



December 17, 2009

THE FOLLOWING TWENTY-TWO (22) RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTING AT THE JANUARY, 2010 MAHA WINTER MEETING.

THESE PROPOSALS REQUIRE A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE AT THE WINTER MEETING TO BE SENT FORWARD TO THE MAHA SUMMER MEETING.

A TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE AT THE SUMMER MEETING IS REQUIRED FOR A PROPOSAL TO RECEIVE APPROVAL.

IN ADDITION, FIFTEEN RULES (15) CHANGE PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED BY THE GUIDEBOOK REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE AS A PART OF THEIR SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT. THESE PROPOSALS, SHOWN IN A SEPARATE FILE, REQUIRE THE SAME AFFIRMATIVE VOTE COUNTS AS SHOWN ABOVE TO BE MOVED FORWARD AND APPROVED.



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **District Directors**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **Article Six, A.2** PAGE NO. **13**

Current Rule Reads:

The number of Directors elected shall be as follows:

District #7: 4 Directors

District #8: 4 Directors

Revise As Follows:

The number of Directors elected shall be as follows:

District #7: 5 Directors

District #8: 5 Directors

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Both D7 and D 8 Directors must travel extended distances to conduct District business (i.e. Hearings, Meetings, Drafts, District Playoffs, etc...) and the responsibilities within the District have grown, making it difficult for only 4 Directors to adequately cover.

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: **Mike Corso – D7 and
Perry Wooden – D8**

District Director: **Mike Corso – D7
Perry Wooden – D8**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Definition of a Club Team or Independent Team**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II. C. 3.** PAGE NO. **20**

Current Rule Reads:

New Paragraph #3.

Revise As Follows:

II. DEFINITIONS

C. Definition of a Club Team or Independent Team

3. A Club Team or Independent Team must have a demographic large enough to support it.

Renumber current 3, 4, and 5 to 4, 5, and 6.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

With the USA Hockey ADM and stress for skill development this will discourage Independent / Club teams from starting in areas where there sufficient number of associations and/or existing Independents or Clubs to participate on. We need to have the correct players playing at each level/classification based on skills and not by just going out and forming new teams and/or clubs where sufficient opportunities already exist to participate. This would allow for the Districts upon receiving By Laws from Associations / Independents / Clubs to not grant them affiliate status based on the reason that the demographics in a District do not support it since there are more than ample places to participate.

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

Submitted by: **Sal Giacalone**

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
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4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

District Director: **MAHA Future Vision Comm.**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **DEFINITIONS – Club Team or Independent Team**

MAHA **USA** **CHANGE** **NEW RULE**

RULE NO. **II.C** PAGE NO. **8**

Current Rule Reads:

C. Definition of a Club Team or Independent Team.

A Club Team or Independent Team is a team in which its members are selected to participate and have no association affiliation. These teams are limited to participation only in an A, Tier 2 (AA), Tier 1 (AAA), Girls and high school classifications and must conform to the rules for their respective division/classification. JV Club or Varsity Club Teams must honor the geographic boundaries of selection of players to their respective school. ...

Revise As Follows:

C. Definition of a Club Team or Independent Team.

A Club Team or Independent Team is a team in which its members are selected to participate and have no association affiliation. These teams are limited to participation only in a ~~Tier 2 (AA)~~ Tier 1 (AAA), Girls and high school classifications and must conform to the rules for their respective division/classification. JV Club or Varsity Club Teams must honor the geographic boundaries of selection of players to their respective school. ...

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

There certainly has always been a need for hockey opportunities at the elite level of play in Michigan, which is an opportunity that is rightfully served by our Teir 1 (AAA) community.

However, allowing continued growth by Independent and/or Club teams to the detriment of our community based associations, merely to gain competitive advantage and to engage in recruiting rather than player development severely harms the best principles of loyalty to one's own community and friends. If teams wish to act like an elite level team then they should be forced to compete at the elite level.

In addition, virtually all responsibility for creating new growth and opportunities within youth hockey currently rests with the community based associations, their I-Programs as well as their C and B programs. This change will give C, B, A & AA hockey back to the community based associations where these programs have always belonged. On a fair and level playing field!

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Submitted by: **Keith Kloock**

District Director: **Doug Diroff – MAHA District 2**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE - MAHA or USA



SUBJECT: **DIVISION CLASSIFICATIONS: GIRLS**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV., I-H** PAGE NO. **22**

Current Rule Reads:

- I. Girls nineteen (19) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls nineteen (19) or under league.
- J. Girls fifteen (16) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls fifteen (15) or under league.
- K. Girl's fourteen (14) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls fourteen (14) or under league.
- L. Girls twelve (12) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls twelve (12) or under league.
- M. Girls ten (10) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls ten (10) or under league.
- N. Girls eight (8) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls eight (8) or under league.

Revise As Follows: Replaces Current Paragraphs I. through N.

- I. All Girl's teams will be assigned a Divisional Classification as listed below
 - 1. Tier 1 Girls 12U-19U
This level is the highest competitive classification for teams in the girl's classifications.
 - a. 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.
 - b. Teams participate within an in a Tier 1 MAHA/USA Hockey sanctioned league that may involve participation with similar teams from Michigan and from across the country.
 - c. Every association/club shall have the right to field teams in the Tier 1 classification.
 - d. Teams will enter the state tournament at the Tier 1 level only.
 - e. Teams may hold open try outs. Each association/organization may field no more than one team at each age level that can advance to a National Championship. No player shall be solicited nor shall the possibility of playing for a Tier 1 team be discussed with any player, prior to the conclusion of the USA Hockey National Tournaments except an existing Tier 1 player for the particular Tier 1 team and or Organization for which that player played during the existing season and then only by that Tier 1 Organization or team.
 - f. Teams can not have more than 3 out of state or import players (ex. 1 import+ 2 out of State=Max number allowed). Import player is an out of state player that lives in Michigan with a Michigan address whose parents have assigned guardianship to a family in Michigan. Import players must produce documentation from school/district they are attending.
 - g. Teams and players in this classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy-five(75) games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments.
 - h. Players can participate in only one age classification higher than player's actual birth year classification.
 - i. A team is only allowed two (2) players from a lower age classification that may participate on the team.
 - j. Teams shall be registered in the age classification in which they participate for league play.
 - 2. Tier 2 Competitive Girls 10U-19U
This level is the intermediate competitive classification and is intended to provide a uniform competitive experience for association based teams that are not able to compete at the Tier 1 classification.

- a. Teams participate in a MAHA/USA Hockey sanctioned travel league or register as Tier 2 Competitive.
 - b. These teams may enter the State Tournament at the Tier 2 level.
 - c. These teams hold open tryouts.
 - d. A second team from a Tier 1 Organization at any age level will be recognized as Tier 2 providing they do not in anyway give the appearance of being Tier 1 including tryouts.
 - e. A team can not have more than 3 out of state or import players (ex. 1 import+ 2 out of State=Max number allowed). Import player is an out of state player that lives in Michigan with a Michigan address whose parents have assigned guardianship to a family in Michigan. Import players must produce documentation from school/district they are attending.
 - f. All teams and players in this classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy-five(75) games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments.
 - g. Players can participate in only one age classification higher than player's actual birth year classification.
 - h. Teams shall be registered in the age classification in which they participate for league play.
3. Tier 2 House/Recreational Girls All age groups
This classification is a recreational Tier. It is intended as an introduction level for associations/clubs that are offering a girl's program in order to provide skill development in a recreational setting.
- a. These teams would be involved in a house/ recreational league comprised of teams in which the level of play is deemed house/ recreational.
 - b. If more than one team is formed within an association at any age a draft process shall be used to create fair and balanced teams as used in the youth classification.
 - c. Single entry teams must take players on a first come first serve basis.
 - d. Teams of a house/recreational classification may enter the State tournament (if applicable) at the house/ recreational level only.
 - e. Teams and players in this classification are restricted to a maximum of forty (40) games by February 1st.
 - f. Team shall be registered in the age classification in which they participate for any league play.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Creation of Classifications for Girls

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/Women Committee**

District Director: **Patty Madden**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **GIRLS PLAYER MOVEMENT**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV., O.** PAGE NO. **22**

Current Rule Reads:

NONE

Revise As Follows: **Re-number Existing Paragraphs O. & P.**

O. In the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Girls Classifications shown below, player movement will be allowed as follows:

- 1. Players can only move within their own organization/association.**
- 2. 14U may move to 16U. 16U may move to 19U. No Movement allowed prior to 14U.**
- 3. Players using the player movement will be allowed to move up and down a maximum of 10 games per winter season.**
- 4. Players moving up and down will not have a 72 hour waiting period, will not need to be released from one team and added to the other team they are moving to.**
- 5. Player movement will be allowed up to December 31 of the current playing season.**
- 6. Players exercising this option must include these games in their total number of games count (maximum of (75) games total per season for each player excluding nationals). Players exceeding this limit will be ineligible to participate in the MAHA State Tournament.**
- 7. For player movement tracking, the Vice-President of Girls/Women will be responsible for monitoring player movements. Teams will submit written confirmation of all player movements and score sheets of all games played to the Vice-President of Girls/Women.**

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Align with the youth, allow teams access to players when injuries occur or simply short handed. 10 games is equal to two tournaments.

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Submitted by: **Girls/Women Committee**

District Director: **Patty Madden**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Tier 1 Age Divisions

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV. O. 1. PAGE NO. 22

Current Rule Reads:

- O. All youth teams (except Girl's) will be assigned a Divisional Classification as listed below and in paragraph N.
 - 1. Tier I (AAA) Youth (except 8 & under and younger classifications)

Revise As Follows:

- O. All youth teams (except Girl's) will be assigned a Divisional Classification as listed below and in paragraph N.
 - 1. Tier I (AAA) Youth (except ~~8~~**10** & under and younger classifications)

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010 - Squirt Minor eliminated for 2010-2011 season. Squirt Major eliminated for 2011-2012 season.

Reason For Change:

Eliminates Squirt AAA and puts MAHA in line with new ADM Guidelines. Staggered effective dates allows current players at already playing Squirt AAA to finish move on to the Pee Wee level before their age bracket is eliminated.

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: George Atkinson
District Director: _____
Rules Committee Action: _____
MAHA Directors Action: _____ |
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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Game Limits**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV. O. 1. d.** PAGE NO. **22**

Current Rule Reads:

d. All teams and playersare restricted to a maximum of 75 games....

Revise As Follows:

d.for the purpose of game counts, only the round robin games in any tournament shall be counted (including the State Tournament). MAHA playdown games shall not count in the game limits.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change: Not to penalize a team for playing well – facilitates scheduling – don't have to wait until January to see if there is room for another tournament – can't sign up for a tournament and then cancel would lose entry fees. To put Michigan teams on a more level playing field with all the other districts (no other district in USA has game limits)

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

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| 1. Submit to District Director | Submitted by: Chris Cury |
| 2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee | District Director: Bob Smith |
| 3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting | Rules Committee Action: |
| 4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting | MAHA Directors Action: |

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Division Classifications: Definitions and Rules**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV, O, 4, c and IV, O, 5, c** PAGE NO. 23

Current Rule Reads:

IV.4.c To automatically be granted this classification, a minimum of three (3) teams must be fielded in the age classification. Teams not meeting this criteria may apply to their District Council for permission to be classified BB. The District Council will investigate their request and make a recommendation to the State Playoff Committee for a final ruling.

IV.5.c To automatically be granted this classification, a minimum of three (3) teams must be fielded in the age classification. Teams not meeting this criteria may apply to their District Council for permission to be classified B. The District Council will investigate their request and make a recommendation to the State Playoff Committee for a final ruling.

Revise As Follows:

Delete and renumber

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

This rule is an unnecessary burden to coaches, associations, directors and the state playoff committee that doesn't provide any value. Teams are drafted by approved draft rules reviewed and endorsed by the local district council. Additionally, drafts are monitored by directors to ensure compliance to draft rules.

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Submitted by: **Doug Diroff - District 2**

District Director: **Doug Diroff - District 2**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **B & BB Youth**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV.O.4.g & IV.O.5.k** PAGE NO. **23 & 24**

Current Rule Reads:

Any Association 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 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 **or association** coached or managed by one or more of those individuals during the preceding regular or post season.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Not allow "B" & "BB" teams to be created by selecting the best players from an another team or association

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

Submitted by: **Mark Paulus (Livonia Hky. Assoc.)**.....

- 1. Submit to District Director
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District Director: **Jim Boloven**.....

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Draft Rules – Parental Requests

X MAHA USA X CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. IV. O. 5. h. 3. Division Classifications: Definitions and Rules PAGE NO. 24

Current Rule Reads:

O.5.h.3.

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.

Revise As Follows:

O.5.h.3.

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 **and/or the District Director overseeing said draft**, but all requests must be administered on a consistent basis.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

The ability to manipulate a draft via the use of ride share requests is well documented. This will give a Director the ability to not allow an excessive number of requests for a particular team or coach. As the current rule reads, the District Council does not have the ability to try to create an even team draft. It leaves too much authority to the Association Draft rules.

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

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| 1. Submit to District Director | Submitted by: Brian Bellgraph- D6 Director |
| 2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee | District Director: Tobin Boyd- D6 Chairman |
| 3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting | Rules Committee Action: |
| 4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting | MAHA Directors Action: |

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **CROSS ICE YOUTH**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV, O., 6, d.** PAGE NO. **24**

Current Rule Reads:

none

Revise As Follows:

d. In the Youth Six (6) and under classification a Cross ice program must be established in every affiliate association of the MAHA.

- (1) **A Cross Ice team shall consist of 6 to 10 players, drafted under the association draft rules approved by the respective District Council.**
- (2) **All coaches of Cross Ice teams as well as players must be registered with USA Hockey.**
- (3) **Cross Ice teams may participate in restricted space Cross Ice and/or Half Ice and/or Small Areas for games.**
- (4) **MAHA encourages the use of referees as a training ground for young referees.**
- (5) **Cross Ice teams may participate within Jamboree(s). Such Jamboree(s) are required to apply for a USA Hockey special event sanction.**
- (6) **Any two (2) Cross Ice teams totaling twenty (20) players maximum may temporarily combine in order to participate in a full ice game and/or in a sanctioned tournament. Each player or team is limited to 10 full Ice games and no more than two (2) sanctioned tournaments per season.**
- (7) **Rules (1)–(6) above apply to all youth eight (8) and under players and teams who opt to participate in a Cross Ice program.**
- (8) **All teams within the 8<and under and younger divisions are not eligible for district and state playoffs. However, they must meet the eligibility criteria of district and state playoffs.**

Effective Date of Rule: **July, 11, 2010**

Reason For Change:

In the spirit of the ADM concept from USA Hockey, cross ice is the building block for the beginning hockey player. It has been the practice in the past of the parent to dictate of what is the most practical way to introduce hockey to young children .This rule removes that stigma and allows scientific studies to implement its results.

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Submitted by: **Gordon Bowman**

District Director: **MAHA V.P. - Coaching**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

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SUBJECT: **Cross-Ice and/or Half-Ice**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **IV.O.10**

PAGE NO. **13**

Current Rule Reads:

Rule currently ends at IV.O.9

Revise As Follows:

10. Cross-Ice Youth

MAHA and USA Hockey encourage associations to create Cross-Ice programs, especially for the Youth-Eight (8) and under & the Youth-Six (6) and under age groups. A Cross-Ice team may generally consist of from 5 to 10 players. Such teams shall participate in Cross-Ice and/or Half-Ice and/or Small-Area rather than Full-Ice games. The use of a scoreboards and the keeping statistics is strongly discouraged. Cross-Ice programs do not require the use of referees and/or scoresheets, yet may opt to do so if they wish.

- a. All Cross-Ice players and coaches shall be registered with USA Hockey.
- b. Cross-Ice teams may participate within Jamboree(s). Any such Cross-Ice Jamboree(s) are not required to apply for sanction.
- c. Any two (2) Cross-Ice teams, totaling twenty (20) or less players, may temporarily combine in order to participate within Full-Ice exhibition games and/or within sanctioned tournaments. However, each player/team is restricted to playing in no more than two (2) sanctioned tournaments and no more than ten (10) Full-Ice exhibition games per season.
- d. Cross-Ice teams are not eligible for District or State Playoffs.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

For good reasons, within MAHA we do not permit select teams and we do require that our B and C teams be drafted. However, in the case of Cross-Ice these laudable concepts act as a barrier against our transition into Cross-Ice. Outside of MAHA, teams can already combine in order to participate in full-ice tournaments, if nothing else simply as select teams. In essence, we are currently forcing our associations to make a choice between playing traditional Full-Ice hockey or choosing to completely isolate themselves from surrounding programs and play only Cross-Ice and/or Half-Ice. This acts as a substantial dis-incentive for change.

Many of our members recognize that Cross-Ice is a better way and that our younger players would be far better off within a Cross-Ice and/or Half-Ice environment. However, it is a mistake for us to ignore the fact that many parents and even some coaches still believe that Full-Ice play is an important component of a child's introduction to hockey.

In addition, all children want to play outside of their immediate circle. The desire to occasionally compete against players from another town and/or from another State should be permitted for Cross-Ice and/or Half-Ice teams. If we spend much of our season within a Cross-Ice environment,

without a scoreboard and instead stressing skills development and Fun then by allowing children to also combine in order to play in Full-Ice exhibition games and/or within tournaments will merely enhance the process and ease in their later transition into Full-Ice hockey.

This Rule change will begin to set standards for encouraging Cross-Ice and transition to the ADM while still permitting young players to occasionally compete within Full-Ice games and tournaments as well.

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Submitted by: **Keith Kloock**

District Director: **Doug Diroff - District 2**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: REGISTRATION: TEAMS AND PLAYERS

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. V. C. PAGE NO. 26

Current Rule Reads:

Each team must complete the
In addition, each rostered coach and
Acceptable proof of age shall consist of
In addition, each parent/legal guardian of a registered player shall sign the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. Hockey Program Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. The executed Agreement shall be retained with all other team registration credentials.

Revise As Follows:

Each team must complete the
In addition, each rostered coach and
Acceptable proof of age shall consist of

Before submitting a roster to a USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar for certification, the local association or independent teams registrar, coaches, managers and/or team officials must confirm a player's date and place of birth by reviewing the players government issued birth certificate, passport, or other acceptable proof of age. Submission of the roster (USA 1-T) to the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar shall constitute certification that the player's date of birth is correctly recorded on the roster and that the player complies with the eligibility requirements stated in sections III,A,9 of these rules for players who are citizens of another country. Once the roster has been certified, the birth certificate or other birth documentation need only be produced for district credential checks and district, state and national tournament credential checks, or as required by a MAHA or USA HOCKEY official.

In addition, each parent/legal guardian of a registered player shall sign the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. Hockey Program Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. The executed Agreement shall be retained with all other team registration credentials.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

To protect player privacy and prevent identity theft. This change would reduce the number of occasions on which a birth certificate would be in the possession of other individuals. The requirement that birth certificates be produced for playoff and district credential checks would remain in effect. In addition, the change would allow registrars to more quickly and efficiently complete the team rostering process by not handling birth certificates.

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- Submitted by: **Bob Yohe Mich. Dist.Registrar**
District Director: _____
Rules Committee Action: _____
MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Registration

X MAHA USA X CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. V (C) Registration: Teams and Players PAGE NO. 26

Current Rule Reads:

Each team must complete the Team Membership form (USA 2-T), Team Roster form (USA 1-T), an Individual Membership Registration (IMR) form for all players and coaches, provide a copy of each player’s birth certificate (except Adult Divisions), and provide these forms to the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar who will certify the forms. All registration forms may be secured from the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar. If the participant has registered electronically, the IMR form is not required.

Revise As Follows:

Each team must complete the ~~Team Membership form (USA 2-T)~~, Team Roster form (USA 1-T), ~~an Individual Membership Registration (IMR) form for listing~~ all players and coaches; ~~provide a copy of each player’s birth certificate (except Adult Divisions)~~; and provide these this forms to the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar who will certify the forms. ~~All~~ Registration forms may be secured from the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar. ~~If the~~ participant has registered electronically, ~~the IMR form is not required.~~

Complete text of Rule V(C) with proposed additional text and deleted text removed appears on next page.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

To protect player privacy and prevent identity theft. The rules would reduce the number of occasions on which a birth certificate would be in the possession of other individuals. The requirement that birth certificates be produced for playoff credential checks would remain in effect. In addition, the change would allow registrars to more quickly and efficiently complete the team rostering process by not handling birth certificates. This change also updates the rule to reflect the fact that there is no longer a T-2 team membership form or IMR form in Michigan.

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: **Shirley Decker**
 District Director: **Brian Bellgraph- D6 Director**
 Rules Committee Action:
 MAHA Directors Action:

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Added text appears in italics below.

C. Each team must complete the Team Roster form (USA 1-T) for all players and coaches and provide this form to the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar who will certify the form. Registration forms may be secured from the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar.

In addition, each rostered coach, assistant coach, manager and trainer must provide an application and authorization and release of liability form along with the above paperwork for processing by the abuse prevention committee. If the participant has registered electronically via the internet, this form is not required.

Acceptable proof of age shall consist of a readable copy of a player's government issued birth certificate, or, if birth certificate is not available, copy of a Passport ID page. A U.S. Military record of birth will be acceptable in lieu of a birth certificate for players born of parent(s) in the U.S. Military. An affidavit sworn to before a Notary Public duly authorized to act in the State of Michigan may be used only in those circumstances where a birth certificate or U.S. Military record of birth is not legally available. Non-U.S. citizens must provide proof of legal residency and proof of release and transfer from home country ice hockey federation.

Before submitting a roster to a USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar for certification, the local association or independent team's registrar must confirm a player's date and place of birth by reviewing the player's government issued birth certificate, passport, or other acceptable proof of age. Submission of the roster form to the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar shall constitute certification that the player's date of birth is correctly recorded on the roster and that the player complies with all eligibility requirements stated in section III(a)(8) of these rules for players who are citizens of another country. Once the roster has been certified, the birth certificate or other birth documentation need only be produced for district, state, or national tournament credential checks, or as required by a MAHA or USA HOCKEY official.

In addition, each parent/legal guardian of a registered player shall sign the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. Hockey Program Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. The executed Agreement shall be retained with all other team registration credentials.



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Girls Rostering Exception**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V. H. 3 a-e** PAGE NO. **26**

Current Rule Reads:

V. REGISTRATION: TEAMS AND PLAYERS

H.3. Girl's Registration Exception:

- a. Female players (aged 19 and under) may register either with a youth team or with a girl's team following the registration procedures for that classification. Additionally, under the circumstances listed below a female player may petition to dual roster:
 - (1) When the female player's intent is to play for her youth team but would like to participate with a registered girls' team for tournament play – limited to two tournaments per season.
- b. All games played by the female youth player (youth and girls') will be included in the total game count as it applies to all youth classifications.
- c. Players who wish to dual roster under the above conditions must notify the Girls'/Women's Director in writing and provide a letter of support from both the boy's team coach and the girls' team coach prior to the request getting consideration by the MAHA Women's Committee. Players must request dual rostering permission before registering with their second team. The dual rostered player must present the District Associate Registrar(s) with the Committee's written approval at the time of her registration.
- d. A player must also declare in writing to the Girls'/Women's Director at the time of her dual roster request what team she plans to participate with for District, State, Regional and National tournament (youth or girl's). The player may continue to play on both teams throughout the season after she has made her declaration.
- e) Teams can not have more than 3 out of state or import players (ex. 1 import + 2 out of State = Max. number allowed). Import player is an out of state player that lives in Michigan with a Michigan Address whose parents have assigned guardianship to a family in Michigan. Import players must produce documentation from the school/district they are attending.

Revise As Follows:

- H.3. Girls Rostering Exception – Female players (ages 19 & under) may roster either with a youth team or with a girls team by following the rostering procedures for that classification. Additionally, under the circumstances below a female player may petition to dual roster:
- a) **When the female player's intent is to play for her youth team but would also like to participate with a rostered girls team for tournament play (limited to two tournaments per season excluding a state tournament). Female players who wish to dual roster under this condition must request permission to roster with the girls team by notify the Vice-President of Girls/Women in writing and provide a letter of support from the coach of her youth team and the coach of the girls team prior to the request being considered by the MAHA Girls/Women Committee. The committee's written approval must be presented to the District Associate Registrar(s) at the time of rostering on the girls team. All games played by the female player in the aforementioned circumstances will be included in the total game count as it applies to all youth classifications.**
 - b) **A female player registered on a Youth B team may also roster on a Girls Tier 2 House/Recreational team within the same association. Under these circumstances the female player is limited to a maximum of 20 games with the Girls Tier II/House Recreational team and the games played will be included in the game count as it applies to all youth classifications.**
 - c) **A female player registered on a Girls Tier 2 House/Recreational team in an association that has two or more such teams at an age level may also roster on a second Girls Tier II House/Recreational "Development" team from the same association. The Development team must be comprised only of players from the Girls Tier II House/Recreational teams in the association and the team shall not be formed by a tryout process. The Development team is limited to a maximum of 20 games and the games played will be included in the game count as it applies to all girls classifications.**

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Housekeeping as well as to incorporate pilot programs into rules form. These pilot programs have proven to be very successful in providing opportunities for more girls to play hockey by allowing for a structured environment to exist that encourages all-girl teams.

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: **Lyle Phair**

District Director: **Jean Laxton**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Registration: Teams and Players**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **V. L.** PAGE NO. **27**

Current Rule Reads:

L. A player registered with a Youth Division classification team is ineligible to simultaneously register or participate with a team in any Adult Division, College Division, Junior Division, Club Team, Prep School or High School Division. Upon joining a team in any of these divisions, the player is automatically dropped from the Youth Division roster. The manager of the Youth Division team must immediately notify the District Registrar of the removal of the player from the roster.

Revise As Follows:

L. A player registered with a Youth Division classification team is ineligible to simultaneously **roster** or participate with a team in any Adult Division, College Division, Junior Division ~~Club Team,~~ **or** Prep School ~~or High School Division.~~ Upon ~~joining a team~~ **participating** in any of these divisions, the player is automatically dropped from the Youth Division roster. **A player rostered with a Youth Division classification team may attend tryouts and participate in practices with an Interscholastic High School program as long as they do not participate in any interschool scrimmages or any games. Once they participate in an interschool scrimmage or game, they are automatically dropped from the Youth Division roster. Following any of the above occurrences,** the manager of the Youth Division team must immediately notify the District Registrar of the removal of the player from the roster.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Clarify when players moving to High School teams must be dropped from rosters. Will allow players to practice with a high school indefinitely as long as they do not play in games. This policy will help provide additional practice opportunities for those players seeking to make their high school team in the future.

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

1. Submit to District Director
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3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **George Atkinson**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: Youth Players Playing in Other Age Groups

X MAHA USA X CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. V. L. Registration: Teams & Players PAGE NO. 27

Current Rule Reads:

L. A player registered with a Youth Division classification team is ineligible to simultaneously register or participate with a team in any Adult Division, College Division, Junior Division, Club Team, Prep School or High School Division. Upon joining a team in any of these divisions, the player is automatically dropped from the Youth Division roster. The manager of the Youth Division team must immediately notify the District Registrar of the removal of the player from the roster.

Revise As Follows:

L. A player registered with a Youth Division classification team is ineligible to simultaneously register or participate **in games** with a team in any Adult Division, College Division, Junior Division, Club Team, Prep School or High School Division. **Upon participating in games with** a team in any of these divisions, the player is automatically dropped from the Youth Division roster. The manager of the Youth Division team must immediately notify the District Registrar of the removal of the player from the roster.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

To eliminate the unnecessary paperwork for the Registrars during tryout week for the MHSAA Varsity teams. Having to drop players so that they may try out for or practice with their varsity teams seems to go against our mission of advancing players to the next level.

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

Submitted by: **Brian Bellgraph- D6 Director**

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: **Tobin Boyd- D6 Chairman**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Participation in Non-sanctioned Tournaments**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **X.F** PAGE NO. **30**

Current Rule Reads:

Any registered team or registered player participating in a non-sanctioned Tournament, shall be declared ineligible for District or State and National playoffs during the season of such violation. It is the responsibility of the team officials to insure that the tournament has secured a sanction, and to record the sanction number before entering any invitational tournament.

Revise As Follows:

The Head Coach of any registered team that participates in a non-sanctioned tournament shall be ~~declared ineligible for District or State and National playoffs during the season of such violation~~ **subject to a recommended suspension of one year.** It is the responsibility of the team officials to insure that the tournament has secured a sanction, and to record the sanction number before entering any invitational tournament.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Players should not be held responsible for the actions of the coaches.

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

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2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
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4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Doug Diroff - District 2**

District Director: **Doug Diroff - District 2**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: EXHIBITION GAMES & INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS - Housekeeping

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. X, N. PAGE NO. 30

Current Rule Reads:

N. Invitational Tournament Host will not to ask for birth certificates from individual players. USA Hockey Team roster (1-T) (certified by the USA Hockey Associate Registrar will serve as proof of birth).

Revise As Follows:

N. Invitational Tournament Host ~~will~~ **shall** not to ask for birth certificates from individual players. USA Hockey Team roster (1-T) (certified by the USA Hockey Associate Registrar will serve as proof of ~~birth~~ **age**).

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Housekeeping: A registrar can certify by checking the players birth certificate proof of age not proof of birth.

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

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

District Director: **MAHA Executive Board**

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

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **Eliminate B & BB District & State Playoffs**

X MAHA USA X CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XI. A. Eligibility for District and State Playoffs** PAGE NO. **31**

Current Rule Reads:

A. To be eligible to enter MAHA District and/or State playoffs, only teams registered legally in Michigan and conforming to all USA Hockey and MAHA Age Classification, Division Classification and Registration Rules and Regulations are eligible to enter District Playoffs.

Revise As Follows:

A. To be eligible to enter MAHA District and/or State playoffs, only teams registered legally in Michigan and conforming to all USA Hockey and MAHA Age Classification, Division Classification and Registration Rules and Regulations are eligible to enter District Playoffs ***with the exception of all House B and BB registered teams. District and State Playoffs are not provided for House B and BB registered teams.***

Effective Date of Rule: 2010-2011

Reason For Change:

To be compliant with USA Hockey National Tournaments and age classifications... House/Recreational B... Tournaments are not provided by USA Hockey. See section III. Classifications page 131 of the USA Hockey Annual Guide. Also per the definition of Recreational/House found in Section A Youth Hockey page 15 of the MAHA Guidebook. No need for District and State Tournaments within MAHA for recreational teams.

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

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4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Gene Altena**
 District Director: **Brian Bellgraph- D6 Director**
 Rules Committee Action:
 MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

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SUBJECT: **GIRL'S/WOMENS DISTRICT/STATES ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

MAHA

USA

CHANGE

NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XI. G.**

PAGE NO. **31-32**

Current Rule Reads:

G. Youth and Girl's Division teams are eligible to enter the District and/or State playoffs only in the division in which they are registered.

1. Number of Games for Eligibility

- a. Individual players must participate in ten (10) USA Hockey Sanctioned games before before the regularly scheduled first game of District Playoffs with the team for which they will participate in District and State Playoffs. Individual players must participate in in ten (10) USA Hockey sanctioned games on or before February 1st with the Tier 1 team for which they will participate in the State Playoffs.
- b. In order to qualify for the State Playoffs, a team must play at least twenty (20) games in it's classification on or before February 1st, except for Girls Classification teams, which must play at least Fourteen (14) games in their classification before February 1st.
- c. Exceptions to a. or b. may be granted by the respective State Playoff Committee.
- d. All players must be active players on the team they are registered with at the time of the District Playoffs, except in case of an injured player.
- e. 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:

G. Youth and Girl's/Women Division teams are eligible to enter the District and/or State playoffs only in the division in which they are registered.

1. Number of Games for Eligibility

- a. Individual players must participate in ten (10) USA Hockey Sanctioned games before before the regularly scheduled first game of District Playoffs with the team for which they will participate in District and State Playoffs. **Individual players on Tier 1 youth teams must participate in ten (10) USA Hockey sanctioned games on or before February 1st. with the Tier 1 team for which they will participate in the State Playoffs.**
- b. **Individual players on Tier 1 and Tier 2 Girls/Women teams must participate in ten (10) USA Hockey sanctioned games prior to the start of the State playoffs with the Tier 1 or Tier 2 team for which they will participate in the State Playoffs.**

- c. In order to qualify for the State Playoffs, a team must play at least twenty (20) games in it's classification on or before February 1st, except for Girls/Women Classification teams which must play at least Fourteen (14) games in their classification prior to the start of the State Playoffs.
- d. Exceptions to a, b, or c. may be granted by the respective State Playoff Committee.
- d. All players must be active players on the team they are registered with at the time of the District Playoffs, except in case of an injured player.
- e. 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.

Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

Girls and Women have no districts and only need to comply with USA Hockey National Tournament eligibility rules. Clearly defines when games have to be played by to meet USA Hockey's National Tournament eligibility requirements.

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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: **Patty Madden**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

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SUBJECT: **Discipline Time - Assault of a Game Official**

X MAHA USA X CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **XVII. A. 7. Disciplinary Actions** PAGE NO. **37**

Current Rule Reads:

A.7. If, as a result of a hearing, the allegation of deliberate assault on a game official (referee, linesman, official scorekeepers, game timekeepers, penalty timekeepers, goal judges, statisticians, and public address announcers) is sustained, the player or team official shall be suspended for a minimum period of one (1) year, followed by probation for a period to be determined by the District Council.

Revise As Follows:

A.7. If, as a result of a hearing, the allegation of deliberate assault on a game official (referee, linesman, official scorekeepers, game timekeepers, penalty timekeepers, goal judges, statisticians, and public address announcers) is sustained, the player or team official shall be suspended period of ***time to be determined by the district council***, followed by probation for a period ***also*** to be determined by the District Council.

Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2010

Reason For Change:

To give flexibility to the referee on calling an abuse of officials penalty. Currently, the referee needs to determine if there was intent to do "physical harm" to the official. This can give the referee and council an opportunity to look at intent and discipline accordingly.

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

Submitted by: **Brian Bellgraph- D6 ACE Director**
 Art Kale- D6 Referee-in-Chief

- 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: **Brian Bellgraph- D6 Director**
Rules Committee Action:
MAHA Directors Action:

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