



7/12/2025

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2025-2026 Tier 1 Youth MAHA Home/Away Game Series: Rules and Procedures:

Information

- Complete game schedules for all teams must be emailed to the MAHA Vice-President for Youth by September 15, 2025 by the organizations. It is strongly recommended to not schedule games on the last possible date, as unforeseen occurrences could trigger the game not played penalties. There shall be a \$500 fine per team [monies to be donated to the MAHA Scholarship Fund] if the MAHA Vice-President for Youth adjudges that a reasonable effort was not made to provide the game schedules by the due date.
- Schedules/standings will be posted on the MAHA website.
- Critical dates are shown in Table 1.
- If a team does not have its' home and away game scores entered by the designated deadline, the head coach is suspended for the first game of the State Tournament. Teams then have until 5:00 pm on the designated date to review and correct any errors/incorrect scores or missing scores. Teams/Organizations can work amongst themselves to correct any error. If the issue cannot be resolved among the parties, it must be reported to the MAHA Vice-President for Youth by 5:00 pm on the designated date for resolution. Once the deadline passes, no further discrepancies will be addressed and these standings will be used to seed State tournament play.
- If a game(s) is not played, the head coach refusing to play is suspended for the State Tournament. The not played game(s) is considered a forfeit and a 1-0 victory for the other team and counts as a game played for both teams.
- Once the schedule has been submitted to the MAHA Vice-President for Youth, game changes should only be made for extraordinary circumstances. Both head coaches must agree in advance to a schedule change. For example, a team's best player not available to play on the scheduled day/time is not an extraordinary circumstance. For example, ice being pulled by the host team arena is an extraordinary circumstance. If the head coaches agree to re-schedule, the new day and time must be agreed upon before the decision is made to reschedule. Confirmation of the agreed adjustment must be sent to each respective association/club hockey director and the MAHA Vice-President for Youth.
- GameSheet is mandatory for all games in this series. Scoring is required during the game using an iPad. No paper score sheets are allowed. Continued violation of not using an iPad to score games real time will result in disciplinary action enacted by the MAHA Vice-President for Youth.
- Each team shall have both a "home" jersey based primarily upon a light color and a darker "away" jersey based primarily upon their organization's colors. The home team in all games shall wear their lighter-colored home jerseys and the visiting team shall wear their darker-colored away jerseys. However, if the referees determine that it is difficult to distinguish one team from the other based on these jerseys, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to change jerseys.

Games Required

- 18U teams will play each team three (3) times during the course of the season. Each team will play one home and one away game against each team: 16 games. And the third game adds eight (8) more games for 24 total games. Teams split the cost of the third game equally; except for those games played in a MAHA Showcases.
- 16 Only, 15 Only, and 14U teams will play each team three (3) times during the course of the season. Each team will play one home and one away game against each team: 14 games. And the third game adds seven (7) more games for 21 total games. Teams split the cost of the third game equally; except for those games played in a MAHA Showcases.
- 130, 12U, 11U, and 10U teams will play a total of 14 games. Each team will play a home and away game with each of the other MAHA teams: 14 games.

Third Game Home and Away Designation

Shaded games to be played at the MAHA Showcases

18U 3rd game

18U 3rd game (costs to be split equally between the two teams playing)								
(costs for the showcase games are paid separately)						Legend:	September	December
Belle Tire	Biggby	Compuware	Fox Motors	Honeybaked	Little Caesars	Oakland Jr Gr	Soo	Victory Honda
OJG @ BT	BT @ Biggby	BT @ CYH	Fox @ BT	BT @ HB	BT @ LC	OJG @ BT	Soo @ BT	VH @ BT
VH @ BT	OJG @ Biggby	OJG @ CYH	Fox @ OJG	OJG @ HB	LC @ OJG	VH @ OJG	Soo @ OJG	VH @ OJG
Soo @ BT	VH @ Biggby	Biggby @ CYH	Biggby @ Fox	Biggby @ HB	Biggby @ LC	Soo @ OJG	Soo @ Biggby	VH @ Biggby
Fox @ BT	Soo @ Biggby	CYH @ VH	Fox @ VH	HB @ VH	VH @ LC	Fox @ OJG	Soo @ VH	CYH @ VH
BT @ Biggby	Biggby @ CYH	CYH @ Soo	CYH @ Fox	CYH @ HB	LC @ CYH	OJG @ Biggby	CYH @ Soo	Soo @ VH
BT @ CYH	Biggby @ HB	CYH @ HB	Fox @ Soo	HB @ Soo	LC @ Soo	OJG @ CYH	HB @ Soo	HB @ VH
BT @ HB	Biggby @ Fox	CYH @ Fox	HB @ Fox	HB @ Fox	HB @ LC	OJG @ HB	Fox @ Soo	Fox @ VH
BT @ LC	Biggby @ LC	LC @ CYH	LC @ Fox	HB @ LC	LC @ Fox	LC @ OJG	LC @ Soo	VH @ LC
guest @ BT	guest @ Biggby		guest @ Fox	guest @ HB	guest at LC			guest @ VH

160 3rd game

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160 3rd game (costs to be split equally between the two teams playing)

(costs for the showcase games are paid separately)

					Legend:	September	December
Belle Tire	Biggby Coffee	Compuware	Fox Motors	Honeybaked	Little Caesars	Oakland Jr Gr	Victory Honda
Biggby @ BT	CYH @ Biggby	CYH @ Biggby	Biggby @ Fox	HB @ Biggby	LC @ Biggby	OJG @ Biggby	Biggby @ VH
CYH @ BT	HB @ Biggby	HB @ CYH	CYH @ Fox	HB @ CYH	LC @ CYH	OJG @ CYH	CYH @ VH
Fox @ BT	LC @ Biggby	LC @ CYH	HB @ Fox	HB @ Fox	LC @ Fox	Fox @ OJG	Fox @ VH
BT @ HB	OJG @ Biggby	OJG @ CYH	LC @ Fox	BT @ HB	LC @ HB	OJG @ HB	VH @ HB
BT @ LC	Biggby @ Fox	CYH @ Fox	Fox @ BT	LC @ HB	BT @ LC	BT @ OJG	BT @ VH
BT @ VH	Biggby @ BT	CYH @ BT	Fox @ VH	VH @ HB	VH @ LC	OJG vs LC	VH @ LC
BT @ OJG	Biggby @ VH	CYH @ VH	Fox @ OJG	OJG @ HB	OJG vs LC	VH @ OJG	VH @ OJG

150 3rd game

150 3rd game (costs to be split equally between the two teams playing)

(costs for the showcase games are paid separately)

					Legend:	September	December
Belle Tire	Biggby Coffee	Compuware	Fox Motors	Honeybaked	Little Caesars	Oakland Jr Gr	Victory Honda
BT @ VH	VH @ Biggby	VH @ CYH	Fox @ VH	HB @ VH	LC @ VH	VH @ OJG	VH @ OJG
BT @ OJG	OJG @ Biggby	OJG @ CYH	Fox @ OJG	OJG @ HB	OJG @ LC	Fox @ OJG	Fox @ VH
BT @ CYH	CYH @ Biggby	Fox @ CYH	Fox @ CYH	CYH @ HB	CYH @ LC	BT @ OJG	BT @ VH
Fox @ BT	Biggby @ Fox	BT @ CYH	HB @ Fox	HB @ Fox	LC @ Fox	OJG @ LC	LC @ VH
HB @ BT	HB @ Biggby	CYH @ HB	Fox @ BT	HB @ BT	LC @ HB	OJG @ CYH	VH @ CYH
Biggby @ BT	Biggby @ BT	CYH @ Biggby	Biggby @ Fox	HB @ Biggby	BT @ LC	OJG @ HB	HB @ VH
BT @ LC	Biggby @ LC	CYH @ LC	LC @ Fox	LC @ HB	Biggby @ LC	OJG @ Biggby	VH @ Biggby

14U 3rd game

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14U 3rd game (costs to be split equally between the two teams playing)

(costs for the showcase games are paid separately)

Legend:

September

December

Belle Tire	Biggby Coffee	Compuware	Fox Motors	Honeybaked	Little Caesars	Oakland Jr Gr	Victory Honda
BT @ OJG	OJG @ Biggby	CYH @ OJG	Fox @ OJG	HB @ OJG	OJG @ LC	Fox @ OJG	OJG @ VH
BT @ Fox	Fox @ Biggby	CYH @ Fox	Fox @ HB	Fox @ HB	LC @ Fox	HB @ OJG	VH @ Fox
Biggby @ BT	HB @ Biggby	Biggby @ CYH	CYH @ Fox	HB @ Biggby	Biggby @ LC	CYH @ OJG	Biggby @ VH
BT @ HB	Biggby @ CYH	CYH @ HB	BT @ Fox	LC @ HB	LC @ HB	BT @ OJG	HB @ VH
LC @ BT	Biggby @ LC	LC @ CYH	Fox @ Biggby	CYH @ HB	LC @ CYH	OJG @ Biggby	VH @ LC
CYH @ BT	Biggby @ VH	VH @ CYH	LC @ Fox	HB @ VH	VH @ LC	OJG @ LC	VH @ CYH
VH @ BT	Biggby @ BT	CYH @ BT	VH @ Fox	BT @ HB	LC @ BT	OJG @ VH	VH @ BT

Game Rules

- See Table 2 for: ice block length, warm up length, period length, ice resurfacing requirements, overtime procedures/details, referee system, time out details, curfew clock requirements, and mercy rule.
If there is a six goal differential in the 3rd period, the game must go to run time (not optional).
In the third period if the goal differential is 15, the game will conclude (not an option to continue).
- If a league game between two MAHA teams is to be used as part of the MAHA Home/Away Series, the league rules will govern play.
- Tournament games cannot be used to meet these game requirements.
- If a home team fails to follow the game rules, the game can be protested by the away team and the game replayed on the away team's ice with all the costs being borne by the original home team. The MAHA Vice-President for Youth has sole discretionary authority. It is understood that in all cases it may not be possible to follow the game rules, but these should be extraordinary circumstances and so noted by the referees on the score sheet and signed by both head coaches (i.e.: 3 referees scheduled and only 2 show up; acts of god that may shorten the ice block; injury to players where emergency services are called and the ice block is curfewed; etc.)
- If there is to be any deviation from the game rules, both coaches must record the deviation on the score sheet prior to the game and sign the scoresheet prior to the game.

Standings

- For the standings in the 18U/160/150 age divisions: three (3) points will be awarded for a win in regulation time, two (2) points for a win in overtime or shootout, one (1) point for a loss in overtime or shootout, and zero (0) points for a loss in regulation.
All other age divisions without overtime will have two (2) points for a win, zero (0) points for a loss and one (1) point for a tie.
- The tie-breaking rules defined in the current USA Hockey “District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook” will be used to break all standing ties.

States

- At 18U the top eight (8) teams based on the standings will qualify for the State Championship tournament.
- In all AAA divisions, the highest seed as determined from the MAHA Home/Away Series standings will be the home team in the State Championship tournament, regardless of round.

Table 1: 2025-2026 SEASON CRITICAL DATES

2025-2026 SEASON MAHA HOME/AWAY GAME SERIES CRITICAL DATES				7/12/2025
[1] Dates shown for the MAHA State Championships to be confirmed by the MAHA State Playoff Committee [a] Or 8/1/2025 with both teams having an approved 2025-26 approved/stamped roster				
	18U	160	150	14U
First day games can be played	9/1/25 [a]	9/1/25 [a]	9/1/25 [a]	9/1/25 [a]
Game schedules due to the MAHA VP for Youth	9/15/25	9/15/25	9/15/25	9/15/25
Number of games to be played	24	21	21	21
All games must be completed and results posted to the MAHA website by 11:59pm	2/15/26	2/15/26	2/15/26	2/15/26
Scores due by 11:59pm to the MAHA website or the head coach sits the first game of the MAHA State Championships	2/15/26	2/15/26	2/15/26	2/15/26
<i>If a game is not played, the head coach of the team refusing to play sits the MAHA State Championships</i>	2/15/26	2/15/26	2/15/26	2/15/26
Score review complete 5:00 pm (correct any errors/incorrect scores)	2/16/26	2/16/26	2/16/26	2/16/26
Appeals due to the MAHA VP for Youth on scores by 5:00 pm	2/17/26	2/17/26	2/17/26	2/17/26
Standings on the MAHA website used to determine seeding for the MAHA State Championships	2/18/26	2/18/26	2/18/26	2/18/26
First round of MAHA State Championships begin [1]	2/25/26 W	2/25/26 W	2/25/26 W	2/25/26 W
MAHA State Championships [1]	Mar 6-8/26 F/Sa/Sun	Mar 7-9/25 F/Sa/Sun	Mar 7-9/25 F/Sa/Sun	Mar 7-9/25 F/Sa/Sun
USA Hockey Nationals begin	3/24/26 NV	3/24/26 WI	3/24/26 WI	3/34/26 MI
	130	12U	11U	10U
First day games can be played	9/1/25 [a]	9/1/25	9/1/25	9/1/25
Game schedules due to the MAHA VP for Youth	9/15/25	9/15/25	9/15/25	9/15/25
Number of games to be played	14	14	14	14
Quebec 12U 2025	--	Feb 11-22/26	--	--
All games must be completed and results posted to the MAHA website by 11:59pm	2/15/26	3/2/26	3/2/26	3/2/26
Scores due by 11:59pm to the MAHA website or the head coach sits the first game of the MAHA State Championships	2/15/26	3/2/26	3/2/26	3/2/26
<i>If a game is not played, the head coach of the team refusing to play sits the MAHA State Championships</i>	2/15/26	3/2/26	3/2/26	3/2/26
Score review complete 5:00 pm (correct any errors/incorrect scores)	2/16/26	3/3/26	3/3/26	3/3/26
Appeals due to the MAHA VP for Youth on scores by 5:00 pm	2/17/26	3/4/26	3/4/26	3/4/26
Standings on the MAHA website used to determine seeding for the MAHA State Championships	2/18/26	3/5/26	3/5/26	3/5/26
First round of MAHA State Championships begin [1]	2/25/26 W	--	--	--
MAHA State Championships [1]	Mar 6-8/26 F/Sa/Sun	Mar 12-15/26 Th to Sun	Mar 12-15/26 Th to Sun	Mar 12-15/26 Th to Sun
USA Hockey Nationals begin	3/24/26 MI	none	none	none

Table 2: SUMMARY OF GAME RULES

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