

**RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS
from the
MAHA GUIDEBOOK REORGANIZATION
COMMITTEE**

This file includes (15) Rules Change Proposals that came about during the MAHA Guidebook Reorganization Committee meetings.

All of these proposals are in book number order in this file (existing book's numbers).

ALL OF THESE PROPOSALS ARE SHOWN IN BLUE IN THE REVISED GUIDEBOOK TEXT FILE.



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-1

SUBJECT: ELECTION ELIGIBILITY

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **Article Six B,1,d** PAGE NO. **14**

Current Rule Reads:

Candidates: (1) must have been a member in good standing of MAHA for a one year period prior to nomination;

Revise As Follows:

Candidates: (1) must have been a member in good standing of MAHA for a ~~one~~ **three** year period prior to nomination;

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

To be in line with all other positions.

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Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-2

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. Article Six C, 3, a, 2 PAGE NO. 14

Current Rule Reads:

Candidates: (a) to any office of the Executive Committee must be current or former Directors or hold a current appointed USA HOCKEY position for a period of not less than five years; (b) must have been a member in good standing of MAHA for at least the three years previous to being nominated;

Revise As Follows:

Candidates: (a) to any office of the Executive Committee must be current or former Directors ~~or hold a current appointed USA HOCKEY position~~ for a period of not less than five years;

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Must have MAHA Directors experience to hold Executive Position (has "come up through the MAHA ranks")

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-3

SUBJECT: QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **By-Law 7, B.** PAGE NO. **18**

Current Rule Reads:

BY-LAW 7: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. Quorum

At least one-third of the Board of Directors shall be present to constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

Revise As Follows:

BY-LAW 7: MEETINGS OF THIS ASSOCIATION & ITS COMMITTEES

B. Quorum

At least ~~one-third~~ **a majority** of the Board of Directors shall be present to constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

Effective Date of Rule: 7/11/2010

Reason For Change:

In the "modern age" a quorum should be a majority of the board of directors. No need for lower amount due to modern travel/communications.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-4

SUBJECT: ELECTION ELIGIBILITY

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. BY-LAW 12 : CONFLICTS OF INTEREST PAGE NO. 19

Current Rule Reads:

None

Revise As Follows:

Conflicts of interest have the potential to cause legal problems as well as cause embarrassment for the MAHA. No MAHA Board of Director, Officer, member of a committee or any other person determined by the Board of Directors shall be interested directly or indirectly in any transaction with the MAHA that shall cause a substantial conflict of interest. A substantial conflict of interest is defined as an interest of a pecuniary nature or one of such substance as to induce action on his or her part to promote the transaction for his or her own personal benefit. The Executive Committee shall decide whether a conflict of interest exists.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

This definition is needed in the guidebook.

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Committee

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Steve Stapleton**

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-5

SUBJECT: **DIVISION DEFINITION AND RULES**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV, P** PAGE NO. 25

Current Rule Reads:

All teams needing a ruling or exception for their team eligibility, to make them a MAHA approved team, must submit their request (through their District Council first) to the respective State Playoff committee for disposition.

Revise As Follows:

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.

All Youth: Tier I (AAA), Tier II (AA), (A) and Girl's Tier I and Tier II teams not meeting the age and division classification rules are ineligible to play in leagues, tournaments, Districts, States and Nationals.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Associations must take all players signed up for their House draft. This may cause a problem in meeting the rules; *i.e. sliding scale, etc.*

Travel teams have a choice in player selection. There is not a need to violate the MAHA rules.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-6

SUBJECT: **Coaching Ethics Code**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI, F,1** PAGE NO. **28**

Current Rule Reads:

In order to be eligible to coach or instruct in any USA Hockey activities (practices, clinics, games, tournaments, tryouts, etc.), all coaches (head, assistant, and instructors) must sign the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code Agreement each hockey season. Signed Coaching Ethics Agreements must be submitted with other registration materials at the time a coach is registered as part of a team.

Revise As Follows:

In order to be eligible to coach or instruct in any USA Hockey activities (practices, clinics, games, tournaments, tryouts, etc.), all coaches (head, assistant, **and Student Coach and** instructors) must sign the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code Agreement each hockey season. Signed Coaching Ethics Agreements must be submitted with other registration materials at the time a coach is registered as part of a team.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Educating the new coaches with proper behavior form the start.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-7

SUBJECT: **X.** EXHIBITION GAMES & INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VIII, B, 2, b.** PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

This rule is not intended to prohibit controlled practice sessions between 'B' (house) division teams only, under the following circumstances: 1) an Association assigned split ice practice; 2) coaches are on the ice and using this as a teaching situation; 3) this takes place during the final portion of the practice session, not to exceed 15 minutes. This session does not count toward the maximum game count for the teams involved.

Revise As Follows:

This rule is not intended to prohibit controlled practice sessions **between 'B' (house) division teams in a single Association/Club** only, under the following circumstances: 1) an Association assigned split ice practice; 2) coaches are on the ice and using this as a teaching situation; 3) this takes place during the final portion of the practice session, not to exceed 15 minutes. This session does not count toward the maximum game count for the teams involved.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

To comply with the ADM and to allow for split ice between teams in the same Association/Club.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-8

SUBJECT: **GAMES BETWEEN ADULTS/WOMEN & YOUTH/GIRL'S TEAMS**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VIII,J** PAGE NO. **29**

Current Rule Reads:

A registered team in any of the Youth and/or Girl's classifications may not occupy the same ice surface with an Adult Men's team for the purpose of competitive play. Exceptions may be granted 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:

A **registered 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. Exceptions may be granted 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: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

So we do not have Adults occupying the same ice surface as youth teams.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-9

SUBJECT: **TIME BETWEEN GAMES**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **Rule VIII Game Requirements**

PAGE NO. **29**

Current Rule Reads:

Rule VIII Game Requirements – New Rule

Revise As Follows:

Rule VIII Game Requirements

K. 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. This rule will be waived if a team is competing in both League playoffs and District or State Playoffs on the same day. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a recommended six month suspension of the head coach.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Allow proper rest time for player recovery between games.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-10

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER: DISTRICTS/STATES**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XII, A, 1-3.** PAGE NO. **32**

Current Rule Reads:

XII. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

- A. Notification of intent to enter
 1. Each Association and independent team must notify their District Council in writing of their intent to enter the District Playoffs no later than December 1st.
 2. Each team in the Tier I classification must signify their intention of entering the State Playoffs no later than December 1st to the Chairman of the Youth State Playoff Committee.
 3. Girls'/Women's teams must signify their intention of entering the State Playoffs in writing no later than November 15th to the Vice President of Girls'/ Women's hockey.

Revise As Follows:

XII. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

- A. Notification of intent to enter
 1. Each Association and independent team must notify their District Council in writing of their intent to enter the District Playoffs no later than ~~December~~ **November 1st**.
 2. Each team in the Tier I classification must signify their intention of entering the State Playoffs no later than ~~December~~ **November 1st** to the Chairman of the ~~Youth~~ State Playoff Committee.
 3. Girls'/Women's teams must signify their intention of entering the State Playoffs in writing no later than **November 15th 1st** to the Vice President of Girls'/ Women's hockey.

Effective Date of Rule: 7/11/2010

Reason For Change:

Have intent to enter date prior to November State Playoff Meeting.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-11

SUBJECT: **DATE FOR COMPLETION OF DISTRICT PLAYOFFS**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **Rule XII, C.** PAGE NO. **32**

Current Rule Reads:

XII. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

C. Dates

District Playoffs must be completed by the last Sunday in February and notification of winners for each classification sent to the appropriate Vice President (Youth or Adult).

Revise As Follows:

XII. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

C. Dates

District Playoffs must be completed by the last **third** Sunday in February and notification of winners for each classification sent to the appropriate Vice President (Youth or Adult).

Effective Date of Rule: 7/11/2010

Reason For Change:

To give time between end of districts and start of states to determine runners up teams as needed.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-12

SUBJECT: **Substitute Goalie - District & State Playoffs**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XII F & XIII F** PAGE NO. **32 & 34**

Current Rule Reads:

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

Revise As Follows:

....The injured player must provide certified documentation of the injury from a licensed physician and contact information for that physician.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

To keep teams honest.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-13

SUBJECT: **Hearing Notification Procedure**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XVII,1,c** PAGE NO. **37**

Current Rule Reads:

Coach must report penalty, within 24 hours following the incident by phone to the District Council Chairperson where the player or team official is registered. The Coach shall also notify the Girls'/Women's Director of all matters of suspension which involve female players or the team officials of female teams. The Girls'/Women's Director shall be given the opportunity by the District Council to attend the hearing.

Revise As Follows:

Coach must report penalty, within 24 hours following the incident by phone to the District Council Chairperson where the player or team official is registered. ~~The Coach shall also notify the Girls'/Women's Director of all matters of suspension which involve female players or the team officials of female teams. The Girls'/Women's Director shall be given the opportunity by the District Council to attend the hearing.~~

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

No reason to contact. We do not contact Adult, Coaching or Youth V.P.'s

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-14

SUBJECT: **Tampering - Disciplinary Actions**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XVII, A,6** PAGE NO. **37**

Current Rule Reads:

No coach, manager, or other team official, connected with a registered team may directly or indirectly entice, influence or contact a player rostered on a registered team without the written approval of the coach and/or manager of that team. Violation of this rule will result in a recommended suspension of not less than one year.

Revise As Follows:

No coach, manager, **parent/guardian of a player**, or other team official connected with a ~~registered~~ **rostered** team may directly or indirectly entice, influence or contact a player **on another** rostered team without the written approval of the coach and/or manager of that team. Violation of this rule will result in a recommended suspension of not less than one year **to the head coach and/or other team official of the team in violation.**

Effective Date of Rule: July, 11 2010

Reason For Change:

Teams are using parents to tamper with players on other teams.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

GB-15

SUBJECT: ADULT DIVISIONS: HEARING LOCATIONS

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. XVII, A, 17. PAGE NO. 37

Current Rule Reads:

17. In the Adult Division, hearings on match penalties shall be conducted in the District in which the penalty was called. In all other Divisions, 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.

Revise As Follows:

17. ~~In the Adult Division, hearings on match penalties shall be conducted in the District in which the penalty was called.~~ In all ~~other~~ Divisions, hearings on all matters of suspension shall be conducted in the District in which the penalized player, coach, or team official was ~~registered~~ **rostered** on the date the penalty was called.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

To make hearing locations consistent for all divisions.

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