements, should be the body with the final approval.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **6-1 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **39 Yes 6 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-34

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier I Approval Process**

☐ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.A.7.d**

PAGE NO. **35**

Current Rule Reads:

Only teams from those organizations approved by the State Playoff Committee will be allowed to roster as Tier 1 or AAA teams in Michigan.

Revise As Follows:

Only teams from those organizations approved by the ~~State Playoff Committee~~ MAHA Board of Directors will be allowed to roster as Tier 1 or AAA teams in Michigan.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: *It is not the responsibility of the State Playoff Committee to review and approval Youth Tier I organizations. This responsibility should reside with the Board of Directors (currently Executive Board) as it pertains to affiliate agreements.*

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-35

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier I – Remove 30%**

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NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.A.7.e & h**

PAGE NO. **35**

Current Rule Reads:

(e) Teams not approved by the State Playoff Committee that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for State Playoffs in any age classification.

h) Teams not approved by the State Playoff Committee that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for State Playoffs in any age classification.

Revise As Follows:

~~(e) Teams not approved by the State Playoff Committee that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for State Playoffs in any age classification.~~

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/23

Reason For Change: Same with the youth rule, this 30% rule should not be in defining Tier I section. This rule needs to be in the girls Tier II and Tier III section as the rule pertains to them.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-36

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier I State Entry**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.A.14**

PAGE NO. **36**

Current Rule Reads:

4. Each team in the Tier I or Travel AAA category must signify their intention of entering the State Playoffs no later than November 1st to the Chairman of the State Playoff Committee by completing the online registration at MAHA.org by November 1st. By registering online, the team commits to participating in States and Nationals if the team is a National bound classification team.

Revise As Follows:

9. All teams playing in this classification/category are automatically entered and required to participate in the MAHA State Playoffs. Furthermore, said teams must also participate in Nationals if the team is in a National-bound classification.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: These teams are supposed to represent the top 10 – 12 % of players in Michigan for their respective age classifications. They shouldn't get a choice to not participate in MAHA States. This puts in the rule enforcing it and also stops State Playoff Committee from having to deal with late entries every year.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **6-1 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **39 Yes 5 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-37

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier II – 14/10 Rule adjustment**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.B.4** PAGE NO. **37**

Current Rule Reads:

14. These teams may enter the State tournament at the Tier II or Travel AA level. They must comply with the 14/10 game count rule and submit an intent to enter the Tier II or Travel AA state tournament.

Revise As Follows:

14. These teams may enter the State tournament at the Tier II or Travel AA level. They must comply with **all State eligibility rules** and submit an intent to enter the Tier II or Travel AA state tournament.

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/24

Reason For Change: There are multiple instances of the 14/10 throughout the rule book. This keeps all the District / State eligibility rules in one sub-section while referencing where teams should go for more information.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **41 Yes 3 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-38

SUBJECT: **Girls 10U – 18U Tier II 30% Rule – Option 1**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☐ CHANGE ☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.B.4.1** PAGE NO. **30**

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

4. Teams registered in this age, category, and division that play more than 30% of their games against Tier I opponents shall be ineligible for States Playoffs in any classification. Coaches and managers found in violation of this rule shall have a recommended suspension of no more than one (1) year.

Renumber

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: This rule did not exist in Girls Tier II section. It's adding the rule as well as adding a suspension. This rule is to be used if the District and State Eligibility rule is not moved forward or passed.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **5-2 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **35 Yes 11 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-39

SUBJECT: **Girls Tier III – State Signup**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.C.7** PAGE NO. **39**

Current Rule Reads:

7. Each Association and team must notify their District Council in writing of their intent to enter the State Playoffs no later than November 1

Revise As Follows:

7. Each team must **submit their Intent to Enter the State Playoffs no later than November 1 via the MAHA website**

Effective Date of Rule: **9/1/24**

Reason For Change: Updates rule to current practice, which is teams sign up on the MAHA website if they are intending to participate in States.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **43 Yes 0 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-40

SUBJECT: **Girls Rostering Exception**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☒ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.B.10**

PAGE NO. **37**

Current Rule Reads:

A female player playing on a Youth Tier III team may dual roster on a girl's Tier III team within the same Association. In the absence of a girls team in their Youth B team Association a female player may roster on a girls Tier III team that is offered in another local Association. Under these circumstances the female player is limited to 10 games on the girls team and the games played will be included in the game count as it applies for all Youth classifications. These games shall not include State playoffs.

Revise As Follows:

A female player playing on a Youth Tier III team may dual roster on a girl's Tier III team within the same Association. In the absence of a girls team in their Youth B team Association a female player may roster on a girls Tier III team that is offered in another local Association. Under these circumstances the female player is limited to 10 games (played prior to 12/31 of the current season) on the girls team. These games shall not include State playoffs.

Effective Date of Rule: **January 21, 2024**

Reason For Change: The intent of the Girls Rostering Exception is to allow girls who currently play on youth teams the opportunity to experience playing on an all-girls team for a limited number of games during the season. The deadline of having the 10 games played prior to 12/31 of the playing season better aligns it with the 2 Tournament exception and also prevents girls' teams from utilizing these additional players in league and playoff games at the end of the season.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Girls Committee**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **42 yes 5 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-41

SUBJECT: **Exceptions - Girls**

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NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V.D.**

PAGE NO. **39**

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

Exceptions: Any exceptions to the rules outlined in Section V will be handled by the Girls Committee, except where noted within the rule itself.

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/24

Reason For Change: This rule is tied to the passing of the District / State eligibility rule. If that rule passes, then this rule provides guidance as to which committee will hear specific exceptions instead of SPC hearing all of them.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **39 Yes 4 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-42

SUBJECT: **Game Requirements – 4 hr rule**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IX.6**

PAGE NO. **43**

Current Rule Reads:

The number of games played by any player or team on one day in Michigan shall not be more than two (2) with a minimum of four (4) hours between the finish of the first game and the start of the second. This rule will be waived if a team is competing in both League playoffs and District or State Playoffs on the same day. Teams competing with teams from District 7 and District 8 may have the four-hour rule waived with the consent of each team's District Chairperson due to travel distances. Excludes all Adult & Senior Women's games, leagues, and sanctioned tournaments. The maximum of two (2) games in one day cannot be waived. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a recommended six (6) month suspension of the head coach

Revise As Follows:

The number of games played by any player or team on one day in Michigan shall not be more than two (2). ~~with a minimum of four (4) hours between the finish of the first game and the start of the second. This rule will be waived if a team is competing in both League playoffs and District or State Playoffs on the same day. Teams competing with teams from District 7 and District 8 may have the four-hour rule waived with the consent of each team's District Chairperson due to travel distances. Excludes all Adult & Senior Women's games, leagues, and sanctioned tournaments.~~ The maximum of two (2) games in one day cannot be waived. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a recommended six (6) month suspension of the head coach.

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/24

Reason For Change: Other states do not use this 4 hour rule nor is it always being followed. By keeping the 2 games in one day, it is keeping the players safety at mind but allowing the coach/manager to determine if they are going to play their 2<sup>nd</sup> game less than 4 hours.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **5-1 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **38 Yes 6 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-43

SUBJECT: **Game Requirments**

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☐ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IX.6**

PAGE NO. **43**

**Current Rule Reads:**

6. . The number of games played by any player or team on one day in Michigan shall not be more than two (2) with a minimum of four (4) hours between the finish of the first game and the start of the second. This rule will be waived if a team is competing in both League playoffs and District or State Playoffs on the same day. Teams competing with teams from District 7 and District 8 may have the four-hour rule waived with the consent of each team's District Chairperson due to travel distances. Excludes all Adult & Senior Women's games, leagues, and sanctioned tournaments. The maximum of two (2) games in one day cannot be waived. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a recommended six (6) month suspension of the head coach.

**Revise As Follows:**

6. The number of games played by any player or team on one day in Michigan shall not be more than two (2) with a minimum of four (4) hours between the finish of the first game and the start of the second. This rule will be waived if a team is competing in both League playoffs and District or State Playoffs on the same day. Teams competing with teams from District 7 and District 8 may have the four-hour rule waived with the consent of each team's District Chairperson due to travel distances. Excludes all ~~Adult & Senior Women's~~ games, leagues, and sanctioned tournaments. The maximum of two (2) games in one day cannot be waived. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a recommended six (6) month suspension of the head coach.

**Effective Date of Rule: Immediately**

**Reason For Change: Bring in line with changes to adults to include women's divisions.**

**PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:**

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Doug Diroff**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **40 Yes 2 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-44

SUBJECT: **Game Requirments**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☐ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IX.6.12** PAGE NO. **43**

Current Rule Reads:

12. A rostered team in any of the Youth and/or Girl's classifications may not occupy the same ice surface with an Adult Men's or Women's team for the purpose of competitive play. Teams may be granted 44 exceptions via a special event sanction approved by the USA Hockey Risk Manager for Michigan and/or the USA Hockey Registrar for Michigan.

Revise As Follows:

12. A rostered team in any of the Youth and/or Girl's classifications may not occupy the same ice surface with an Adult ~~Men's or Women's~~ team for the purpose of competitive play. Teams may be granted 44 exceptions via a special event sanction approved by the USA Hockey Risk Manager for Michigan and/or the USA Hockey Registrar for Michigan.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: **Bring in line with changes to adults to include women's divisions.**

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Doug Diroff**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **42 Yes 2 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-45

SUBJECT: Rules and Regulations for District and State Playoffs (Refer to the District and State Tournament Book)

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. X.10 PAGE NO. 45

### Current Rule Reads:

10. Adult Division players are allowed to play for more than one team in different leagues, but those players playing on more than one team that is eligible to enter District and/or State Playoffs are eligible to participate in these Playoffs only as follows. a. In the Adult USA Checking, Adult Non-Checking Tier I and over 30 through Over 60 divisions.

a) Up to (5) players on the roster of a team participating in any of the above playoff classifications may also play on one other team in a different classification in the District and State Playoffs

b. The Players must be on the roster of both teams that they are playing for these playoffs and must meet all other eligibility requirements.

c. In the Adult Non-Checking Tier II division, a player can play on only one team in the District and/or State playoffs. Once a player participates in a District or State Playoff game in Adult Non-Checking Tier II, he is ineligible to play for any Other team in any classification in these playoffs. Once a player participates in a District or State Playoff game in any other Adult Men's Division, he is ineligible to play for any Adult Non-Checking Tier II team in these playoffs.

11. Penalty for failure to comply with the above rules is forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible player participated. A score of 0-1 will be recorded on the official game sheet(s) for all games if any game is forfeit.

12. Number of games for Eligibility: Adult Division (Men's)

a. Individual Players must participate in six (6) USA Hockey sanctioned games on or before February 1st with the team for which they will be participating in the District and State Playoffs.

b. In order to qualify for State Playoffs, a team must play at least eight (8) games in its classification on or before February 1st.

c. Exceptions to a) or b) may be granted by the State Playoff Committee.

13. Adult Men's Division teams that are rostered in more than one District are eligible to enter District and/or State Playoffs Only from the District in which they play the majority of their regular season games.

### Revise As Follows:

~~10. Adult Division players are allowed to play for more than one team in different leagues, but those players playing on more than one team that is eligible to enter District and/or State Playoffs are eligible to participate in these Playoffs only as follows. a. In the Adult USA Checking, Adult Non-Checking Tier I and over 30 through Over 60 divisions.~~

~~a) Up to (5) players on the roster of a team participating in any of the above playoff classifications may also play on one other team in a different classification in the District and State Playoffs.~~

~~b. The Players must be on the roster of both teams that they are playing for these playoffs and must meet all other eligibility requirements.~~

~~c. In the Adult Non-Checking Tier II division, a player can play on only one team in the District and/or State playoffs. Once a player participates in a District or State Playoff game in Adult Non-Checking Tier II, he is ineligible to play for any Other team in any classification in these playoffs. Once a player participates in a District or State Playoff game in any other Adult Men's Division, he is ineligible to play for any Adult Non-Checking Tier II team in these playoffs.~~

~~11. Penalty for failure to comply with the above rules is forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible player participated. A score of 0-1 will be recorded on the official game sheet(s) for all games if any game is forfeit.~~

~~12. Number of games for Eligibility: Adult Division (Men's)~~

- ~~a. Individual Players must participate in six (6) USA Hockey sanctioned games on or before February 1st with the team for which they will be participating in the District and State Playoffs.~~
- ~~b. In order to qualify for State Playoffs, a team must play at least eight (8) games in its classification on or before February 1st.~~
- ~~c. Exceptions to a) or b) may be granted by the State Playoff Committee.~~
- ~~13. Adult Men's Division teams that are rostered in more than one District are eligible to enter District and/or State Playoffs Only from the District in which they play the majority of their regular season games.~~

**Effective Date of Rule: Immediately**

**Reason For Change: The adult tournament does not progress to nationals and no restrictions are needed or required.**

**PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:**

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Doug Diroff**

District Director: .....

Rules Committee Action: 7-0 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 47 Yes 0 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-46

SUBJECT: **Adult Classifications**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI. & VII** PAGE NO. 39 & 40

### Current Rule Reads:

#### VI. Adult Classifications

##### A. Adult USA Checking.

1. Open to all U.S. citizens; non-U.S. residents are eligible on a limited basis. Excludes players that have participated during the current season at any elite professional level (NHL, AHL, and European) or on an NCAA Division I and/or III team. Players that have participated in the following leagues before November 30 of the current season are eligible on a limited basis: (ECHL, CHL, IHL, UHL, SPHL, AAHA, and any Major Junior (other leagues may apply). Players that participated during the current season at any level of the ACHA (American Collegiate Hockey Association) are eligible for this classification. All players must be 18 years of age or older by December 31 of the current season. However, only 25% of an Adult U.S. registered team may be under the age of 20 unless approved by the Vice President, Adult Council Chair.

##### B. Adult Non-Checking.

1. Unrestricted as to citizenship, and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. National championship rosters are limited as to: Exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional player or on an NCAA (Div. I, II, or III) or junior college, or college club team. Players shall be 18 years of age or older. .

2. Classifications include: 30 and Over, 40 and over, 50 and over, 60 and over, 65 and over, & 70 and over.

#### VII. Adult Women's Classifications

##### A. Adult Women's Recreational B.

1. Unrestricted as to citizenship. All players shall be 18 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season. International/Canadian transfer forms or resident documentation is not required for these classifications.

##### B. Adult Women's Recreational B, 30 and Over, 40 and over, & 50 and over.

1. Exception: Goalkeepers (2) may be 25 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season. Under direction of the Adult Council, these requirements may be modified for a specific year. .

##### C. Women Sr. – A, B & C 18 & Over.

1. All players must be 18 years of age or older. Under special circumstances, players may submit a written request prior to December 31st of the current playing year for a waiver to the Girls'/Women's Committee to play in this classification in accordance with registration guidelines. Restricted to legal U.S. residents. Unrestricted to citizenship. Limited to amateurs. A person who is a citizen of another country shall be considered eligible if she is a full time resident of Michigan and holds an Alien Registration Receipt Card (#I-151 or #I-551) or is a foreign exchange student from outside of the United States and holding an I-94 Card. Foreign exchange students must be a full time student, included within a recognized foreign exchange program before she came to the United States and is enrolled as a full time student in a regular course of instruction for her age group, as determined by the educational institution that she attends, on condition that the player shall request a transfer to a USA Hockey member team. Foreign players, who are legal residents of the United States, according to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, also are eligible. Proper I-94 cards and transfers must be provided.

2. Release. A release from the player's home country team/Association authorizing the player to compete for the USA Hockey member team; and.
3. IIHF/Canadian Transfer - a Canadian transfer form must be completed for all non-citizen female players age 18 and over and approved by USA Hockey .

### Revise As Follows:

#### VI. Adult Classifications (Men's and Women's)

##### A. Adult USA Checking.

1. Open to all U.S. citizens; non-U.S. residents are eligible on a limited basis. Excludes players that have participated during the current season at any elite professional level (NHL, AHL, and European) or on an NCAA Division I and/or III team. Players that have participated in the following leagues before November 30 of the current season are eligible on a limited basis: (ECHL, CHL, IHL, UHL, SPHL, AAHA, and any Major Junior (other leagues may apply). Players that participated during the current season at any level of the ACHA (American Collegiate Hockey Association) are eligible for this classification. All players must be 18 years of age or older by December 31 of the current season. However, only 25% of an Adult U.S. registered team may be under the age of 20 unless approved by the Vice President, Adult Council Chair. **No games are allowed without an approved roster.**

##### B. Adult Non-Checking (Men's or Women's)

1. Unrestricted as to citizenship, ~~and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. National championship rosters are limited as to: Exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional player or on an NCAA (Div. I, II, or III) or junior college, or college club team.~~ Players shall be 18 years of age or older.
2. Classifications include: 18 and over, 30 and over.

#### ~~VII. Adult Women's Classifications~~

##### ~~A. Adult Women's Recreational B.~~

- ~~1. Unrestricted as to citizenship. All players shall be 18 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season. International/Canadian transfer forms or resident documentation is not required for these classifications.~~

##### ~~B. Adult Women's Recreational B, 30 and Over, 40 and over, & 50 and over.~~

- ~~1. Exception: Goalkeepers (2) may be 25 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season. Under direction of the Adult Council, these requirements may be modified for a specific year.~~

##### ~~C. Women Sr. A, B & C 18 & Over.~~

- ~~1. All players must be 18 years of age or older. Under special circumstances, players may submit a written request prior to December 31st of the current playing year for a waiver to the Girls'/Women's Committee to play in this classification in accordance with registration guidelines. Restricted to legal U.S. residents. Unrestricted to citizenship. Limited to amateurs. A person who is a citizen of another country shall be considered eligible if she is a full time resident of Michigan and holds an Alien Registration Receipt Card (#1-151 or #1-551) or is a foreign exchange student from outside of the United States and holding an I-94 Card. Foreign exchange students must be a full time student, included within a recognized foreign exchange program before she came to the United States and is enrolled as a full time student in a regular course of instruction for her age group, as determined by the educational institution that she attends, on condition that the player shall request a transfer to a USA Hockey member team. Foreign players, who are legal residents of the United States, according to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, also are eligible. Proper I-94 cards and transfers must be provided.~~
- ~~2. Release. A release from the player's home country team/Association authorizing the player to compete for the USA Hockey member team; and.~~
- ~~3. IIHF/Canadian Transfer - a Canadian transfer form must be completed for all non-citizen female players age 18 and over and approved by USA Hockey.~~

**Effective Date of Rule: *Immediately***

**Reason For Change: *To ensure that all players are appropriately covered by USA Hockey prior to playing in checking game. Adjust classifications to match USA Hockey and current practice.***

**PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:**

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: Doug Diroff, Jean Laxton and Bob Yohe

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: 7-0 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 41 Yes 3 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-47

SUBJECT: XVI: Sanctioned tournaments

☒ MAHA

☐ USA

☐ CHANGE

☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. XVI.11

PAGE NO. 51

Current Rule Reads:

11. For tournaments, the number of games played by any player or team on one day shall not be more than two with a minimum of four hours between the finish of the first game and the start of the second and twelve hours between games played on consecutive days. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a two-year suspension of the tournament director. Any violations shall be reported to the 52 Executive Committee for further action. Excludes Adult & Senior Women's sanctioned tournaments.

Revise As Follows:

11. For tournaments, the number of games played by any player or team on one day shall not be more than two with a minimum of four hours between the finish of the first game and the start of the second and twelve hours between games played on consecutive days. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a two-year suspension of the tournament director. Any violations shall be reported to the 52 Executive Committee for further action. Excludes Adult & Senior Women's sanctioned tournaments.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediately**

Reason For Change: **Bring in line with changes to adults to include women's divisions.**

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Doug Diroff**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **45 Yes 1 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-48

SUBJECT: Mini Mite,Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam & Midget Reference

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. IVA5b,c,dB1,2C1,2,3E,XIVci PAGE NO. 28,30,31,33,50

Current Rule Reads:

Mini Mite,Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam & Midget Reference

Revise As Follows:

Remove all references to Mini Mite, Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam & Midget Reference

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: In-line with USA Hockey

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Dan Pozdol**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: 6-1 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 32 Yes 14 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-49

SUBJECT: **Abuse Prevention Committee**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XIII 1,5a,8**

PAGE NO. **47,48,49**

Current Rule Reads:

Abuse Prevention Committee  
The Vice President of Abuse

Revise As Follows:

SafeSport and S.T.A.R. Hockey Program Committee  
Vice-President of Discipline

Effective Date of Rule: When bylaws go into effect

Reason For Change: Reflect bylaw changes.

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Dan Pozdol**

District Director: .....

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **45 Yes 0 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-50

SUBJECT: **Adult Women's Classification**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VII C1**

PAGE NO. **40**

Current Rule Reads:

Girls'/Women's Committee

Revise As Follows:

Adult Committee

Effective Date of Rule: When bylaws go into effect

Reason For Change: Reflect the changes to the bylaws

### PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Dan Pozdol**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **44 yes 1 No move forward**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

2023/24-51

SUBJECT: **Match Penalty Coordinator**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☒ CHANGE ☐ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X11, 1 and 4** PAGE NO. **46**

Current Rule Reads:

1. Hearings on all matters of suspension shall be conducted in the District in which the penalized player, coach, or team official was registered on the date the penalty was called. Upon receipt of notification of an incident involving possible or automatic suspension under these Rules or the USA Hockey playing rules for match penalties, a hearing shall be held in accordance with the rules of USA Hockey Bylaw 10 regarding suspensions and appeals. The Presiding Officer shall have the authority to appoint a temporary third member in the event of the unavailability of any member of the District Council. For the purposes of this Paragraph all "amateur hockey activities" shall include coaching, playing, refereeing and off-ice officiating at games or practices.

4. A player or team official receiving a match penalty is automatically suspended from all amateur hockey activities until a hearing is held by the District Council.

Revise As Follows:

1. Hearings on all matters of suspension **may** be conducted in the District **or by the Match Penalty Coordinator** in which the penalized player, coach, or team official was registered on the date the penalty was called. Upon receipt of notification of an incident involving possible or automatic suspension under these Rules or the USA Hockey playing rules for match penalties, a hearing shall be held in accordance with the rules of USA Hockey Bylaw 10 regarding suspensions and appeals. The Presiding Officer shall have the authority to appoint a temporary third member in the event of the unavailability of any member of the District Council. For the purposes of this Paragraph all "amateur hockey activities" shall include coaching, playing, refereeing and off-ice officiating at games or practices.

4. A player or team official receiving a match penalty is automatically suspended from all amateur hockey activities until a hearing is held by the District Council **or Match Penalty Coordinator**.

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately

Reason For Change: Add position in the rules

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Dan Pozdol**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: 7-0 move forward

MAHA Directors Action: 45 Yes 1 No move forward

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

202/24-52

SUBJECT: **Disciplinary Action – Base Suspension**

☒ MAHA ☐ USA ☐ CHANGE ☒ NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XII.18** PAGE NO. **47**

Current Rule Reads:

Revise As Follows:

Unless otherwise stated in these rules, a minimum 30-day suspension is recommended to for anyone who is found in violation of the MAHA rules as outlined in its annual guidebook.

Effective Date of Rule: **Immediate**

Reason For Change: To set a base recommendation for any rule violation that does not have a clearly defined suspension.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Joe Barone**

District Director: **VP of Youth**

Rules Committee Action: **7-0 move forward**

MAHA Directors Action: **41 Yes 5 No move forward as amended**

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# Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

**SUBJECT: 10U-18U (Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget Classification) Tier III Category and B & BB Division**

☒ MAHA      ☐ USA      ☒ CHANGE      ☐ NEW RULE

RULES NO. IV.D. 1-13

PAGE NO. 31, 32 & 33

Current Rule Reads:

**D. 10U - 18U (Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Classification) Tier III Category and B & BB Division.**

1. The Tier III category is a recreational level of hockey in Michigan. Teams in this category include teams which plays in a declared Tier III league or any team playing an independent schedule, registered as a Tier III team. The recognized Youth classifications shall be the Youth 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age classifications. (or Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget) The category will be Tier III and the Division will be B or BB (18U only). Teams in this classification are eligible for MAHA State playoffs and must meet all requirements to be eligible for MAHA State playoffs.
2. **May have no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered; except for the 16U & 18U (Midget classification), which may have no more than six (6) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered.**
3. **Michigan resident players of any age classification are permitted to play for an Association/Club that has the rink closet to their residence, based on the shortest distance by roads calculated by Google Maps, and will not be counted as an out of District player if it is beyond District boundaries. Player residence documentation must be provided at the time of team registration with MAHA/USA Hockey and approval received from both the respective districts.**
4. In the 16U (Midget 15/16 classification), no players from the 18U (Midget 17/18) classification are allowed.
5. **To remain eligible for District and States Playoffs, teams may not play more than 30% of their games against teams in higher classifications.**
6. **Teams shall have no more second year players (players in their last year of eligibility in an age classification) than are listed on the team make-up formula below: (does not apply to 16U (Midget 15/16 classification).**
  - (a) **Teams that do not qualify for District Playoffs, due to an unavoidable lack of first- or second-year players being available, may apply to their District Council and the State Playoff Committee for exception.**

# of Players	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
Max. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year:	13	12	11	10	10	9	9	8	8	7	6

7. Tier III Category and B & BB Division are teams with players chosen through an open draft. To qualify for District and State Playoffs, teams in the B or BB classification must adhere to the following draft system:



8. Association draft rules must be submitted to the District Council Chairperson by August 15th of the current season. These rules must detail how B or BB teams are to be formed within the Association. The District Council shall determine if Association draft rules conform to the requirements contained herein.
  - (a) Each team may protect a maximum of one (1) player prior to the start of the player draft.
  - (b) Parental requests pertaining to not playing for a specific coach, for transportation reasons or twin sibling reason must be submitted in writing by the parent(s) to the Association prior to the draft. These requests may or may not be honored based on the Association's draft rules, but all requests must be administered on a consistent basis.
  - (c) The Association must continue drafting until all available players are drafted to teams.
  - (d) Associations with single entry B or BB teams must certify in writing that said players were taken on a first come basis. The formation of single-entry teams must be certified valid by their respective District Council.
    - i. Associations that did not have a team or fielded a single-entry team in this division the previous regular season must provide evidence of open draft skates and/or registration. This shall be done by publishing the dates and times on a MAHA District website, or in a local newspaper or routine hockey publications at least two weeks prior to the first draft skate. A copy of this must be submitted to the District Chair prior to the draft skate and/or registration.
  - (e) Dates, times, and locations of all Association drafts shall be submitted to the District Council Chairperson a minimum of two weeks prior to the draft. The draft shall be monitored by a member of the District Council or Officer of the MAHA.
  - (f) All **teams** playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum number of games per season. (Rule III,A,e).
9. Within a single Association, in the 12U (Pee Wee), 14U (Bantam), 16U (Midget) B and 18U Midget BB classifications only, goalies are allowed to participate on more than one team in the same classification or one age classification higher under the following conditions:
  - (a) at the draft, there are not enough goalies to draft one per team.
  - (b) or there is a severe injury to the only goalie on a team.
  - (c) or the only goalie on the team is lost to a high school team.
  - (d) This only applies to players registering and playing in the B & BB classification. Using an A or AA goalie from a lower age classification is not allowed.
  - (e) For District/State eligibility, individual goalie game counts can be waived by submitting an individual exception request to the State Playoff Committee.
10. A team may pick up a substitute goalie from within its own Association or District if it does not already have a spare goalie registered. The substitute goalie must be registered in the current season on a team of equal or lower age classification and equal or lower team classification category/division.
  - (a) A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in the case of an injury to the regular goalie. If a team elects this method for a substitute goalie, the team may have only nineteen (19) players registered at any time so as not to exceed the maximum number of players allowed.

11. Tier III Category and B & BB Division players are allowed to dual roster and participate on Tournament Teams for tournaments if they meet to following criteria:
  - (a) Teams can be created, not to exceed 20 players (18 skaters and 2 goalies), all players must be currently on a regular season House/Rec. approved roster.
  - (b) Tournament teams must provide a USA Hockey 1T roster and all necessary paperwork to an Associate Registrar for certification 72 hours before first scheduled game.
  - (c) Team must turn in the completed MAHA Pilot Program Roster Form along with copies of the current rosters the players are on. Regular season coaches must give approval for participation on the form.
  - (d) If players and Coaches are not on a current roster, they must meet all the requirements to be placed on the roster.
  - (e) Tournament teams would be designated A or AA teams depending on the age level of the players. (Teams with the majority of the player's ages being in the first year of that division would be allowed to participate in the A division if they choose. Teams with the majority of the players ages being in the second year of that division would be designated AA).
  - (f) These players will continue to participate as a member of their teams remembering a player cannot play more than two games in any single day. Regular season and Tournament Teams cannot participate in the same tournament.
  - (g) Failure to follow the above rules will subject the tournament team head coach to MAHA disciplinary action.
  - (h) Tournament teams are not eligible for MAHA District competition.
12. All (B) and (BB) teams needing a ruling or exception to make the team eligible to play in leagues, tournaments, Districts, and States must submit their requests (through their District Councils first) to the State Playoff Committee for disposition. Teams requesting an exception may participate until the State playoff committee has made its decision.
13. Each Association and team must notify their District Council in writing of their intent to enter the State Playoffs no later than November 1.

Revise As Follows:

**D. 10U - 18U Tier III Category and B & BB Division.**

1. The Tier III category is a recreational **travel** level of hockey in Michigan **determined by a draft**. Teams in this category include teams which plays in a declared Tier III league or any team playing an independent schedule, registered as a Tier III team. The recognized Youth classifications shall be the Youth 10U, 12U, 14U, 16UB and 18UBB age classifications. The category will be Tier III and the Division will be B or BB (18U



only). Teams in this classification are eligible for MAHA State playoffs and must meet all requirements to be eligible for MAHA State playoffs.

2. To remain eligible for District and States Playoffs, teams may not play more than 30% of their games against teams in a higher **category and or** classifications.
3. Tier III Category and B & BB Division are teams with players chosen through an open draft. To qualify for District and State Playoffs, teams in the B or BB classification must adhere to the following draft system:
  - 4 Association draft rules must be submitted to the District Council Chairperson by August 15th of the current season. These rules must detail how B or BB teams are to be formed within the Association. The District Council shall determine if Association draft rules conform to the requirements contained herein.
    - (g) Each team may protect a maximum of one (1) player prior to the start of the player draft.
    - (h) Parental requests pertaining to not playing for a specific coach, for transportation reasons or twin sibling reason must be submitted in writing by the parent(s) to the Association prior to the draft. These requests may or may not be honored based on the Association's draft rules, but all requests must be administered on a consistent basis.
    - (i) The Association must continue drafting until all available players are drafted to teams.
    - (j) Associations with single entry B or BB teams must certify in writing that said players were taken on a first come basis. The formation of single-entry teams must be certified valid by their respective District Council.
      - ii. Associations that did not have a team or fielded a single-entry team in this division the previous regular season must provide evidence of open draft skates and/or registration. This shall be done by publishing the dates and times on a MAHA District website, or in a local newspaper or routine hockey publications at least two weeks prior to the first draft skate. A copy of this must be submitted to the District Chair prior to the draft skate and/or registration.
    - (k) Dates, times, and locations of all Association drafts shall be submitted to the District Council Chairperson a minimum of two weeks prior to the draft. The draft shall be monitored by a member of the District Council or Officer of the MAHA.
    - (l) All **teams** playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum number of games per season. (Rule III,A,e).
    - (m) Within a single Association, in the 12U,14U,16UB, and 18UBB classifications only, goalies are allowed to participate on more than one team in the same classification or one age classification higher.
  - 5 A team may pick up a substitute goalie from within its own District if it does not already have a spare goalie registered. The substitute goalie must be registered in the current season on a team of equal or lower age classification and equal or lower team classification category/division.
    - (a) A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in the case of an **injury or illness** to the regular goalie
  - 6 Tier III Category and B & BB Division players are allowed to dual roster and participate on Tournament Teams for tournaments if they meet to following criteria:
    - (i) Teams can be created, not to exceed 20 players (18 skaters and 2 goalies), all players must be currently on a regular season House/Rec. approved roster.



- (j) Tournament teams must provide a USA Hockey 1T roster and all necessary paperwork to an Associate Registrar for certification 72 hours before first scheduled game.
  - (k) Team must turn in the completed MAHA Pilot Program Roster Form along with copies of the current rosters the players are on. Regular season coaches must give approval for participation on the form.
  - (l) If players and Coaches are not on a current roster, they must meet all the requirements to be placed on the roster.
  - (m) Tournament teams would be designated A or AA teams depending on the age level of the players. (Teams with the majority of the player's ages being in the first year of that division would be allowed to participate in the A division if they choose. Teams with the majority of the players ages being in the second year of that division would be designated AA).
  - (n) These players will continue to participate as a member of their teams remembering a player cannot play more than two games in any single day. Regular season and Tournament Teams cannot participate in the same tournament.
  - (o) Failure to follow the above rules will subject the tournament team head coach to MAHA disciplinary action.
  - (p) Tournament teams are not eligible for MAHA District competition.
14. All (B) and (BB) teams needing a ruling or exception to make the team eligible to play in leagues, tournaments, Districts, and States must submit their requests (through their District Councils first) to the State Playoff Committee for disposition. Teams requesting an exception may participate until the State playoff committee has made its decision.
15. Each Association and team must notify their District Council in writing of their intent to enter the State Playoffs no later than November 1. **16u and 18uBB must notify their District Council in writing of their intent to enter the State Playoffs no later than December 15**

Effective Date of Rule: 2024-2025 season

Reason For Change: simplify Tier III Hockey

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

District Director:

Rules Committee Action: **5-2** move forward

MAHA Directors Action: **43 Y 3 N** back to Task Force

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