

MAHA BYLAWS

Reorganization Changes Shown in **RED**
Rules Change Proposals Shown in **BLUE**

NOTES

**WAS -MAHA CONSTITUTION – NOW ALL UNDER “BYLAWS”.
(Per Maurice Henderson, this is the current organization structure methodology.)**

BYLAW 1: ASSOCIATION and PURPOSE

- A. The Name of the Association shall be the “Michigan Amateur Hockey Association”, here-in-after **referred to** as the “MAHA.”
- B. The purposes of this Association are:
1. To develop and encourage sportsmanship between all players for the betterment of their physical and social well-being.
 2. To encourage and improve the standard of ice hockey in the State of Michigan
 3. To affiliate with the USA Hockey and other hockey associations.
 4. To conduct ice hockey tournaments and to select representative teams for other tournaments.
 5. To do any and all acts desirable in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes.
- C. **The MAHA is a not-for-profit organization established under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act. The principal office of the MAHA shall be in the State of Michigan. The MAHA may have such other offices as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the business may require from time to time.**
- ~~The location of the principal office of this Association shall be in the State of Michigan and shall be the address of the President of the MAHA. Phone number located at the front of this guide.~~
- The MAHA shall have and continuously maintain a registered office in the State of Michigan and the address of the registered office shall be determined by the Executive Committee.**
- D. This Association shall have no capital stock and shall not be conducted for pecuniary profit.
- E. The fiscal year of M.A.H.A. shall end on August 31st of each year.
- F. Exoneration From Personal Liability
- As a non-profit Association regulating amateur hockey in Michigan, the MAHA, its Officers, Directors, and Officials assume no responsibility for injury or damage to players under any circumstances.

WAS - ARTICLE ONE: NAME

WAS - ARTICLE THREE: PURPOSE

WAS ARTICLE 5; OFFICE & PHONE NO.

This set of paragraphs reworded by Steve Stapleton to comply with Non-Profit requirements, etc.

WAS - ARTICLE TWO: NON-PROFIT

WAS LOCATED IN BYLAW 4, E.

BYLAW 2: AFFILIATION

- A. The Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) is an affiliate of USA Hockey.
- B. The Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, as an affiliate of USA Hockey, Inc., shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and the decisions of USA Hockey, and such documents and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association. Further, the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (i) shall assist USA Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction and (ii) agrees to be guided by the following core values of USA Hockey:
1. **SPORTSMANSHIP**
Foremost of all values is to learn a sense of fair play. Become humble in victory, gracious in defeat. We will foster friendship with teammates and opponents alike.
 2. **RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL**
Treat all others as you expect to be treated.
 3. **INTEGRITY**
We seek to foster honesty and fair play beyond mere strict interpretation of the rules and regulations of the game.
 4. **PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE AT THE INDIVIDUAL, TEAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEVELS**
Each member of the organization, whether player, volunteer or staff, should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest level of his or her ability.
 5. **ENJOYMENT**
It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for the participant.
 6. **LOYALTY**
We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of hockey.
 7. **TEAMWORK**
We value the strengths of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the hockey experience.
- C. The Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, Inc., does hereby indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey and each member thereof, the Executive Committee of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the councils and committees of USA Hockey and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representatives of USA Hockey from any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges and expenses whatsoever, arising from the acts and omissions of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, except to the extent (i) that USA Hockey or the aforescribed representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default or (ii) that such acts or omissions were the direct result of compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey. Further, the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its aforescribed representatives have assumed such assignment, function, office or capacity

upon the express understanding, agreement and condition that they be so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described in this constitution.

- D. The officers of the Association shall represent the MAHA at the Summer and Winter meetings of USA Hockey.

BYLAW 3: FINANCE and CONTRACTURAL AUTHORITY

WAS – BYLAW 9: MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Contractual Authority

The Board or the Executive Committee may authorize any 'Officers', to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any contract or other instrument in the name of and on behalf of the MAHA, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless authorized to do so by these Bylaws, by the Board or by the Executive Committee, no Officer or agent shall have any power or authority to bind the MAHA by any contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit, or to render it liable pecuniarily for any purpose or in any amount.

- B. Deposits

All funds of the MAHA not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the MAHA in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board or the Executive Committee may from time to time designate. For the purpose of such deposits, all checks, drafts and other orders for the payment of money which are payable to the order of the MAHA, may be endorsed, assigned and delivered by any officer of the MAHA.

- C. Bond

The Board may require any Officer, employee or agent of the MAHA to give such bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties to the Association as the Board may determine.

- D. Correspondence

MAHA Stationary, Envelopes or Postage is to be used for official MAHA correspondence ONLY. The use of MAHA stationary, envelopes or postage for soliciting, or running for office, or for the use of personal correspondence is prohibited. Any violation to this rule will be referred to the Executive Committee for disciplinary action.

- E. Expenses

Officers, Directors and Committee Members may be reimbursed for verified expenses submitted to the Treasurer up to a maximum amount. The maximum amount shall be approved in advance by the Executive Committee.

WAS – BYLAW 5, B, 3. *(revised as shown)*

BYLAW 4: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership shall be limited to:

1. **Organized Affiliated** ice hockey programs and league officers.
- ~~2. Independent teams not playing in any affiliated league.~~
- ~~3. Teams playing in MAHA affiliated leagues.~~
2. **Registered players, coaches and team officials of rostered teams.**
3. USA Hockey Directors **representing the MAHA.**

- 4. MAHA Officers, Directors, Council Members **and appointed committee members.**
- 5. **Active Life Members**
- 6. Ice hockey rink representatives.
- ~~8. Former MAHA Officers and Directors.~~
- ~~9. Sponsors and patrons of the MAHA.~~

B. All **members as defined in Bylaw 4, A.** must be members in good standing with USA Hockey and the MAHA.

Members not in good standing are ineligible to participate in MAHA. A member in good standing is defined as a member that (1) has not been convicted of a felony within the past 10 years, (2) is not currently serving a suspension or on probation under the authority of USA Hockey / the MAHA or any local hockey association, or (3) has no financial obligations to USA Hockey, the MAHA or any local hockey association.

C. Subject to its affiliation with the USA Hockey, the MAHA shall have full and final jurisdiction over its members as well as over all amateur hockey in the State of Michigan.

D. Membership Fee
Annual registration fees and/or dues may be established by the Board of Directors for team registration or for member ship in the MAHA.

E. Other assessments necessary for the operation of this Association may, from time to time, be established by the Board of Directors. All such assessments, etc., shall be payable as directed by said Board or the Executive Committee, in the Board's absence. Failure to comply with either Section **D** or **E** of this Bylaw and any rules promulgated hereunder shall result in the immediate suspension of said non-complying league, association, team and /or individual(s) and said suspension shall remain in full force and effect until such time as there is full compliance.

Member in good standing defined by Steve Stapleton.

Was Bylaw 2

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Move to front of Guidebook – area that lists Past Presidents, etc.

- D. Charter Members
 - President - Fred Huber Jr., Detroit
 - First Vice-President - Henry D. Schubert, Dearborn
 - Second Vice-President - E. L. Abbott, Sault Ste Marie
 - Secretary-Treasurer - W. J. Spence, Oak Park
 - Director - James G. Ward Jr., Escanaba
 - Director - Dr. Thomas Gilson, Ann Arbor
 - Director - Raymond Ulbrich, Marquette
 - Director - Jack Stoer, Grand Rapids
 - Director - Palmer Brevik, Calumet
 - Director - Arthur Dahlstedt, Marquette
 - Director - Carl Springberg, Cadillac
 - Director - Frank Gallagher, Flint
 - Director - John Lounsbury, Detroit

BYLAW 5: GOVERNMENT

A. Board of Directors
The Board of Directors shall be constituted as follows:

- 1. Officers Of The Association
- 2. District Directors
- 3. Directors-At-Large
- 4. Past Officers
- 5. Active Life Members
- 6. Honorary Members

B. Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors
The property and affairs of the MAHA shall be managed by the Board of Directors, hereinafter known as the Board. The Board shall have general management and control of the business and affairs of the Association and shall exercise all of the powers that may be exercised or performed by non-profit

Was Bylaw 3

corporations under the statutes of the State of Michigan, the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.

~~B. Courtesy Cards~~

~~Upon request, all Directors and Officers will be extended Courtesy Cards permitting free admission to all MAHA sanctioned games.~~

Eliminate – Courtesy Cards no longer used or needed.

C. Powers and Duties of the Officers of the Association

The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President for Youth, Vice-President for Adults, Vice President for Girls'/Women's Hockey, Vice-President for Coaching, Vice-President for Officiating, Vice-President for Appeals, Treasurer, Secretary and Immediate Past President. These officers collectively shall be known as the Executive Committee.

Was Bylaw 4

WAS LOCATED IN BYLAW 4, C.

1. President

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
- b. Shall have the power to call meetings of the Executive Committee and to call special meetings of the Board of Directors.
- c. May attend and represent MAHA at other ice hockey meetings.
- d. Shall interpret rules and make decisions on questions arising from emergencies not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations. Any such interpretations shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
- e. Shall manage the day to day affairs of MAHA.
- f. Shall automatically be a candidate for election as USA Hockey Director from Michigan.
- g. In the absence of the Treasurer, shall have the right to sign or endorse checks payable by or payable to MAHA.
- h. Shall be a member of all committees of MAHA.
- i. **In conjunction with the Executive Committee**, shall appoint the members of all standing committees or special committees of MAHA.

Methodology used since MAHA's inception.

2. Executive Vice-President

- a. In the absence of the President, shall have all the powers and duties of the President.
- b. Shall perform special assignments deemed necessary by the President and/or the Executive Committee.
- c. Shall be the Chairperson of the Rules Committee.
- d. Shall be MAHA's liaison with USA Hockey's **Michigan Risk Manager** and Risk Management Program.

3. Vice-President for Youth

- a. Shall serve as the Chairperson of the State **Youth** Playoff Committee.
- ~~b. Shall be MAHA's liaison with USA Hockey's Initiation Program.~~
- c. Shall coordinate all select tryouts.**

The practice since MAHA's inception has been for the State Playoff Committee to operate as one entity including youth, girls'/women's and adults.

Is a part of the CEP program – see VP-Coaches.

Moved from Executive V.P. to V.P.-Youth

4. Vice-President for Adults

- a. Shall oversee Adult hockey in Michigan.
- b. Shall serve as Chairperson of the **State Adult Playoff** Committee.

There is only one State Playoff Committee.

5. Vice President for Girls' / Women's Hockey

- a. Shall oversee Girls' / Women's hockey in Michigan.
- b. Shall serve as the chairperson of the Girls'/Women's Committee.
- 6. Vice-President for Coaching
 - a. Shall serve as Chairperson of the Coaching Committee.
 - b. Shall be MAHA's liaison with USA Hockey's **Michigan Coach-in-Chief and the Coaching Education Program.**
- 7. Vice-President for Officiating
 - a. Shall serve as Chairperson of the Officiating Committee.
 - b. Shall be a member of the Officiating Discipline Committee.
 - c. Shall be MAHA's liaison with USA Hockey's **Referee-in-Chief and Officiating Program.**
- 8. Vice-President for Appeals
 - a. Shall be Chairperson of **the Appeals panels Committee.**
 - b. Shall be Chairperson of the **Physical and Sexual Abuse Prevention** Committee.
- 9. Treasurer
 - a. Shall receive all funds due to MAHA for deposit in a bank.
 - b. Shall pay all rightful obligations of MAHA.
 - c. Shall sign or endorse checks payable by or payable to MAHA.
 - d. Shall present to the Executive Committee at the beginning of each fiscal year a budget for the upcoming year. This budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at the Summer meeting.
 - e. Shall render a financial account at the end of each fiscal year and at any other time directed by the Executive Committee.
 - f. Shall, in conjunction with the MAHA Attorney, arrange for an **annual** independent certified audit **as may be determined by the Executive Committee or required by USA Hockey.**
- 10. Secretary
 - a. Shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Shall prepare and send these minutes to the Directors.
 - b. Shall serve as Chairperson of the Credentials Committee.
 - c. Shall run the MAHA elections at the meetings of the Board of Directors.
 - d. Shall make arrangements, agendas and coordinate the awards for the meetings of the Board of Directors.
 - e. Shall notify the Directors of meetings and other important matters.
 - f. Shall be Chairperson of the Guidebook Committee.
- 11. Immediate Past President
 - ~~a. Shall be a member of the Executive Committee~~
 - b. Shall have those duties assigned by the Executive **Board Committee.**

Corrected names to match USA HOCKEY titles.

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Corrected Committee Name.

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Due to the major expense of an annual certified audit, USA HOCKEY has removed the requirement of an annual certified audit. Annual audits are done with periodic certified audits.

Defined as an Exec. Comm. Member elsewhere.

Exec. Board is properly defined as the Exec. Committee.

The Officers shall have such additional powers and perform such additional duties as the Board may from time to time prescribe.

D. Powers and Duties of District Directors and District Chairpersons of the MAHA.

1. Shall represent and oversee the affairs of their respective District within Michigan.
2. Shall interface with their respective Director-at-Large and Executive Committee members as needed to perform their duties.
3. Shall mentor and manage the membership within their District.
4. The District Chairperson, or designee, shall be responsible for conducting disciplinary hearings within their District.

New paragraph defining District Directors duties. Not previously defined in the book.

E. Powers and Duties of Directors-at-Large of the MAHA

1. Shall interface with their respective Districts at scheduled meetings of each District on a periodic basis.
2. Shall serve as liaison of their respective Districts at meetings of the Executive Committee.
3. Shall serve as a member of the Appeals Committee for appeals from outside their respective Districts.
4. Shall serve as members of the MAHA Credentials Committee.
5. Shall serve as members of the State Playoff Committees.
6. Shall serve as the committee to administer the Wes Danielson award.

F. Past Officers

1. Past Officers shall be defined as:
 - a. Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers who have served five (5) years **on the Executive Committee.**
 - b. And who have successfully completed their term on the Executive **Board Committee** in good standing.
2. Past Officers shall be members of the Board of Directors for a period of three (3) years **immediately following their term.**
3. In the event that a past officer misses three consecutive meetings (Winter and Summer) he/she shall no longer be a director.
4. Past Officers shall vote at all meetings and shall receive the same expense reimbursements as other directors.

Note clarification verbiage.

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G. Active Life Members

1. **Shall be voting members of the Board of Directors.**
2. A special **honorary** designation of Life Membership in the MAHA shall be awarded to no more than ten (10) former or present Officers or Directors who have served amateur hockey in Michigan in an outstanding manner over and beyond the call of duty. Only two (2) such members may be named by vote of the Board of Directors at the Summer Meeting in any year. "If an Active Life Member misses six consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors, he/she is removed from membership on the Board of Directors and the designation of Active Life member is replaced by Honorary Life Member."

Was defined elsewhere as a voting member.

H. Honorary Members

The USA Hockey Directors residing in the state, the USA Hockey: Registrar, Referee-In-Chief, Coach-in-Chief, Risk Manager and **Skill Development** Director, for Michigan; the MAHA: Attorney and High School Representative **Public Relations Coordinator and Junior A and B representatives** shall be honorary non-voting members of the Board. In addition, the Board of Directors may appoint additional honorary non-voting Board Members to recognize service to amateur hockey in Michigan.

Corrected titles to match USA position titles.

MAHA does not have these positions.

I. ELECTIONS

1. Eligibility

- a. Candidates or all positions:
- (1) must have been a member in good standing of MAHA for a ~~one~~ **three** year period prior to nomination;
 - (2) shall not have been involved in a skating facility as an arena manager or owner during that period;
 - (3) shall not have been involved as an owner, officer or manager of a for-profit tournament or for-profit league during that period.
 - (4) A person shall not be a **candidate for a position as an** Officer, Director or Director at Large for more than one MAHA position at a time nor hold more than one voting position within MAHA.

b. Additional eligibility requirements for specific positions shall be shown under the election rules for that position.

2. Officers

a. Candidates:

- (1) 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;

~~(2) must have been a member in good standing of MAHA for at least the three years previous to being nominated;~~

- b. The term of office for these officers is three years. Elections will be held at the Winter meeting of the Board of Directors. The Officers-elect will take office at the conclusion of the following Summer meeting.

Ed.Note: In 2009 the Executive Vice-President, Vice-President for Youth and Secretary were elected for three year terms.

In 2009 the Vice-President for Coaching, Treasurer and Vice President for Girls'/Women's Hockey were elected to two year terms. In 2010 the President, Vice-President for Officiating, Vice-President for Adults, Vice-President for Appeals, will be elected to three- year terms. Thereafter elections will be held annually for three-year terms.

c. Election

- (1) The President, all Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected to office by the Board of Directors by a simple majority vote.
 - (a) All persons who will be candidates for election as an Officer of the Association shall submit a letter of intent and a resume prepared in the following format to the Secretary of MAHA by November 30 preceding the Winter meeting. Resumes of announced candidates shall be sent to all Directors at least 14 days prior to the Winter meeting.

Pertains to all voting members. Verbiage moved from other paragraphs in the Bylaws so as to be located in one place only.

Rule Change: Made the time requirement consistent for all offices.

Combined paragraphs.

Avoids repeating verbiage in several areas.

WAS IN BYLAW 4

RULE CHANGE: 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~~ **three** years;

Moved this paragraph to new paragraph I. 1. a. (1)

RESUME OF QUALIFICATIONS AS CANDIDATE
FOR THE OFFICE OF (INSERT TITLE)

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:

DATES POSITION(S) HELD

MAHA EXPERIENCE
DISTRICT # EXPERIENCE
LOCAL PROGRAM OR ASSOC. EXPERIENCE
COACHING AND MANAGING EXPERIENCE
PLAYING EXPERIENCE
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- (2) In the event that there are no announced candidates for an office, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Winter meeting of the Board of Directors.
- (3) A candidate for the position of Officer shall be elected by a vote of the Board of Directors. A candidate must receive a majority of the present eligible votes in order to be elected. In the event no one receives a majority of the eligible votes upon the first ballot, the candidate having the least number of votes shall be deleted from the ballot and subsequent ballots shall be taken until one candidate receives the majority of the eligible votes.

3. Directors

The number of directors elected shall be as follows:

- District #2: 7 directors
- District #3: 7 directors
- District #4: 7 directors
- District #5: 7 directors
- District #6: 7 directors
- District #7: 4 directors
- District #8: 4 directors

a. District Directors **and Council Members**

- (1) District Directors shall be elected by their constituent Head Coaches to serve three year terms. Terms shall commence at the conclusion of the Summer Meeting.
- (2) Each District Council shall appoint an individual to solicit and receive nominations for District Directors. The list of nominees shall be forwarded to the MAHA Secretary by February 1st.
- (3) Ballots will be mailed to the Head Coach of each team and must be returned to the MAHA Secretary by the date indicated on the ballot with both signed and printed name. The Secretary shall record the votes cast and submit the results to the MAHA Executive Board for certification. For the purpose of this process, the Head Coach is the individual who is so designated on the USA Form 1-T "Team Roster" as the Head Coach. Each USA Hockey registered Head Coach of a team registered for the current playing season shall be entitled to submit one ballot.

~~(4) Candidates: (1) must have been a member in good standing of MAHA for a one year period prior to nomination; (2) shall not have been~~

Council members are not elected by the MAHA Board.

Moved to paragraph H. 1. a.

~~involved in a skating facility as an arena manager or owner during that period; and (3) shall not have been involved as an owner, officer or manager of a for-profit tournament or for-profit league during that period. No person may be a candidate for more than one MAHA Officer or Director position at a time.~~

- (4) In the event the number of nominees for District Directors does not exceed the number of Directors to be elected, the nominees shall become Directors-elect and the election process shall be discontinued.
- (5) Depending on the number of Directors allowed, the following will be applicable:
 - (1) Highest vote getters in order of number of votes received will become District Directors to the extent of directorships available in the District.

4. Directors-at-Large

Three Directors-at-Large shall be elected by their constituent Board Members at the Winter Meeting to serve three year terms commencing at the conclusion of the Summer Meeting. One shall be a resident of and represent Districts two (2) through four (4), one shall be a resident of and represent Districts five (5) and six (6), and one shall be a resident of and represent Districts seven (7) and eight (8).

Candidates shall

- (a) All candidates for election to the position of Director-at-Large must be a current or former District Director.
- (b) be placed in nomination at the Winter Meeting;
- ~~(b) must have been a member in good standing of MAHA for at least the three years previous to being nominated;~~
- ~~(c) shall not have been involved in a skating facility as an arena manager or owner during that period;~~
- ~~(d) shall not have been involved as an owner, officer or manager of a for-profit tournament or for-profit league during that period. No person may be a candidate for more than one MAHA Officer or Director position at a time.~~
- a. The procedure used for announcement of candidates, nomination of candidates and for preparation of ballots and nomination of candidates for Director-at-Large positions shall be the same procedure as that used for the election of officers as set forth in ~~this constitution. these Bylaws.~~
- c. A candidate must receive a majority of the present eligible votes in order to be elected. In the event no one receives a majority of the eligible votes upon the first ballot, the candidate having the least number of votes shall be deleted from the ballot and subsequent ballots shall be taken until one candidate receives the majority of the eligible votes.

Moved to paragraph H. 1. a.

5. ACTIVE LIFE MEMBERS

- a. Election of Life Member:
 - (1) Nominee must have a minimum of 10 years of service with the MAHA Board of Directors.
 - (2) Reasons of nomination must be submitted in writing to Executive Board,

at least 30 days prior to a Summer Meeting.

- (3) 80% of the entire Executive **Board Committee** must agree to bring this forward to the Board of Directors at the next Summer Meeting.
- (4) Presentation will be made to Board of Directors. Paper Ballot will be used for vote, with a requirement of 90% for affirmation.
- (5) Individual will be honored and presented a plaque at the next Summer Meeting.

6. USA Hockey DIRECTORS

The term of office for USA Hockey Directors shall be three years. The number of Directors shall be in accordance with the rules as set forth in the USA Hockey Annual Guide. At each MAHA Winter meeting, sufficient USA Directors shall be elected to fill all vacancies and expiring terms and take office at the conclusion of the Summer meeting that year. Election of USA Directors shall utilize the procedures for election of officers stated above.

Ed.Note: In 2009 the first (statutory) director was elected to a three-year term and the second (over 1000 teams) director was elected to a two year term. In 2010 the third and any subsequent Directors will be elected to three-year terms. Thereafter elections will be held annually for three-year terms.

7. **Resignation and** Vacancy

a. Officers, Directors, Directors at Large, **Past Officers, Life Members and USA Hockey Directors** shall not be involved in a skating facility as an arena manager or owner while holding office and shall not have been involved as an owner, officer or manager of a for-profit tournament or for-profit league during that period. If this occurs, it shall result in the immediate resignation of **that person**.

Defined for all positions in one spot.

b. Any Officer may resign at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to the President and the Secretary. In the event a vacancy occurs the Officer-elect for that office will immediately fill the position if such a person exists. If there is no officer-elect, the Executive Committee of MAHA will redistribute the Officer's duties until the next meeting of the Board of Directors. At that time, either a regularly scheduled election for the position will be held or a special election to fill the remainder of the term of office will be held. In the latter case, the vacancy and a call for nominations will be announced to the Board of Directors at least 14 days prior to the meeting if possible. The person elected will take office immediately.

c. A District Director may resign at any time by giving notice to the District Chairperson and to the President, and Secretary of the MAHA. Any vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the District Directors. Replacement candidates must be active Council members, or, if not available, any other member of the District in good standing.

d. A Director-at-Large may resign at any time by giving notice to the President and Secretary of the Association. Any vacancy resulting from resignation or other cause shall be filled by the Directors at the next Summer or Winter Meeting of Directors. The Executive Committee may appoint an interim Director-at-

Large to serve until the next Summer or Winter Meeting.

e. A USA Hockey Director may resign at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to the President and the Secretary. In the event a vacancy occurs the USA Hockey Director-elect for that office will immediately fill the position if such a person exists. If there is no USA Hockey Director-elect, the Executive Committee of MAHA shall appoint a member in good standing until the next meeting of the Board of Directors. At that time, either a regularly scheduled election for the position will be held or a special election to fill the remainder of the term of office will be held. In the latter case, the vacancy and a call for nominations will be announced to the Board of Directors at least 14 days prior to the meeting if possible. The person elected shall take office immediately.

New Paragraph: This situation not covered in the previous guidebook.

BYLAW 6: COUNCILS and COMMITTEES

WAS BYLAW 5

A. District Councils

1. Membership

Shall be comprised of the District Directors that have been duly elected from that District along with the other persons appointed as District Council Members by the District Directors. The size of the District Council will be determined by the District Directors, but will consist of at least five members.

2. Powers and Duties

Shall have and exercise general control and authority over the affairs of the District, subject to the authority of the Association, Board and Executive Committee otherwise set forth herein. In addition to these duties, the Council shall act as the District disciplinary action committee pursuant to the provisions set forth in the Rules and Regulations, and shall act as the District Playoff Committee ~~or in conjunction with other District Councils as a District Playoff Committee~~, except in the event the State Playoff Committee(s) makes a contrary appointment.

Verbiage no longer necessary. It was there when Districts had "areas".

3. District Chairperson

The District Council shall choose from among the District Directors a chairperson to serve a one-year term commencing at the conclusion of the next MAHA Summer Meeting. In the event a District has only one District Director, he/she shall automatically become Chairperson of the District Council as well. The District Chairperson shall assist the Executive Committee, Officers and Board in any and all matters concerning his/her home District, exercise general control and authority over administrative affairs of the District, and chair the meetings of the District Council.

B. Committees

1. Standing

a. Executive Committee

Shall be comprised of the Officers of the MAHA. The USA Hockey Registrar for Michigan and the MAHA Attorney shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee; shall possess and exercise all powers and authorities of the Board in the

management of the affairs of the MAHA between meetings of the Board and appoint special committees for specific purposes.

b. ~~Physical and Sexual Abuse Prevention~~ Committee

Correct title for this committee.

This committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President of Appeals. ~~The committee shall: with the balance of the committee appointed by the Executive Board Committee.~~

Already noted in the duties of the President.

- (1) Investigate all complaints of alleged physical and sexual abuse.
- (2) Administer the screening requirements program as established by the MAHA.

c. Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Vice-President of Appeals, as Chairperson, the Director-at-Large of an unaffected District and the Vice-President of Youth, Adults, Girls'/Women's, Coaches or Referees as appropriate. No decision may be reached by this Committee unless three (3) members participate. In the event that the above members are unavailable, the Chairperson may appoint (1) another member of the Executive Committee or (2) a Director-at-Large. The committee shall review appeals from the District Councils in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Rules and Regulations.

d. Rules Committee

Shall be chaired by the Executive Vice-President and shall be responsible for processing proposed amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules & Regulations.

e. ~~Officiating Referees~~ Committee

Correct title for this committee.

- (1) Chairperson shall be Vice-President for Officiating.
- (2) Membership shall include the USA Hockey Referee-In-Chief for Michigan.
- (3) Shall recommend qualified referees for all State Playoffs.
- (4) Shall determine compensation rate for officiating State Playoff games with the approval of the State Playoff Committee~~s~~.

f. ~~Officiating Referees~~ Disciplinary Committee

Correct title for this committee.

- (1) The Committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President for Officiating and shall include the USA Hockey Referee-In-Chief for Michigan, the Director-at-Large of the affected District and the Referee Supervisor of the affected district.

g. Coaching Committee

- (1) The Committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President for Coaching.
- (2) Membership shall include the USA Hockey Coach-in-Chief for Michigan and the Michigan District A.C.E. Coordinator.

h. ~~State Playoff Youth~~ Committee

This is the current practice. The "State Playoff Committee has operated as one unit since MAHA's inception. Verbiage updated to agree with this practice.

- (1) Shall be chaired by the Vice-President for Youth. ~~Membership shall include the Vice President for Adults, the Vice President for Girls'/Women's, the High School Representative and the Chairperson of each District. Additional members may be appointed as determined by the~~

President and Executive Committee.

- (2) Shall be responsible for all B, BB, A, Tier II, Tier I **and Non-Varsity High School classification** State Playoffs. For these divisions, the committee
 - (a) Shall award State Playoff sites
 - (b) Shall approve State Playoff formats.
 - (c) Shall have the sole authority to determine the eligibility of a team and the players on that team and to act on requests for exception as brought forth by District Councils.
 - (d) Shall approve the referees used for these State Playoffs.
- i. Adult Committee
 - (1) Shall be chaired by the Vice-President for Adults; ~~the balance of the committee shall be appointed by the President who shall insure representation from each District.~~
 - (2) Shall be responsible for **all aspects of administering** the Adult State Playoffs.
 - (3) Shall be responsible for the administration of the Adult Program.
- j. Girls'/Women's Committee
 - (1) Shall be chaired by the Vice President of Girls'/Women's Hockey, ~~the balance of the committee shall be appointed by the President who shall insure representation from each District.~~
 - (2) Shall be responsible for **all aspects of administering** the Girls'/Women's State Playoffs.
 - (3) Shall be responsible for the administration of the Girls'/Women's Program.
- k. Credentials Committee
 - (1) Shall be chaired by the Secretary. ~~with additional members appointed by the President as deemed appropriate.~~
 - (2) Shall be responsible for determining those eligible to vote at meetings of the Board and resolving disputes relative to voting.
- l. Guidebook Committee
 - (1) Shall be chaired by the Secretary. ~~with additional members appointed by the President as deemed appropriate.~~
 - (2) Shall be responsible for the preparation, printing, and publication of the Annual Guidebook including the solicitation of advertising.
- m. Awards Committee
 - (1) **The committee and** chairperson shall be appointed by the President.
 - (2) Shall be responsible for soliciting nominations for and/or selection criteria for MAHA Awards and conducting ballots if necessary.
- n. Redistricting Committee
 - (1) **The committee and** chairperson shall be appointed by the President. Shall be responsible for reviewing player, team and arena census data and for making recommended changes in District boundaries for approval by the Board of Directors.
- o. S.T.A.R. (Shared Tolerance Appreciation & Respect) Hockey Program Committee

**Non-Varsity High School playoffs added to the duties of this committee.
Combined existing paragraphs (2) through (5) to eliminate redundant verbiage.**

Already noted in the duties of the President.

Revised to eliminate conflicting verbiage in book.

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Committee appointments already noted in the duties of the President.

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- (1) **The committee and** chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The Committee shall be comprised of one District Director or Council Member from each of the seven districts. Additional members may serve on the Committee at the discretion of the President with approval of the Executive Board.
 - (2) Shall be responsible for administration of the parent education program known as the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. (Shared Tolerance Appreciation & Respect) Hockey Program.
 - (3) Shall be responsible for reviewing all submitted Incident Reports, forwarding to the appropriate District Council(s) for action and maintaining database of Council(s) action(s).
 - p. OneGoal Michigan Committee
 - (1) **The committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the President.**
 - (2) Shall oversee the growth **initiatives of all aspects** of Michigan hockey.
2. Special Committees
- a. Shall be established by the President and/or Executive Committee.
 - b. The Chairpersons and Membership are to be appointed by the President and/or Executive Committee.
 - c. Special committees are to have specific duties, responsibilities and authorities.
3. The committee chairperson appointments of officers specifically provided for in this article may be changed or modified by the Executive Committee.

Committee appointments already noted in the duties of the President.

Not previously defined.

Corrected verbiage to agree with assigned tasks.

BYLAW 7: MEETINGS OF THIS ASSOCIATION & ITS COMMITTEES

WAS BYLAW 6

- A. **Parliamentary Authority**
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the association in all cases and all meetings to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

"Robert's Rules paragraph" reworded by Maurice Henderson and moved here.

B. Meetings of the Board of Directors

Reordered paragraphs.

1. Meetings

- (a) Winter
 Shall be held during the month of January at a time and place set by the Executive Board.
- (b) Summer
 Shall be held in the month of July at a time and place set by the Executive Board.
- (c) Notice
 At least **three weeks twenty-one days** notice shall be given all Board Members at **either their electronic or postal mail** address of record for all regular meetings.

Updated verbiage to the 21st century.

~~2.—Order of Business—Winter/Summer Meetings~~

Move to policy section of book.

~~The schedule and order of business shall be as follows, unless changed at the meeting:~~

- ~~(a) Meeting convened, roll call and proof of notice.~~
- ~~(b) Minutes of previous meeting.~~
- ~~(c) Treasurer's Report.~~
- ~~(d) Committee Reports.~~
- ~~(e) Report on previous year's activities.~~
- ~~(f) Vote on rule change proposals.~~
- ~~(g) Old Business.~~
- ~~(h) New Business.~~

- ~~(i) Installation of new officers.~~
- ~~(j) Announcement of site of next Winter/Summer Meeting.~~
- ~~(k) Adjourn.~~

2. Special Rules of Order

- (a) During a voting session, persons acknowledged by the presiding officer to address the Board of Directors will be allowed 1.5 minutes, per item, to state their case. Allowed time is not transferable or cumulative.
- (b) A silent vote or a roll call vote may be called for, but not both on the same issue. Whichever is requested first will be the only method honored, for that particular vote.
- (c) A Roll Call of all voting members will be taken at the start of any session that requires the Board of Directors to vote. ~~The Roll Call is conducted to establish simple majority, two-thirds votes, and three-quarters votes. Once the roll call is complete, and the minimum number of votes for passage is established,~~ Any Director not present at the time of Roll Call will not be allowed to vote during that entire session.

Changed paragraph title.

See paragraph Bylaw 9.D, E, & F. for clarification.

- (d) 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.

RULE CHANGE: At least ~~one-third~~ **a majority** of the Board of Directors shall be present to constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. **(Per Maurice Henderson, In the 'modern age', this is not a problem.)**

B. Special Meetings

- 1. Special Meetings may be called by the President or by one-third of the Board in accordance with the notice requirements set forth herein.
- 2. At least ten days notice shall be given **at either their electronic or postal mail** address of record for all special meetings.

C. Committee Meetings

- 1. **The chairperson of all committees shall convene their committees at the Winter and Summer meetings and at other times as needed.**

- D. All meetings shall be conducted in a smoke free environment.

BYLAW 8: VOTING

A. Voting

At all Board Meetings, each Board Member, except the President, shall have one vote on any and all matters which come before the Board. In matters which require only a simple majority, the President shall vote only in the event of a tie. In all other matters which require more than a simple majority of those voting, the president shall have a vote. The President shall vote in all elections of Officers.

- B. Written notice of the new Directors filling vacancies must be received by the Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting in order for the new Director to be eligible to vote. There shall be no voting by proxy. Any voting dispute shall be resolved by the Credentials Committee.

BYLAW 9: AMENDMENTS

WAS BYLAW 11

- A. Proposed changes to these ~~Constitution/~~Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations shall be submitted by members to the Rules Committee Chairperson, and must be postmarked before December 15. All proposals must be submitted on the MAHA rules change proposal form and must include all of the required information to be accepted by the Rules

Committee Chairperson. All proposals are to be submitted in electronic format (on disk or via e-mail). All such proposals shall be read at the Winter Meeting with a recommendation offered by the Rules Committee. An advisory vote of the Board shall be taken at this time. All Proposals which do not receive support from a majority of the Board Members present at this time shall be rejected.

- B. Amendments (not new proposals) may be made to said proposals by Board Members at the Winter meeting by a simple majority vote, or by a three-fourths vote at the Summer meeting.
- C. Between the Winter and Summer meetings, Board Members shall discuss the merits of the various proposals carried forward in their home Districts.
- D. **For Bylaw and Rules and Regulations amendments, adoption** shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board Members **present voting** at the Summer meeting.
- E. Any **Constitution/**Bylaw or Rule change proposal determined by the Executive Committee to be the same, or substantially the same as one rejected at the previous Summer or Winter meeting cannot be placed on the agenda unless it receives a two-thirds majority vote by the Board members **present voting** at the Winter meeting.
- F. All proposals postmarked on or after the December 15 deadline must receive approval of three-fourths of the Board members **present voting** at the Winter or Summer meeting to be placed on the agenda.
- G. Proposals to change these **Constitution/**Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations may be incorporated in a special committee report. If the committee report includes rule or bylaw changes then the Board shall vote separately from the report on the proposed changes and shall pass the rule or bylaw change by a two-thirds majority at the Summer meeting.
- H. Any amendments to these **Constitution/**Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations necessitated by amendments to USA Hockey Bylaws and/or Rules and Regulations shall be automatically effected by the rules committee and reported to the board members at the Winter or Summer meeting following the adoption of such amendments by USA Hockey.

Per Maurice & Robert's Rules examples, this eliminates abstentions from being automatic no votes.

BYLAW 10: INDEMNIFICATION

The MAHA shall have the power to indemnify any and all persons who serve as Officers or Directors against any and all expenses including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlements actually and reasonably incurred by reason of the person being an Officer or Director of the Association. This power to indemnify shall apply only if the Officer or Director acted in good faith and a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the MAHA, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful.

BYLAW 11: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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.

RULE CHANGE: NEW BYLAW

RULES & REGULATIONS

Reorganization Changes Shown in **RED**
Rules Change Proposals Shown in **BLUE**

NOTES

NOTE: All Coaches, Managers and/or Team Officials shall have the sole responsibility for making sure that their team meets all the requirements for its classification and meets all the criteria for eligibility for District and State Playoffs. USA Hockey Registrars, Associate Registrars and MAHA District Council Personnel will not review rosters at registration to make this determination nor are they authorized to determine said eligibility at registration. All applicable rules for the above are located in this book and the current USA Hockey Annual Guide.

~~I. TEAM MEMBERSHIP~~

- ~~A. A team becomes a member in this Association upon being accepted and paying the required registration fee which also includes a membership fee for the USA Hockey.~~
- ~~B. Membership shall be renewed annually upon receipt of registration fee and acceptance by MAHA and USA Hockey.~~
- ~~C. All teams are required to complete an official USA Hockey "Team Roster" (USA Form 1T) each season. The form must be sent to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar accompanied by the appropriate membership fee.~~
- ~~D. Appropriate Annual Dues are required to be paid by all teams at the time of registration.~~

No longer valid. There are no team fees.

No longer valid. There are no team fees.

Is redundant with current paragraph V. C.

No longer valid. There are no team fees.

I. DEFINITIONS

WAS PARAGRAPH II.

A. Definition of an Amateur **Hockey Player**

For the purposes of USA Hockey and MAHA competition, an amateur hockey player is one who is registered with the National Association Governing Amateur Hockey and is not engaged in playing organized professional hockey under contract to a professional club. Any player having completed his/her contractual obligations to a professional club may apply to the USA Hockey for reinstatement of his/her amateur status. It is recommended that no team or league in the MAHA award any player any type of prize, award, or equipment (including jackets) which may be valued at more than **\$25.00**.

MHSAA uses \$25.00 (was \$15.00).

B. Definition of an Association.

1. To be an Association within MAHA, all Associations must receive approval and recognition from the affected District Council and MAHA Executive Board. An association must meet all the requirements of the MAHA Affiliate Agreement and execute the agreement with MAHA prior to their recognition as an association.
2. On an Annual basis, all Associations must re-submit their Bylaws to their respective District Chairperson by August 1st each year and receive approval by the District Council on any revisions. If the Association Bylaws have not changed since the previous season, the Association need only submit an Affiliate Agreement completed and signed as well as a letter stating that their By Laws are the same as approved the previous season. This and a list of all Officers of the Association, including the ACE Director, with names, addresses, phone number and e-mail addresses would satisfy the requirements.
3. An Association must allow open registration to all geographic residents within the Association's local boundaries.
4. An Association must have a demographic large enough to support it.

The Association shall have:

- a. An USA Hockey approved Skills Development Program with a minimum of 6 players the first year and a minimum of 15 players by the third year of existence and continue to support its existence to nurture the game of youth hockey.
 - b. A house program with a minimum of three drafted B teams. Only Association based B/BB teams are eligible for leagues, invitational tournaments, District and State Playoffs play.
 - c. An Association may also form teams in other MAHA age/division Classifications.
 - d. 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.
5. All new associations will operate under a three-year probationary period. If prior to the end of the three-year period the association does not meet all the requirements and follow all MAHA rules

and regulations their affiliation can be revoked.

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 JV/High School classifications and must conform to the rules for their respective division / classification.

1. Receive approval and recognition from the affected District Council and MAHA Executive Board. Each Team must meet all the requirements of the MAHA Affiliate Agreement and execute the agreement with MAHA prior to their recognition as a Club Team or Independent Team.
2. On an Annual basis, all Club or Independent Teams must re-submit their Bylaws to their respective District Council(s) by August 1st each year and receive approval by the District Council on any revisions. If the Club or Independent Team Bylaws have not changed since the previous season, the Club or Independent Team need only submit an Affiliate Agreement completed and signed as well as a letter stating that their By Laws are the same as approved the previous season. This and a list of all Officers of the Club or Independent Team, including the ACE Director, with names, addresses, phone number and e-mail addresses would satisfy the requirements.
3. Have sufficient ice contracted and demonstrate that ice times are age appropriate for its players.
4. Be in compliance with all MAHA rules to be eligible for District and State playoffs.
5. All new Independents will operate under a three-year probationary period. If prior to the end of the three-year period the team does not meet all the requirements and follow all MAHA rules and regulations their affiliation can be revoked.

D. An Association, Club Team, or Independent Team designated as an Affiliate Organization has the authority to conduct ice programs within the Affiliate Organization's area of jurisdiction. Each Affiliate Organization shall conduct its affairs in a manner consistent with the bylaws, rules and regulations of USA Hockey and MAHA. Each Affiliate Organization shall maintain with MAHA an Affiliate Agreement whose form may be modified and implemented by the Executive Committee with subsequent final approval by the MAHA Board of Directors. The Affiliate Agreement shall be published in the MAHA Annual Guide.

~~Notes:—See Affiliate Agreement form after the Rules section in this guide.~~

~~For existing Affiliates, the first submission shall be submitted to the appropriate District Council Chairperson by August 1, 2007.~~

~~The first submission for a new Affiliate Organization shall be when they submit their bylaws and rules and regulations for approval by the appropriate District Council and the MAHA Executive Committee.~~

Editor's notes are no longer necessary.

II. REGISTRATION AND ROSTERING: TEAMS AND PLAYERS PARTICIPANTS AND TEAMS

- A. **All participants must be USA Hockey registered before participating in any manner.**
- B. **Before playing any games, a team must have a USA Hockey certified roster from the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar.** Any coach of any team not properly ~~registered~~ **rostered** with the MAHA who allows his/her team to participate in any game(s) are subject to discipline as determined by Section XVI Disciplinary Actions A (4), and/or (5).
- C. ~~All teams and players must be registered before the start of league, exhibition or tournament games.~~ The Regular season shall be September 1 to April 30 and the Post Season shall be April 1 through August 31. Players and coaches may be signed to a roster prior to the start of the season, August 15th for the regular season and March 15th for the Post Season. However, the roster shall not take effect until the first day of the regular or post season and it receives certification from the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar. Players who are rostered on a team that is still active in the current season, may not sign another team's roster for an upcoming regular season or post season until the team they are on has completed their season.
- D. **Teams in an** established program which does not register all of its participants and **roster all** of its member teams shall be denied the right to **play in any league, sanctioned tournaments**, play games with Canadian Teams, or enter District or State Playoffs.
- E. **Procedure for rostering a team:** Each team must complete the 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.

In addition, each rostered coach and assistant coach must provide a **Background Screening Application and Coaching Ethics Code Agreement Confirmation Form** to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar. Further, each manager and trainer must provide a Background Screening Application Confirmation Form **and a USA Hockey waiver of liability form** to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar.

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.

In addition, each parent/legal guardian of a registered **Youth/Girls'** 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.

WAS PARAGRAPH V.

Defines registration. (Participants "Register") This is corrected throughout the book.

Defines rostering. (Teams "Roster") This is corrected throughout the book.

WAS PARAGRAPH V. I.

Redundant with paragraph B.

Registration is for participants. Roster is for teams.

Cleaned up rule & made rule an all inclusive rule.

These two forms are now combined into one on line form.

Updated to match USA Hockey's requirements.

Does not apply to Adult men and women.

- F. All teams ~~registered rostered~~ with the MAHA and USA Hockey must have a coach and/or manager in good standing with the MAHA and USA Hockey. ~~All teams must have a rostered coach, assistant coach and/or manager present at all team functions who is responsible for the conduct of all team personnel.~~The Head Coach of each team must be so designated on the roster at time of each team's registration.
- WAS PARAGRAPH III, B.
- THIS SENTENCE GOES UNDER THE NEW ,COACHING PARA. III.
- G. Coach and managers must be ~~registered rostered~~ at the same time as the players. Teams may register additional team officials at any time. ~~(See paragraph V., Registration: Teams and Players for required paperwork.)~~ Coaches and Managers can only be rostered on one team in an age/division classification at a time; ex. Registration with a Bantam A and Bantam B is acceptable since these are different classifications.
- WAS PARAGRAPH III, B.
- This sentence no longer required.
- H. It is recommended that each Youth and Girl's/Women's team have a manager. All Youth and Girl's/Women's National Tournament bound teams are required to have a team manager. A coach who serves as a team manager shall ~~register roster~~ only as a coach ~~or coach/manager~~. There shall be no USA Hockey charge for manager registration. Managers are covered under USA Hockey insurance policies. ~~There shall be no member card or other benefits included with a manager registration.~~ A team manager who is not ~~registered rostered~~ as a coach may not participate in on ice activities. The team manager shall be the custodian of all documents necessary for credential review prior to participation in Tournaments, District, State and National playoffs. ~~(See paragraph XII, credentials, for the minimum required paperwork.)~~
- WAS PARAGRAPH III, C.
- This sentence no longer required.
- I. ~~All participants on Youth & Girls'/Women's teams and on all District, State, and/or National bound Adult teams must sign their USA Hockey roster prior to having their roster certified by the USA Hockey Registrar. Exception: Youth-eight (8) or under and six (6) or under teams players are not required to sign a roster for purposes of registration (per USA Hockey rules).~~
- This has been the USA HOCKEY required procedure, but was not in the book.**
- WAS PARAGRAPH IV. O. 6. b. (14)
- J. A player is a resident of the District in which he/she resides. In cases of divorced parents, the player may be recognized to play as an "In District" player in either of the Districts in which the parents reside. Once the player chooses, the player will remain as an "In District" player, for that District only, for the balance of the regular season.
- K. Each youth division team may ~~register roster~~ (20) players, including goaltenders. The maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers, shall not exceed 18. Adult Division classification teams may register (25) players.
- L. A player ~~registered rostered~~ with a Youth Division classification team is ineligible to simultaneously ~~register roster~~ or participate with a team in any Adult Division, College Division, ~~Junior Division~~, Club Team, Prep School or ~~any~~ 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.
- See below for specific rule for Juniors.**
- M. No player who is properly ~~registered rostered~~ in the youth category (Youth eighteen [18] or under) by December 31st of the current playing season, may be ~~registered rostered~~ after December 31st with any Junior A, B, or C team. If the player plays in a Junior game after December 31, he/she loses all eligibility on his/her youth team for the remainder of the season, regardless of how many games are

played at the Junior level.

- N. A ~~registered rostered~~ team in any of the Youth classifications may not play in more than one (1) league or classification during the regular season.
- O. A player may be ~~registered rostered~~ with only one MAHA/USA Hockey team at a time during the regular (winter) season except as noted below.
1. Adult Division (Men's/Women's) Classifications: are allowed to play for more than one team in different leagues.
 - a. All Adult Men's MAHA rules shall be applicable to Women's ~~registered rostered~~ teams. Women's players are allowed to play for more than one team in different leagues including playing in Adult Men's leagues.
 - b. No player shall be ~~register roster~~ with more than one Men's Adult US team at any one time, regardless of league classification.
 - c. ~~A player shall not be registered with more than one (1) team that participates in games leading towards a National Championship.~~
 2. Men or Women are allowed to be rostered on more than one team within the same league if they are participating with the additional team(s) for the purposes of tournament play only. Players must designate to the league which team they will participate with for regular season play.
 3. Girl's **Registration Rostering** Exception:
 - a. Female players (aged 19 and under) may ~~register roster~~ either with a youth team or with a girl's team following the ~~registration rostering~~ 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 rostered~~ girls' team for tournament play – limited to two tournaments per season.
 - (2.) 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.
 - b. Players who wish to dual roster under the above conditions must notify the Girls'/Women's ~~Director Vice President~~ in writing and provide a letter of support from both the ~~boy's youth~~ 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 rostering~~ 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.
 - c. A player must also declare in writing to the Girls'/Women's ~~Director Vice President~~ 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.

This paragraph was in two places in the book.

Delete – In conflict with USA Hockey Adult rules.

d. At the time of rostering, a Girls' Tier 2 team must declare if they are National bound. (Ed. Note: The roster will denote Tier 2 Competitive for National bound.)

This is a USA HOCKEY policy.

~~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.~~

This paragraph is shown in division/age classifications.

- P. Player releases for indoor artificial ice leagues, 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 31st 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 **Youth State Playoff** Committee. Roster changes for outdoor leagues with natural and artificial ice cannot be made later than January 20th to be eligible for District, State and National tournaments. Teams playing 75% of their league games indoors shall be considered indoor teams.
- Q. A player signed to a certified team roster must secure a release in writing from that team before signing with another team. A player receiving a release must be signed to the new team roster, as certified by the USA Hockey Associate Registrar, at least 72 hours in advance of playing in a game. A player requesting a release must be granted that request if he/she is current on their fees as outlined in their association / team player contract. In absence of the contract a prorated amount must be determined based on participation at the point of the player's release. That prorated amount must be paid before the release will be granted. Any and all equipment belonging to the team must be returned prior to the release as well. The District Council has the authority to release a player who is refused a release by his/her team or Association.
- R. Players or referees playing for non-**registered rostered** or outlaw teams may not participate in the MAHA in any way to play, coach or referee.

III. REGISTRATION: COACHES, MANAGERS AND A.C.E. DIRECTORS COACHING REQUIREMENTS

WAS PARAGRAPH VI.

- A. All teams must have a rostered coach, assistant coach and/or manager present at all team functions who is responsible for the conduct of all team personnel.
- B. By December 31 of the calendar year, all youth/girl's team personnel on the bench in a game must hold Coaching Education Program (CEP) certification ratings as listed below:

WAS A PART OF PARAGRAPH VI, A.

REQUIRED LEVEL: ALL COACHES					
DIVISION	CLASS.	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
8 & under	ALL	X			
10 & under	C, B, A, Tier II	X	X		
10 & under	Tier I	X	X	X	
12 & under	C, B, A, Tier II	X	X	X	
12 & under	Tier I	X	X	X	X
14 & under	C, B, A, Tier II	X	X	X	
14 & under	Tier I	X	X	X	X
16 & under	C, B	X	X	X	
16 & under	Tier I & II (A)	X	X	X	X
18 & under	C, BB	X	X	X	
18 & under	Tier I & II	X	X	X	X
High School	USA	X	X	X	
Junior C	USA	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 8 & u.	ALL	X			
GIRL'S 10 & u.	ALL	X	X		
GIRL'S 12 & u.	ALL	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 14 & u.	ALL	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 16 & u.	Non-Nat'l.	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 16 & u.	Tier I & II	X	X	X	X
GIRL'S 19 & u.	Non-Nat'l.	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 19 & u.	Tier I & II	X	X	X	X

1. A coach/team personnel may take only one CEP clinic per season unless it must be taken to meet the required USA Hockey/MAHA CEP certification level for the youth/girls' age classification of the team on which they are rostered.
2. A coach/team personnel must take the CEP clinics in the correct sequential order, meeting each pre-requisite as required by USA Hockey.
3. If the coach/team personnel fails to obtain the appropriate USA Hockey/MAHA CEP certification level by December 31 of the current playing season, they shall be removed from that team roster and thus be unable to participate in any coaching activities with that team for the remainder of the season, unless the coach/team personnel applies for and is granted a Temporary Coaching Card at USA Hockey pursuant to the time lines and procedures established by USA Hockey.
4. All CEP Level 1-3 coaches/team personnel must keep their CEP certification valid and up to date by attending a clinic once every three seasons. A Level 1 or Level 2 coach/team personnel must attend the next level CEP clinic. A Level 3 coach/ team personnel may take the Level 4 clinic. If the Level 3 coach/team personnel does not choose to progress to Level 4, they must repeat the Level 3 Clinic or renew on-line at usahockey.com or attend a Level 3 Re-certification/Renewal Workshop/Clinic to keep their CEP certification valid. For specific year-to-year renewal information, see the Coaches section of the MAHA web site, www.maha.org/coaches.

5. Level 4 and Level 5 coaches/team personnel require no additional recertification / renewal.
6. Evidence of Level (applies to all team personnel on the bench during a game)
 - a. Level 1 & 2 coaches shall have a C.E.P. card with appropriate dated verification sticker. This card must be carried for all USA Hockey games.
 - b. Level 3 coaches shall have a C.E.P. card with appropriate dated verification sticker, or, a completed online USA Hockey Level 3 re-certification, certificate completed on line, on or before 12/31 of the current season. The card and re-certification certificate must be carried for all USA Hockey games.
 - c. Level 4 and Level 5 coaches shall have a CEP card with the appropriate level verification sticker on Level 4. Level 5 (Master) is a card with no sticker. These cards must be carried for all USA Hockey games.
 - d. Coaches who have lost their C.E.P. card shall present a print out of the USA Hockey online certification list indicating they are current with C.E.P. verifications. A copy of the coach's application for a lost C.E.P. card shall also be carried to all USA hockey games.
 - e. Prior to the start of the game, all coaches (Head and Assistant) present, from each team, are required to sign the designated area of the scoresheet in order to verify the accuracy of the playing roster, as it appears on the scoresheet, for that game. In addition, all coaches (Head and Assistant) must include their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) card number, their CEP level (1-Initiation, 2-Associate, 3-Intermediate, 4-Advanced, 5-Master), and the year their CEP level was attained. The CEP Card number, level, and year attained shall be printed legibly next to the signature of each coach. The Scorekeeper shall be responsible to make sure both teams have filled in the CEP information and signed the scoresheet prior to the game. Failure of any of the bench personnel to cooperate can lead to a suspension by the appropriate District Council of not longer than 90 days.
 - f. A team manager who is not registered as a coach may not participate in on ice activities or be on the bench during games.

C. Student Coach - A player between the ages of 13 and 17 who is currently properly registered with USA Hockey.

1. Must attend a training session(s) conducted by the local hockey association's ACE Director.
2. Must always be under the supervision of a CEP carded/screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, try-outs and in the locker room.
3. May help out at practices, clinics, try-outs only.
4. May not participate in scrimmages or games as a Student Coach.
5. May not act as an assistant or head coach during practices and games.
6. May be on the bench during games

with rostered CEP carded/screened adult(s).

7. Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves and skates while on the ice.
8. Must wear a helmet with full face shield while on the bench during games.
9. May only work with players at least one full playing age level down. (eg., a Pee Wee age player may act as a Student Coach at the Squirt or Mite level.)
10. The organization that is using the Student Coach must provide a form indicating on what team he/she is participating as a Student Coach, and, if applicable, what team he/she is properly registered as a player. (A model form is available on the usahockey.com web site.) This paperwork is to be available for review at all games along with the regular team roster, etc.
11. Upon reaching the age of 18, the Student Coach must comply with the M.A.H.A. Abuse Prevention Screening Program requirements and meet the C.E.P. coaching level requirements in order to participate as a coach with any team.
12. No more than (4) registered/rostered team officials, including a Student Coach(s), will be permitted in the vicinity of the players' bench during games.

D. Coaching Ethics Code.

1. In order to be eligible to coach or instruct in any USA Hockey activities (practices, clinics, games, tournaments, tryouts, etc.), all coaches (head, assistant, **student coach** and instructors) must **sign submit** 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.
2. All coaches must abide by the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code. Violations of this code may result in suspension per Rule **XVI**, A, **13**.

- E.** Once a roster is certified, Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Managers may only be deleted from the roster by letter of resignation, or suspension by the respective District Council not withstanding appeal reversal. Changes cannot be made from Assistant Coach or Manager to Head Coach or visa-versa, from a certified roster without review by the respective District Council. The District Council Chairperson will notify the Associate Registrar and the State Playoff Committee Chairperson, in writing, of a District Council's approved change in a coaching staff.

RULE CHANGE:

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.

IV. A.C.E. DIRECTORS

- A. Association Coaching Education (A.C.E. Director)
 - 1. The USA Hockey Michigan Coach-in-Chief shall appoint a Michigan ACE Administrator, to serve as the administrative link to USA Hockey and its Coaching Education Program, as required by USA Hockey Bylaw 3N. The Michigan ACE Administrator shall provide guidance and materials to all ACE Directors in Michigan, shall coordinate registration of District Council and Local Association ACE Directors, and shall schedule annual meetings of all ACE Directors to provide updated coaching and coaching education information. He/She shall manage a list of all current ACE Directors in Michigan, which shall be accessible from the Michigan Amateur Hockey web site.
 - 2. Each District Council in Michigan shall appoint a council member or other individual as its District ACE Director, to work with the Michigan ACE Administrator and those in local associations. The District Council shall notify the Michigan ACE Administrator of any changes in this position as they may occur.

Each local association must appoint an individual(s) to be their local ACE Director, and shall notify their District Council District ACE Director and the Michigan ACE Administrator of that appointment, within one week of the appointment. The local ACE Director serves at the pleasure of the association, which shall notify the District Council District ACE Director and Michigan ACE Administrator of any changes as they may occur. The "Coaching Director position is considered synonymous with the ACE Director. "Small" Associations (under 100 members total) may appoint a common ACE Director to serve several associations' needs, provided such individual is willing to serve in that capacity. Local ACE Directors shall attend the annual Regional ACE Update meeting and District ACE Director's meetings scheduled in their area, to assist them in conveying current coaching information to their coaching staff, and to assist in monitoring their coaches compliance with coaching education requirements. It is strongly recommended that local ACE Directors positions are an Association voting board member. ACE Directors are recommended to assist at USA Hockey clinics where their program's coaches are in attendance.

V. AGE CLASSIFICATIONS: DEFINITIONS AND RULES

- A. Teams in the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association shall be classified as follows:
 - 1. **Adult USA Checking**
Restricted to U.S. residents only. Unrestricted as to citizenship, but limited to no more than nine (9) non-U.S. citizens. Limited as to exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional or on a NCAA (Division I, II or III), Junior College, or College Club team. Players shall be (18) years of age or older.
 - 2. **Adult Non-Checking 60 & Over**
 Restricted to U.S. residents only. Unrestricted as to citizenship, and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Limited as to: All players shall be 60 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season; Exception: Goalkeepers (2) may be 55 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season.
 Adult Non-Checking 50 & Over
 - 3. **Restricted to U.S. residents only. Unrestricted**

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as to citizenship, and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Limited as to: All players shall be 50 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season; Exception: Goalkeepers (2) may be 45 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season.

4. Adult Non-Checking 40 & Over

Restricted to U.S. residents only. Unrestricted as to citizenship, and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Limited as to: Exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional player. All players shall be 40 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season; Exception: Goalkeepers (2) may be 35 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season.

5. Adult Non-Checking 30 & Over

Restricted to U.S. residents only. Unrestricted as to citizenship, and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Limited as to exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional player. All players shall be 30 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season; Exception: Goalkeepers (2) may be 25 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season.

6. Adult Non-Checking

Restricted to U.S. residents only. Unrestricted as to citizenship, and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Limited as to exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional or on a NCAA (Division I, II or III), or Junior College, or College Club team. Players shall be (18) years of age or older.

~~6. Adult Elite~~

~~Restricted to U.S. residents only. Unrestricted as to citizenship, but limited to no more than nine (9) non-U.S. citizens. Limited to amateurs and/or reinstated professionals who have not played a professional game after December 31 of that current season. Players shall be 18 years of age or older.~~

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~~7. Adult U.S.~~

~~Restricted to U.S. citizens only, either U.S. born or naturalized with final papers. Limited as to exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional or on a NCAA (Division I, II or III), Junior College, or College Club team. Players shall be (18) years of age or older.~~

USA Hockey has combined the Adult Elite & Adult U.S. checking classifications into the Adult USA checking classification.

7. Women's 40 And Over (effective 2010-2011 season)

Players shall be 40 years of age or older. This category is for established teams. In the case of national tournament-bound teams, players may not be current or past Olympic or National Team players. Current or former College division I, II or III players may play in this classification.

WAS PARAGRAPH IV, G. (Reordered sentences.)

8. Women's 30 And Over

Players shall be 30 years of age or older. This category is for established teams. In the case of national tournament-bound teams, players may not be current or past Olympic or National Team players. Current or former College division I, II or III players may play in this classification.

WAS PARAGRAPH IV, H. (Reordered sentences.)

9. Women – 18 & Over

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 their Girls/Women's Section Representative for waiver committee review 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.

a. Release

A release from the player's home country team/association authorizing the player to compete for the USA Hockey member team; and,

b. IIHF/Canadian Transfer

A Canadian transfer form must be completed or all non-citizen female players age 18 and over.

10. Youth, Girls' ~~AWomen~~

Paragraph does not refer to Women.

a. All youth classifications are restricted to U.S. citizens, registered aliens, foreign exchange students, and are limited to amateurs. Players who are a citizen of another country shall be considered eligible if he/she is a full time resident of Michigan and the parent(s) holds one of the following legal documents: Alien Registration Receipt Card or Permanent Resident Card. The player shall also be considered eligible if the parents hold one of the following non-immigrant temporary visas: A Government Official; E. treaty Trader or Investor; G. Representative to International Organization; H. Temporary Worker; I. Foreign Information Media Representative; J. exchange Alien; L. Intra-company Transferee; M. Mom-Academic Student; O. Aliens of extraordinary Ability; P. Athletes and Entertainers; Q. Cultural exchange; R. Religious Workers; and TN.

Girls' National Championship bound teams are restricted to only two players that are non-U.S. citizens temporarily residing in the U.S. under any combination of the following immigration visa categories: F. Academic Students; J. Exchange Alien Visa; P. Athletes and Entertainers (excluding their spouses and children under visa category P-4); and Q. International Cultural Exchange Program participants. This restriction does not apply to non-U.S. citizens temporarily residing in the U.S. under category P-4, referenced above, or other visa categories not referenced above, excluding category B. Temporary Visitor.

(1) Release

A release from the player's home

country team/association authorizing the player to compete for the USA Hockey member team; and,

(2) IIHF/Canadian Transfer

A Youth Written Transfer form must be completed for all non-citizen players (male and female) less than 18 years of age.

b. The classification of a player shall be determined by:

(1) Youth **and Girls'** classifications: Age at midnight on December 31.

~~(2) Girls classifications: age at midnight on December 31.~~

Combined sentences.

For 2009-2010 Regular Season:		
<u>Classification</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	
Adult-eighteen (18) or older at date of registration & play		
Junior-twenty (20) or under as of December 31 2009		
Youth-eighteen (18 or under)	1991 & 1992	Midget 17-18
Youth-sixteen (16 or under)	1993 & 1994	Midget 15-16
Youth-fourteen (14 or under)	1995	Bantam
Youth-thirteen (13 or under)	1996	Bantam
Youth-twelve (12 or under)	1997	Pee Wee
Youth-eleven (11 or under)	1998	Pee Wee
Youth-ten (10 or under)	1999	Squirt
Youth-nine (9 or under)	2000	Squirt
Youth-eight (8 or under)	2001	Mite
Youth-six (6 or under)	2003 & later	MiniMite
USA Hockey Initiation Program (any age)		
Women's – eighteen (18) and older		
Girls - nineteen (19) or under (born during or after 1990)		
Girls - sixteen (16) or under (born during or after 1993)		
Girls – fourteen (14) or under (born during or after 1995)		
Girls - twelve (12) or under (born during or after 1997)		
Girls - ten (10) or under (born during or after 1999)		
Girls – eight (8) or under (born during or after 2001)		

B. Any team violating any of the above mentioned rules and regulations may be declared ineligible to play in the District or State Playoffs and may be subject to suspension from further league competition.

VI. DIVISION CLASSIFICATIONS: DEFINITIONS AND RULES

A. Adult USA Checking

Any independent team, or any team which plays in an adult checking league.

B. Adult Non-Checking Tier I Classification

Any independent team, or any team which plays in a Tier I league.

C. Adult Non-Checking Tier II Classification

Any independent team, or any team which plays in a Tier II league. Teams which play more than 30% of their games by February 1 against Tier I teams will be reclassified to Tier I.

D. Adult Non-Checking Tier III Classification

Any independent team, or any team which plays in a Tier III league. Teams which play more than 30% of their games by February 1 against Tier II teams will be reclassified to Tier II.

E. Women's A

1. Any independent team or any team which plays in a declared Women's A league.
2. A team having the majority of its players (rated A) will be classified Women's A.
3. This category is for elite teams and players.
4. National tournament bound team players must be 18 years of age or older. Exception may be granted for goalkeepers only with permission of the USA Hockey Girl's/Womens Section.

F. Women's B

1. Any independent team or any team which plays in a declared Women's B league.
2. A team having the majority of its players (rated B) will be classified Women B.
3. This category is for established teams and skilled players.
4. National tournament bound team players must be 18 years of age or older. Exception may be granted for goalkeepers only with permission of the USA Hockey Girl's/Womens Section.

G. Women's C

1. Any independent team or any team which plays in a declared Women's C league.
2. A team having the majority of its players (rated C) will be classified Women C.
3. This category is for established teams. In the case of national tournament-bound teams, players may not be current or past Olympic or National Team players. Current or former College Division I, II or III players may not play in this classification. Restricted to legal U.S. residents. Under special circumstances, players may submit a written request prior to December 31st of the current playing year for a one-year waiver to the MAH Girls/Women's Section representative for waiver committee review to play in this classification in accordance with registration guidelines.
4. National tournament bound team players must be 18 years of age or older. Exception may be granted for goalkeepers only with permission of the USA Hockey Girl's/Womens Section.

H. Women's 40 And Over (effective 2010-2011 season)

Any independent team or any team which plays in a declared Women's Over 40 league.

I. Women's 30 And Over

Any independent team or any team which plays in a declared Women's Over 30 league.

WAS PARAGRAPH IV.

USA Hockey has combined the Adult Elite & Adult U.S. checking classifications into the Adult USA checking classification.

Not previously defined.

Not previously defined.

J. USA Hockey High School Classification

1. The high school classification shall include formal high school/prep school teams ~~of non-~~ **varsity** teams consisting of full time students attending high school/prep school.
2. A youth/girl's team registered as a high school team may roster 30 players, but can dress only 20 players, including goaltender(s), for a game.
3. A USA Hockey ~~registered rostered~~ team may play a high school/prep school varsity hockey team ~~registered rostered~~ with and recognized by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). This allows for play with high school/prep school teams for the high school/prep school winter season only: November 1 to March 1 of the current playing season.

WAS OLD PARAGRAPH V. P.

"Non-Varsity is defined in the next paragraph.

K. ~~JV-1~~ Non-Varsity High School Division Classifications

- a. ~~JV-1~~ **Non-Varsity** High School Division 1 – high school and prep school club or non-varsity teams consisting of full time students attending high school / prep school.
- b. ~~JV-1~~ **Non-Varsity** High School Division 2 - high school and prep school club or non-varsity teams consisting of full time students attending the same high school or prep school or full time students that are eligible to play sanctioned high school varsity sports at that school.
- c. For Purposes of District & State Playoffs, Division 2 will be broken down into three classes. The class a team will be in is determined by following the tiering set forth that current year by MHSAA for that schools Varsity Ice Hockey Team. If a school does not field a varsity Ice Hockey Program and therefore is not rated, that team shall be placed in the appropriate class based on schools of similar size. The class a team is assigned is only for District & State Playoffs and need not apply to league play.
- d. If no ~~JV-1~~ **Non-Varsity** High School league is available, teams may apply to the District Council and State Playoff Committee for authorization to participate in a Tier II league without losing their High School status for State Playoffs.
- e. Division 1 teams may not have more than three (3) players who reside outside the MAHA District in which the team is registered. If the player is out of district but is within the school district from which the majority of the team's players come from that player is not considered out of district. Division 2 has no out of district restriction.
- f. Teams may not carry more than 18 players and 2 Goalies on their roster.
- g. All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy-five (75) games per season.

WAS PARAGRAPH IV.,O., 9. Renamed Non-Varsity H.S. Classification.

L. Girl's Teams

1. 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.
 - a. Girls nineteen (19) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls nineteen (19) or under league.

(Note: P. Madden is submitting a rule change on defining Tiers in Girl's Divisions.)

- b. Girls fifteen (16) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls fifteen (15) or under league.
 - c. Girl's fourteen (14) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls fourteen (14) or under league.
 - d. Girls twelve (12) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls twelve (12) or under league.
 - e. Girls ten (10) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls ten (10) or under league.
 - f. Girls eight (8) or under
Any independent team or any team which plays in a Girls eight (8) or under league.
2. All girls teams, except age 8<under classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy-five (75) games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments. All girl's teams in the 8<under classification are restricted to a maximum of forty (40) games per season.
- M. 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)
 - a. Any team which plays in a declared Tier I league.
 - b. Independent teams who play more than 30% of their games by February 1st against Tier I teams will be considered Tier I.
 - c. All Tier I teams must be registered in the District in which they play the majority of their home league games in order to qualify for State Playoffs.
 - d. All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy five (75) games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments.
 - e. To be eligible for State Playoffs, a team, and a majority of its players, must be registered for the entire Winter Season in the division classification in which they will be entering the State playoffs.
 - f. In the Tier 1 Classifications shown below, player movement will be allowed as follows:
 - (1) Players can only move within their own organization.
 - (2) Bantam Major may move up to Midget Minor. Midget Minor may move up to Midget Major
 - (3) Players using the player movement will be allowed to move up and down for a maximum of 8 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 Playoffs.

- (7) For player movement tracking, an individual appointed by the Youth Committee will be assigned to the Tier 1 Classification. Teams will submit players moving up and down to this individual. This individual will track how many games an individual player has moved up.
2. Tier II (AA) Youth (Note: in the 16 or under classification, Tier II is "A") (except 8 & under and younger classifications)
 - a. Any team which plays in a declared Tier II league and any independent team registered as a Tier II team.
 - b. Has no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered. In the Midget classification teams will be allowed six (6) players who reside outside the district in which the team is registered.
 - c. All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy five (75) games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments.
3. A Youth (except 8 & under and younger classifications)
 - a. Any team which plays in a declared A league and any independent team registered as an A team.
 - b. If no A league is available, teams may apply to the District Council and State Playoff Committee for authorization to participate in a Tier II league without losing their A status for **District/State Playoffs**.
 - c. Has no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered. In the Midget classification teams will be allowed six (6) players who reside outside the district in which the team is registered.
 - d. A 14 and under, 12 and under and a 10 and under team in this classification shall not have players who are in their last year of eligibility. In the Midget 15/16 classification, no players from the Midget 17/18 classification are allowed.
 - e. All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of seventy-five (75) games per season. Game limits do not include National Tournaments.
4. BB Youth ~~(except 8 & under and younger classifications)~~
 - a. Restricted to Youth-seventeen (17/18) or under classification.
 - b. Any team playing in a declared BB league.
 - 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.
 - d. Has no more than six (6) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered.
 - e. Is a team with players chosen on a draft

Note is not required. Classification is defined as being for 17/18 yrs. only.

basis. To qualify for District and State Playoffs, teams in the BB Classification must adhere to the following draft system.

- (1) Association draft rules must be submitted to the District Council Chairperson by August 15th of the current season. These rules must detail how BB teams are to be formed within the Association. The District Council shall determine if association draft rules conform to the requirements contained herein.
- (2) Each team may protect a maximum of one (1) player prior to the start of the player draft.
- (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.
- (4) The league must continue drafting until all available players are drafted to teams.
- (5) Associations with single entry 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.
- (6) 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 and players in this classification are restricted to a maximum of 40 games before February 1st of the current season, not including District playoffs.
- g. 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.

5. B Youth (~~except 8 & under and younger classifications~~)

Combined Paragraph IV, 6, c. with this paragraph.

- a. Any team playing in a declared B league.
- b. If **in the 16 and under classification**, no B league is available, teams may apply to the District Council and State Playoff Committee for authorization to participate in a BB league without losing their B status for **District/State Playoffs**.
- 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.
- d. Has no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered; except for the Midget 15/16 classification, which may have no

more than six (6) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered.

- e. In the Midget 15/16 classification, no players from the Midget 17/18 classification are allowed.
- f. 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 Midget 15/16 classification)

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

- g. 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.
- h. Is a team with players chosen on a draft basis. To qualify for District and State Playoffs, teams in the B Classification must adhere to the following draft system.
 - (1) Association draft rules must be submitted to the District Council Chairperson by August 15th of the current season. These rules must detail how B teams are to be formed within the Association. The District Council shall determine if association draft rules conform to the requirements contained herein.
 - (2) Each team may protect a maximum of one (1) player prior to the start of the player draft.
 - (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.
 - (4) The league must continue drafting until all available players are drafted to teams.
 - (5) Associations with single entry B 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.
 - (6) 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.
- i. All teams and players in the Youth-Sixteen (15/16) or under classification are restricted to a maximum of 40 games before February 1st of the current season, not including District playoffs.
- j. All teams and players in the Youth-fourteen (14); twelve (12); and ten (10) or under classifications are restricted to a maximum of 35 games before February 1st of the current season, not including District playoffs.

k. **Eight (8) & under and (6) and under classifications**

- (1) No Youth team which has a majority of Youth eight (8) or under players may register or participate as a regular member of another (higher) age classification.
- (2) No Youth team which has a majority of Youth six (6) or under players may register or participate as a regular member of another (higher) age classification.
- (3) All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of forty (40) games per season. This may include a maximum of four (4) tournaments, invitational or otherwise, with a maximum of two (2) games per day, including tournaments and league play. There is no exception to the two (2) game maximum per day. Violation of this rule will result in a recommended suspension of one year for the head coach.
- (4) Any team violating any of the above mentioned rules and regulations is not permitted to participate in MAHA sanctioned leagues or invitational tournaments.
- (5) All Youth-eight (8) or under and six (6) or under teams shall be registered as Mites. (Reference USA Hockey classifications.)

I. 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.

6. Youth-eight (8) or under **AA and A** classifications

a. AA Youth-Eight (8) & under only (does not include six (6) and under)

- (1) No Independent teams may participate in this classification.
- (2) All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of forty (40) games per season. This may include a maximum of four (4) tournaments, invitational or otherwise, with a maximum of two (2) games per day, including tournaments and league play. There is no exception to the two (2) game maximum per day. Violation of this rule will result in a recommended suspension of one year for the head coach.
- (3) Has no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered.
- (4) No youth team which has a majority of youth eight (8) or under players may register or participate as a regular league member of another (higher) classification.
- (5) Any team violating any of the above mentioned rules and regulations is not permitted to participate in MAHA sanctioned leagues or tournaments.
- (6) ~~Youth 8 and under teams are not required to sign a roster for~~

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~~purposes of registration.~~
~~(Reference USA Hockey rules.)~~

- b. A Youth 8 & under only (does not include six (6) and under)
 - (1) No Independent teams may participate in this classification.
 - (2) If no A league is available, teams may apply to their District Council for written authorization to participate in an AA league without losing their A status.
 - (3) All teams and players playing in this classification are restricted to a maximum of forty (40) games per season. This may include a maximum of four (4) tournaments, invitational or otherwise, with a maximum of two (2) games per day, including tournaments and league play. There is no exception to the two (2) game maximum per day. Violation of this rule will result in a recommended suspension of one year for the head coach.
 - (4) All Youth-Eight (8) and under teams in this classification shall not have players who are in their last year of eligibility.
 - (5) Has no more than three (3) players who reside outside the District in which the team is registered.
 - (6) No youth team which has a majority of youth eight (8) or under players may register or participate as a regular league member of another (higher) classification.
 - (7) Any team violating any of the above mentioned rules and regulations is not permitted to participate in MAHA sanctioned leagues or tournaments.
 - ~~(8) Youth 8 and under teams are not required to sign a roster for purposes of registration.~~
~~(Reference USA Hockey rules.)~~

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- 7. C Youth (except 8 & under and younger classifications)
 - a. C Youth is considered a recreational classification. All teams playing under this classification will play all games within their own association.
 - b. Evaluations may not be held to determine whether a player is fit to play at either the B or C level.
 - c. If a C classification is offered by an association it is up to the parent to decide at signup what level their player will participate at. The parent's decision at sign up is final for the winter season.
 - d. C teams are not eligible for District or State Playoffs.
 - e. If more than one team exists at an age level they must be chosen on a draft basis. The C Classification must adhere to the following draft system.
 - (1) Association draft rules must be submitted to the District Council Chairperson by August 15th of the current season. These rules must detail how C teams are to be formed within the Association. The District Council shall determine if association draft rules conform to the requirements contained herein.
 - (2) Each team may protect a maximum of one (1) player prior to the start of the player draft.

- (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.
- (4) The league must continue drafting until all available players are drafted to teams.
- (5) 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.
- (6) An effort to make the teams as even as possible.
- f. All teams and players in the Youth C division are limited to no more than 20 games per year.
- g. If prior to drafting 'B' teams, the 'C' division folds, all 'C' players will be put into the 'B' draft.
- N. All teams needing a ruling or exception **for their to make the team eligible for its classification 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.

RULE CHANGE:

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.

Game Count Limitations Summary:	
<u>Division</u>	<u>Maximum Games</u>
All Tier I (except Mites)	75 per season*
All Tier II (except Mites)	75 per season*
All "A" (except Mites)	75 per season*
JV / High School	75 per season
18 & under "BB"	40 prior to February 1**
16 & under "B"	40 prior to February 1**
14 & under "B"	35 prior to February 1**
12 & under "B"	35 prior to February 1**
10 & under "B"	35 prior to February 1**
All 8 & under / 6 & under	40 per season***
All Girl's (except 8<under)	75 per season*
Girl's 8 < under	40 per season
* excluding USA Hockey National Championship games	
** excluding MAHA District Playoff games	
*** including a maximum of (4) tournaments	

VII. GAME REQUIREMENTS

WAS Paragraph VIII

- A. All USA Hockey Rules and Regulations apply to all games and practices.
- B. Definition of a game:
 - 1. The following conditions shall constitute a valid game:
 - a. When two registered teams occupy the same ice surface for the purpose of competitive play.
 - b. A game shall consist of at least three (3) periods of 10 minutes stopped time or 15 minutes running time, except where the game is interrupted, (by some unforeseen event) after two (2) periods have been completed. The game must be officiated by

registered referees and with a completed and signed scoresheet.

- c. Once the teams commence play, this session counts toward the maximum game count for both teams regardless of the minutes played. (Completion of a game stopped due to a curfew only counts as one game in total.)
- 2. The following conditions shall constitute an invalid game:
 - a. When two registered teams occupy the same ice surface and compete without registered referees, with or without the clock and scoreboard, with or without coaches on the ice and without a completed/signed scoresheet. Coaches and players for both teams are subject to suspension under rules XVI, A, 4 & 5. This session does count toward the maximum game count for each team.
 - b. 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.
- C. The authority for monitoring the game count of each team / player shall be vested with the appropriate District Council.
- D. (See Proposed New Paragraph at right.)**
- E. All games played in the State of Michigan must utilize a score sheet with space for a team officials' signature and referees printed names and signatures. If the head coach is not present, the person on the bench that is responsible for the team for that game (*i.e.* assistant coach) must denote themselves as the head coach. If the head coach appears after the start of the game, he/she must sign the score sheet prior to going on the bench and denote that he/she is the head coach.
- F. No more than four (4) registered team officials in good standing will be permitted in the vicinity of the players bench or will be allowed to coach or manage a team. Any violation of this regulation could result in the forfeiting of the game.
- ~~G. No Referee or Linesman shall officiate in a division within a tournament, District playoff or State playoff in which their father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter, husband or wife is a coach, manager or player of one of the participating teams without:
 - 1. Notifying the opposing team of this relationship.
 - 2. Obtaining agreement to play the game from both teams, in writing, on the scoresheet, prior to the start of the game. (In cases of tournaments or playoffs, this can be done on a blanket basis by all teams, in writing, prior to the start of play.)~~
- G. A registered team shall not play a non-registered team or a team under suspension by the MAHA or USA Hockey. (Reference paragraph VI, J, 3 for allowable play against high school/ prep school varsity teams.)
- H. An USA Hockey registered high school team may play non-registered high school teams.
- I. Teams must carry approved copies of the Team

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D. 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 shall 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.

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Roster Form (USA Form - 1T) and the Individual Membership Registration (IMR) form (unless electronically registered) and the Head Coach's and Assistant Coaches C.E.P. Certification card, or a clear copy of the Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches C.E.P. Certification cards to all games. If a team is found not adhering to this rule the head coach shall be referred in writing to the proper District Council for action under Rule **XVI**, Disciplinary Actions, paragraph **19**. It is suggested that these forms, cards and/or clear copies be carried to all team functions for insurance purposes.

- J. 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 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.

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VIII. EXHIBITION GAMES & INVITATIONAL SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

WAS PARAGRAPH X.

A. Definition of a Tournament

Competition, other than normally scheduled league or ~~exhibition non-league~~ games, where two or more legally registered teams compete in the same subcontracted arenas within a specified time frame and where playing fees are channeled to a specified person, organization or location for the purpose of declaring a champion. Gatherings consisting of more than four teams, except Association exchanges, are responsible for those fees required by tournaments even though there are no winners declared.

**There is no such thing as an exhibition game (or scrimmage).
"A game is a game."**

B. All ~~independent and invitational~~ sanctioned tournaments shall be under the supervision and control of the MAHA President.

All tournaments are invitational. All tournaments must be sanctioned.

1. All ~~independent and invitational~~ sanctioned tournaments must declare their age and division classifications before accepting entries from teams.

C. All ~~invitational~~ tournaments held in Michigan must secure a sanction and sanction number from the MAHA before a tournament is advertised or promoted or any tournament fees collected. This shall be accomplished by filing a copy of the rules and regulations of the tournament along with a \$100 sanction fee with the USA Hockey Registrar for Michigan. The tournament sanction number must be displayed in all advertisements and fliers promoting the tournament. At the conclusion of the event, payment of \$35.00 for each team participating in the tournament (less the \$100 sanction fee) is required. The tournament host must complete ~~the~~ **an electronic** form listing the teams that participated in the tournament. Both the list and the payment must be forwarded to the MAHA Treasurer within two weeks of the tournament conclusion. *(Ed. Note: Payment may be accomplished through the MAHA web site.)* A tournament host who fails to follow these procedures may be suspended from all tournament activity for a period of one year.

D. Any tournaments held in Michigan where individuals or groups of players compete together in a 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 tournament, must secure a special event sanction and sanction number from the MAHA before a tournament is advertised or promoted or any tournament fees collected. This shall be accomplished by filing a copy of the rules and regulations of the tournament along with a \$250 sanction fee with the USA Hockey Registrar for Michigan. ~~The tournament sanction number must be displayed in all advertisements and fliers promoting the tournament.~~ The tournament host must check to ensure all players are registered with USA Hockey. Acceptable proof is a copy of the current team roster the player is on. ~~or a current participant card showing registration with USA Hockey.~~ A copy of this information must be kept by the tournament director and submitted to MAHA at the completion of the tournament if requested. A tournament host who fails to follow these procedures may be suspended from all tournament activity for a period of one year.

Redundant verbiage.

USA Hockey no longer issues member cards.

E. One of the requirements necessary for MAHA sanction of ~~invitational~~ tournaments is that only USA Hockey or CAHA registered teams and IIHF approved teams, be allowed to enter.

- F. Any ~~registered rostered~~ 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.
- G. Programs which fail to ~~register roster~~ all of their member teams are not eligible to receive sanctions for any ~~invitational~~ tournaments.
- H. All ~~invitational~~ tournament pairings and game times must be posted in all arenas in which any of the games are being played before the start of the first game of the tournament. No youth classification (Midget or younger) tournament game may be scheduled to begin later than 10:30 pm, or before 6:00 am. However, if properly scheduled games are delayed by circumstances such as injuries or overtime play, these scheduled games may be completed even if they would violate the above curfews.
- I. Any team participating in Canadian Tournaments must complete the Canadian Tournament Application form, **via the MAHA web site**, and submit it ~~to the President together~~ with a 10.00 application fee.
- J. For ~~invitational~~ 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 Executive Committee for further action.
- K. Any team which enters a tournament which fails to appear on time for a scheduled game shall (1) forfeit all of its tournament games, (2) shall pay for all expenses, including but not limited to all referees' fees and all ice costs for each forfeited game and shall be denied entry in any further tournaments for the remainder of the season. In unusual circumstances, the tournament committee may waive this rule.
- L. All teams, including but not limited to out of state teams, must place on file with the Tournament Director before the first tournament game, a copy of the Team Roster Form which has been approved, signed and sealed by their USA Hockey or CAHA Registrar. If any team shall fail to comply with this rule that team shall forfeit all games until the proper signed and sealed team roster is presented to the Tournament Director. The team violating this rule shall remain obligated to and shall pay all financial obligations to all opponents for forfeited game costs and the league or tournament entry fees.
- M. All travel teams not eligible for State Tournament Play (during regular season) will not be approved for Canadian Tournaments or Exhibition Games. ~~(Exception Mini Mites and Mites – see Division Classification).~~
- N. ~~Invitational~~ The Tournament Host ~~will shall~~ not 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.

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Mites are not eligible for States.

IX. LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

- A. The following conditions shall constitute a commitment and obligation of a team to participate as a member team of a league:
1. If an official of a team, or an authorized official of the program of which the team is a member, files an application for entry into a league in a situation where an application is the standard method used by that league over a period of years, and the application is accepted.
 2. If an official of a team, or an authorized official of the program of which the team is a member, pays an entry fee for entry into a league, in a situation where the payment of an entry fee is the standard method used by that league over a period of years.
 3. **Provided, that** if no answer is given to an application in two calendar weeks, the team may apply elsewhere.
- B. A league consists of four (4) or more teams in the same age and division classifications playing a regular schedule of games.
- C. A league must declare its age and division classifications before accepting entries from teams. Leagues may form checking and/or non-checking divisions in the 18, 16, 14 and 12 and under classifications.
- ~~D. A registered team in any youth classification may not play in more than one league or age classification during the regular season.~~
- D. This does not, however, prevent a high school team, playing in a recognized high school league, from participating in the MAHA, providing that the team that represents the school in the school league is the same team (including coach and manager) that participates in the MAHA.
- E. No team may play in a Canadian League unless permission is secured in writing from the USA Hockey, MAHA, Ontario Hockey Association, and Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.
- F. A Michigan team which has qualified in a Canadian League may apply to its District Council and **respective the** State Playoff Committee for permission to participate in District and State Playoffs.
- G. All teams from other USA Hockey Affiliates or Hockey Federations wishing to participate in a Michigan-based league, need their Affiliates or Federation's written approval submitted to the MAHA President and a copy to the League they wish to join, one week prior to the league commitment date. Permission is for each league's playing season. A copy of final approval must be sent to each USA Hockey Associate Registrar.
- H. The constitution, structure, policy, Bylaws, rules and regulations of Tier I, Tier II, A, BB & B leagues shall incorporate the following principles and policies:
1. All ~~Girls, Tier I Youth, and any other~~ leagues comprised of teams from more than one Association, Club and/or Independent teams (excluding Adult Men and Women) must file a copy of its constitution and/or Bylaws with the **MAHA** President by October 1 of each year. Violation of this rule may result in non-sanctioning, suspension or other action toward the league.

This paragraph was in two places in the book. Now only under Registration section.

Verbiage not required.

2. The President shall review league articles, constitution, Bylaws and rules and if the President does not mail written comments to the league within (30) days of receipt, the articles, constitution, Bylaws and rules will be deemed approved. The President shall have the authority to require compliance with the above principles and policies and to recommend non-sanctioning, suspension, or other action toward the league to the Executive Committee for their approval.
3. The league's rules and regulations shall provide that:
 - a. The League's rules incorporate USA Hockey and MAHA rules and regulations and playing rules and exceptions may vary from USA Hockey and MAHA rules and regulations providing they are more stringent and without major change with the exception of age classifications. Age divisions must be strictly adhered to, from Mite through Midget, High School and all Girls classifications, as defined in MAHA Guide Section V., which will not be considered to be within the "more stringent" policy.
 - b. If the league does not automatically permit all USA Hockey and MAHA qualifying teams to participate in the league in the appropriate classification within the league's geographic area, then the rules should clearly define eligibility criteria for all teams. In such cases the rules should also contain procedures for teams to apply and a review or appeal procedure if the team is initially denied the right to participate in the league. The same rules should also apply to a league that admits associations or sponsor organizations rather than individual teams. This requirement shall not prevent Tier I leagues from denying participation on the basis of teams not being competitive so long as there are criteria, application procedures and a review or appeal process set forth in the league's rules and regulations.

X. ELIGIBILITY FOR DISTRICT AND STATE PLAYOFFS

- A. To be eligible to enter MAHA District and/or State playoffs, only teams **registered rostered** 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.
- B. All teams are eligible for District Playoffs in the District in which they are legally registered, as defined in paragraph A above. The District Council, being the governing body for the District, shall have and exercise general control and authority over the affairs of the District as defined in M.A.H.A. Bylaw #5. The method of selection of eligible teams as candidates for District playoffs shall be determined by the District's Council. All teams will be notified by their District Council, in writing, before September 1, of any changes to the selection process. No notification is required if the selection process remains the same as the previous season, and, shall be considered as an established practice for the current season. A written copy of the selection process shall be kept on file with the District Chairperson.
- C. Any team may apply to the **respective** State Playoff Committee for the granting or waiver of an exception to the eligibility rules set forth herein. The request for exception must be in writing and it must first be submitted to the District Council (by November 15) for the District in which the team is registered. The request for exception must be acted upon by the District Council and its actions evidenced by written endorsement upon the team request. The request must be submitted to the **respective** State Playoff Committee at its December meeting. No exceptions will be considered by the State Playoff Committee after this date. The decision of the State Playoff Committee is final and cannot be appealed.
- D. Each District will conduct Playoffs to determine the District entry into the State Playoffs. In the event the team representing the host city wins the District Playoff, the District Playoff runner-up shall represent the District.
- E. Each District Champion or alternate team is eligible to enter the State Playoffs along with a team representing the host city. Should this format fail to establish eight (8) entries the State Playoff Committee shall select from District runners-up a sufficient number of teams to establish eight entries.
- F. 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 **respective** State Playoff Committee reserves the right to make exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.
- G. 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.
 - 1. In the Adult ~~Elite, Adult US~~ **USA Checking**, Adult Non-Checking Tier I and Over 30 **through Over 60** divisions:
 - a. Up to (5) players on the roster of a

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Revised to match USA Hockey Adult Classifications.

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. Exception: a player may not participate on both an Adult US and an Adult Elite team in these playoffs.

- b. The players must be on the roster of both teams that they are playing for in these playoffs and must meet all other eligibility requirements.
 2. In the Adult Non-Checking Tier II division, a player can play for 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.
 3. Penalty for failure to comply with the above rules is forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible player participated.
 4. Number of Games for Eligibility: Adult Divisions (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 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 **respective** State Playoff Committee.
 5. Adult Men's Division teams that are **registered 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.
- H. Youth and Girl's Divisions 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 the earliest of February 1st or 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 ten (10) USA Hockey sanctioned games on or before February 1st with the Tier I team for which they will participate in the State Playoffs.~~
 - b. In order to qualify for State Playoffs, a team must play at least twenty (20) games in its classification on or before February 1st, except for Girl's 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

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the team they are registered with at the time of the District Playoffs, except in the 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.

XI. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

The District Playoffs shall be under the supervision and control of the **respective** State Playoff Committee (~~Youth, Adult, Girls/Women's~~) who shall be the final authority. ~~The State of Michigan shall consist of Districts #2 through #8.~~

~~Each District will conduct Playoffs to determine the District entry into the State Playoffs. (In the event the team representing the host city wins the District Playoff, the District Playoff runner-up shall represent the District.)~~

- 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~~ **November 1st**.
 2. Each team in the Tier I classification must signify their intention of entering the State Playoffs no later than ~~December 1st~~ **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~~ **November 1st** to the Vice President of Girls/ Women's hockey.
- B. If a team which has committed to enter the District playoffs fails to participate in those playoffs, the team officials and players shall be suspended for a maximum of one year by the **respective** State Playoff Committee.
- 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).
- D. Tournament Director
 1. The District Playoff Director shall be ~~approved appointed~~ by the **respective State Playoff committee** ~~respective District Chairperson~~.
 2. **Under the supervision of the State Playoff Committee**, the District Playoff Director is in charge of all phases of District Playoffs, exclusive of playing rules.
- E. Credentials Committee
 1. Each team entering the District Playoffs is required to furnish to the Credentials Committee the following items:
 - a. Team Roster Form (1-T) (certified copy by the USA Hockey Associate Registrar)
 - b. USA Hockey individual membership registration (IMR) form or online confirmation for each rostered participant. These forms are not required when the team's certified player roster form (1-T) has been printed through the USA Hockey registration software.
 - c. Copy of government issued birth certificate, or, if birth certificate is not available, copy of a Passport ID page for each rostered player.
 - d. Non-US citizens must provide proof of legal residency and proof of release and transfer from home country ice hockey federation.
 - e. USA Hockey Consent To Treat Form

WAS PARAGRPH XII.

There is only one State Playoff committee.

In Bylaws.

Paragraph moved to Paragraph X., D.

RULE CHANGE:

- 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 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.

Reason: Current Policy - Info. needed for November State Playoff Comm. Meeting.

RULE CHANGE:

- 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).

Reason: Need a weekend to conduct the Runners-Up Playoffs.

Current Policy: The District Chair has always appointed the District Playoffs Director(s).

Extenuating issues are resolved by the State Playoff Committee.

for all players, coaches and managers

- f. A Game Log showing all games played
- g. Sanctioned game score sheets to verify compliance with the minimum number of games for eligibility rule for each rostered player
- h. Coaching Education Program certification cards **or online certification certificate** for all coaches. **A copy of both sides of the card is also required. (All coaches must be at the required CEP level as defined in Section III of these rules.)**
- i. Signed Waiver of Liability Release, Assumption of Risk & Indemnifying Agreement for all players, coaches and managers. If the participant has registered electronically via the internet, this form is not required.
- j. Completed Code of Conduct form for each player and coach.
- k. Signed STAR forms.
- l. Background Screening Application confirmation form.

To match the requirements as showing in the "Coaching Requirements Section of these rules.

- 2. Acceptable proof of age shall consist of a readable copy of a player's government issued birth certificate. 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 an Officer of the Court may be used only in those circumstances where a birth certificate or U.S. Military record of birth is not available. In the Adult Classifications, a valid Michigan driver's license is sufficient.

F. Substitute Goalkeepers

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. For non-national bound divisions, 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. For national bound divisions, the substitute goalie must be registered in the current season on a lower classification team.

A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in case of injury to the regular goalie. **The injured player must provide certified documentation of the injury from a licensed physician and contact information for that physician.** 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.

RULE CHANGE

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

G. Playing Rules

All USA Hockey playing rules shall apply.

H. Time Between Games

In all District Playoffs held in Michigan, 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.

I. Uniform Colors

- 1. The Home team shall wear Light/White jerseys. The Visiting team shall wear

Dark/Colored jerseys in all games. All disputes will be handled by the District Director.

2. Each team entered in the District Playoffs must be fully uniformed with all players having jerseys of the same color. All players must have a number.

J. Forfeits

Any team which fails to appear for a scheduled game of the District playoff shall (1) forfeit all of its District Playoff games, (2) shall pay for all expenses, including, but not limited to all referees fees and all ice costs for each forfeited game. The District Council may impose further penalties within its discretion. In the event of exceptional circumstances, the forfeit(s) may be appealed to the State Playoff Committee Chairperson and two other members of the MAHA Board of Directors and the game(s) may be ordered replayed if the appeal is upheld.

K. Protests

Protests on all matters other than playing rules and/or referees judgment must be filed with the District Tournament Director in writing no later than one hour after completion of the game involved. Written protests must contain all the facts and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$50.00 which will be returned if the protest is upheld. Officials must be notified at the time of protest so that it may be announced to all officials and the public. (The fee will be forfeit if protest is turned down.)

L. Referees

The Referee-in-Chief of each Michigan District, or his designee, will appoint registered referees in good standing for all Michigan District playoff games. The referee-in-chief of each Michigan District shall submit a list of appointed referees to the district chairperson at least 14 days prior to the start of the each tournament, if such a list is requested by the district chairperson.

The district shall have the right to question the list of appointed officials by contacting the District Referee-in-Chief. All unsettled disputes will be presented to the USA Hockey Michigan Referee-in-Chief and the M.A.H.A. Vice President of Officials for a final decision.

The host association/District Council shall pay referees fees for all District playoff games. The referee fees shall be negotiated prior to the playoffs and shall be paid in full within 10 days from the completion of the tournament.

M. Discipline

1. Any player or team official receiving a game(s) suspension during the District Playoffs (game misconduct, etc.) must serve the suspension during the next game(s) of that District Playoff. Suspensions not served to completion during the District Playoffs will be carried over to the State Playoff games. Note: The suspended player/team official must serve game suspension(s) in the next prescheduled game(s) of that team and the next District Playoff game(s) should they not coincide.
2. Should the District Council become aware of, and subsequently determine a player(s) to be ineligible before, during or after the state playoff tournament, said player(s) shall be ruled ineligible to participate in any remaining games and the team using the ineligible player(s) shall forfeit any games

in which the player(s) participated. If it is determined that the coach(s) or manager were aware of the ineligible situation, they shall be subject to suspension. (Reference paragraph **XVI**. Disciplinary Actions.)

N. Authority of MAHA Tournament Directors and Referees

Under the supervision of the State Playoff Committee, in all District playoffs the qualified and designated referees shall have sole authority of and responsibility for the enforcement and interpretation of the playing rules on the ice except as provided herein. The District shall have authority and responsibility for all off ice rules and regulations enforcement. The District shall have the authority, with the advice of the referee, to terminate play, determine resurfacing as set forth in these rules, and to decide if a game must be replayed and the manner of replay.

Extenuating issues are resolved by the State Playoff Committee.

XII. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STATE PLAYOFFS

These rules and regulations are in addition to the USA Hockey rules and regulations for **Regional State (USA District)** Playoffs. The State Playoffs shall be under the supervision and control of the **respective** State Playoff Committee.

A. Requirements of Host Association

1. An established program which fails to register all of its member teams is not eligible to be designated as Host for any State Playoffs.
2. A host **city Association** that does not abide by all of the Playoff rules will be subject to the loss of hosting State Playoffs for two (2) years.
3. **The host District for each division shall submit to the respective State Playoff Committee a completed MAHA Form 11 package, including schedules, at the November Committee meeting.**
~~its format, schedule and rules no later than the second Monday in December of the current season. (See MAHA Form 11 for format.)~~
4. If a format is not supplied or approved, the **respective** State Playoff Committee will **supply the format and rules reassign the host.**
5. State Playoff Locations by Districts: (except Tier I classifications)

WAS PARAGRAPH XIII.

Revised to bring book up to date with the State Playoff Committee timeline to prepare for States. This procedure has been in place for many years.

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>2011</u>
2		2	12 or under
4		4	14 or under
6	10 or under	6	16 & 18 or under
8	12 or under	8	
3	14 or under	3	
5	16 & 18 or under	5	
7		7	10 or under

6. The **Youth** State Playoff Committee shall determine the location, format and host for all Tier I and **JV / Non-Varsity** High School classification State Playoffs.
7. Shall provide competent, ~~mature goal judges,~~ time keeper-scorer, public address announcer, and two (2) mature penalty box attendants for each game.
8. Certified athletic trainer, or emergency medical technician (EMT), or paramedic, or medical or osteopathic physician at each game.
9. Large up to date standings board.
10. Each player introduced before the championship game.
11. Printed Tournament Program.
- 12. The MAHA welcome banner displayed.**
- 13. National Anthem played before the Championship Game.**
14. The following items are optional:
 - a. National Anthem played before the first game each day.
 - ~~b. National Anthem played before the Championship Game.~~
 - c. Referees introduced before each game.
 - d. Team name posted at the respective bench area.
 - e. A welcome sign.
 - f. Teams separated when leaving the ice after each game.
 - g. Personnel for crowd control.

There is only one State Playoff Committee.

Goal Judges no longer required by MAHA or USA Hockey.

Moved up to bullet 13.

B. Dates

1. All Tier I and Tier II Pee Wee and above Classification **and national bound**

Girls'/Women's State Playoffs must be completed at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of National Tournaments.

To meet USA Hockey requirements.

C. Pairings

1. Formula for State Playoff Pairings (8 teams):

Division	National Division	American
2010 Districts	1,3,4,5	2,6,7,8
2011 Districts	2,4,7,8	1,3,5,6

2. If there are less than (8) teams entered, the **respective** State Playoff Committee will determine the pairings.

D. Tournament Director

1. The State Playoff Director shall be approved by the **respective** State Playoff committee.
2. **Under the supervision of the State Playoff Committee**, the State Playoff Director is in charge of all phases of State Playoffs, exclusive of playing rules.

Extenuating issues are resolved by the State Playoff Committee.

E. Credentials Committee

1. Each team entering the State Playoffs is required to furnish to the Credentials Committee the following items:
 - a. Team Roster Form (1-T) (certified copy by the USA Hockey Associate Registrar)
 - b. USA Hockey individual membership registration (IMR) form or online confirmation for each rostered participant. These forms are not required when the team's certified player roster form (1-T) has been printed through the USA Hockey registration software.
 - c. Copy of government issued birth certificate, or, if birth certificate is not available, copy of a Passport ID page for each rostered player.
 - d. Non-US citizens must provide proof of legal residency and proof of release and transfer from home country ice hockey federation.
 - e. USA Hockey Consent To Treat Form for all players, coaches and managers
 - f. A Game Log showing all games played
 - g. Sanctioned game score sheets to verify compliance with the minimum number of games for eligibility rule for each rostered player
 - h. Coaching Education Program certification cards **or online certification certificate** for all coaches. **A copy of both sides of the card is also required. (All coaches must be at the required CEP level as defined in Section III of these rules.)**
 - i. Signed Waiver of Liability Release, Assumption of Risk & Indemnifying Agreement for all players, coaches and managers. If the participant has registered electronically via the internet, this form is not required.
 - j. Completed Code of Conduct form for each player and coach.
 - k. Signed STAR forms.
 - l. Background Screening Application confirmation form.
2. Acceptable proof of age shall consist of a readable copy of a player's government issued birth certificate. 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 an Officer of the Court

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may be used only in those circumstances where a birth certificate or U.S. Military record of birth is not available. In the Adult Classifications, a valid Michigan driver's license is sufficient.

F. Substitute Goalkeeper

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. For non-national bound divisions, 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. For national bound divisions, the substitute goalie must be registered in the current season on a lower classification team.

A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in case of injury to the regular goalie. **The injured player must provide certified documentation of the injury from a licensed physician and contact information for that physician.** 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.

SAME RULES CHANGE AS WAS DONE FOR DISTRICTS.

G. Playing Rules

1. All USA Hockey Playing Rules shall prevail.

H. Uniform Colors

1. The Home team shall wear Light/White jerseys. The Visiting team shall wear Dark/Colored jerseys in all games. All disputes will be handled by the Tournament Director.
2. Each team entered in the State Playoffs must be fully uniformed with all players having jerseys of the same color. All players must have a number.

I. Time Between Games

In all State Playoffs held in Michigan, 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.

J. Forfeits

1. If a team which has committed to enter the State Playoffs fails to participate in those playoffs, the team officials and players shall be suspended for a maximum of one year by the **respective** State Playoff Committee.
2. Any team which fails to appear for a scheduled game of the State Playoff shall (1) forfeit all of its State Playoff games, (2) shall pay for all expenses, including, but not limited to all referees fees and all ice costs for each forfeited game. The State Playoff Committee may impose further penalties within its discretion. In the event of exceptional circumstances, the forfeit(s) may be appealed to the State Playoff Committee Chairperson and two other members of the MAHA Board of Directors and the game(s) may be ordered replayed if the appeal is upheld.

K. Time of Periods

1. Length of periods and time of penalties.

Ad. Elite & Ad. US	3-20 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Ad. Non-Chk Over 60, 50, 40, 30	3-10 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Ad. Non-Chk Tier I & Ov. 30 (El.)	3-13 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Ad. Non-Chk Tier II & III	3-10 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Non-Var. High School Div. 1 & 2	3-17 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Youth-eighteen (18) or under:	
BB division	3-15 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Tier I & Tier II divisions	3-17 min. stopped; 2-5-10

Change in JV division name.

Youth-sixteen (16) or under:	
B division	3-15 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Tier I & Tier II (A) divisions	3-17 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Youth-fourteen (14) or under:	
B & A divisions	3-15 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Tier I & Tier II divisions	3-16 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Youth-twelve (12) or under	3-15 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Youth-ten (10) or under	3-12 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Girl's-twelve (12) or under	3-15 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Girl's-fourteen (14) or under	3-16 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Girl's-fifteen (16) or under	3-17 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Girl's-nineteen (19) or under	3-17 min. stopped; 2-5-10
Women's Divisions	3-15 min. stopped; 2-5-10

2. Resurfacing

- a. For all Tier I and Tier II Pee Wee and above, Midget B and BB Youth Classifications and **Non-Varsity High School** the ice shall be resurfaced before the start of each game and at least every two periods.
- b. In all other classifications, the ice **shall** be resurfaced, at a minimum, before each game or every two periods.

Added Non-Varsity High School.

3. Overtime - All Divisions except Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Tier I & Tier II, Girls/Women's non-national bound

- a. No overtime is to be played in round-robin games.
- b. In case of a tie game at the end of regular play (where the ice is resurfaced every two [2] periods) teams will be allowed a five (5) minute rest period, teams will not change ends, and the first sudden death overtime period shall start. If the game is still tied after the first overtime period, the ice will be resurfaced, teams shall not change ends and the second sudden death overtime period shall start. This format shall continue until a winner has been determined.
- c. In case of a tie game at the end of regular play (where the ice is resurfaced before each game and prior to the start of overtime periods), teams shall not change ends and the first sudden death overtime period shall start. Teams shall not change ends for the sudden death second and third overtime periods. If the game is still tied after three (3) over time periods, the ice shall be resurfaced, teams shall not change ends and the sudden death fourth overtime period shall start. This format shall continue until a winner has been determined.

4. Overtime – Division 1 & 2 **Non-Varsity** High School Classifications; Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Tier I & Tier II, Girls/Women's national bound Divisions

- a. Preliminary Round: All Games Played to a Winner

If the game is tied following regulation play, one 5 minute sudden death overtime period shall be played. At the completion of the third period, the tied teams shall receive a 3 minute rest period. The teams will remain on the ice. The teams will not change ends. If the score is tied at the end of the 5 minute sudden death overtime period, there shall be a shoot-out. The winner of the shoot-out will be credited with one additional goal in the final score.

Winner in regulation time - 3 points
 Winner in overtime or shoot-out - 2 points
 Loser in overtime or shoot-out - 1 point
 Loser in regulation - 0 points

If no goal is scored in the overtime period, there will be a shoot-out.

The shoot-out will be conducted as follows:

- (1) A shoot-out is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring the goal.
- (2) The referee shall call the two captains to the referee's crease to flip a coin to determine which team takes the first shot. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether his/her team will shoot first or second.
- (3) All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shoot-out.
- (4) Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shoot-out procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shoot-out procedure(s).
- (5) The shoot-out procedure shall begin with five different individual shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand.
- (6) The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- (7) The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.
- (8) If after the shoot-out, the shoot-out score is still tied, there will be a sudden death shoot-out.

Sudden Death Shoot-Out:

The sudden death shoot-out will be conducted as follows:

- (1) A sudden death shoot-out is defined as each team attempting a shot. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shoot-out.
- (2) Teams will select their shooters to participate in sudden death shoot-out, whether or not they shot in the previous round.
- (3) All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shoot-out.
- (4) Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shoot-out procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shoot-out procedure(s).
- (5) Players in a sudden death shoot-out shall not be allowed to take another shot until four additional shooters have completed their attempts.
- (6) The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- (7) The official scorekeeper shall record all shots taken indicating the players,

goalkeepers and goals scored.

b. Championship Round Games

- (1) The game shall be continued to determine a winner.
- (2) At the completion of the third period, there shall be a five (5) minute rest period before the start of the first overtime session.
- (3) All overtimes shall be a ten (10) minutes in length and sudden death. Teams shall not switch ends throughout overtime periods; therefore teams will play in the same end from which they played during the third period until a winner is determined.
- (4) At the completion of the first overtime, if the teams are still tied, the teams shall leave the ice and the ice shall be resurfaced. A second overtime period shall begin immediately following the ice resurfacing.
- (5) Following the second overtime, there shall be a five (5) minute rest period prior to the start of the third overtime session
- (6) If the teams remain tied at the completion of the third overtime period, the teams shall leave the ice and the ice shall be resurfaced.
- (7) Thereafter, the foregoing process in items 1-6 shall be repeated until such time as a winner is determined by the competition.

5. Overtime Periods

<u>Classifications</u>	<u>Length of Periods</u>
Ad. Elite & Ad. US	10 min. stopped
Ad. Non-Chk Ov. 60, 50, 40, 30	10 min. stopped
Ad. Non-Chk Tier I & Ov. 30 (El.)	13 min. stopped
Ad. Non-Chk Tier II & III	10 min. stopped
Non-Var. High School Div. 1&2	10 min. stopped
Youth-eighteen (18) or under*	10 min. stopped
Youth-sixteen (16) or under*	10 min. stopped
Youth-fourteen (14) or under*	10 min. stopped
Youth-twelve (12) or under*	10 min. stopped
Youth-ten (10) or under	6 min. stopped
Girl's-twelve (12) or under	10 min. stopped
Girl's-fourteen (14) or under	10 min. stopped
Girl's-sixteen (16) or under	10 min. stopped
Girl's-nineteen (19) or under	10 min. stopped
Women's Divisions	10 min. stopped

- a. * National Bound Boy's Youth divisions play one (5) minute overtime in preliminary round games.

L. Protests

Protests on all matters other than playing rules and/or referees judgment must be filed with the District Tournament Director in writing no later than one hour after completion of the game involved. Written protests must contain all the facts and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$50.00 which will be returned if the protest is upheld. Officials must be notified at the time of protest so that it may be announced to all officials and the public. (The fee will be forfeit if protest is turned down.)

M. Referees

1. The USA Hockey Referee-in-Chief shall appoint a Referee-in-Chief for all State Playoff Games and will pay only their travel and lodging expenses.
2. The MAHA shall pay referee fees for all State Playoffs for which a fee is collected. Referee

fees shall be negotiated prior to the playoffs by each State Playoff Committee and MAHA Referee Representative at the Winter Meeting.

3. All Playoff games must be officiated by referees that hold at least a Level-3 classification.

N. Discipline Committee

1. The Discipline Committee shall be composed of three (3) people appointed prior to the first game. It shall consist of the Tournament Chairman, a District Director and one other appointed by the Tournament Director. No two members shall come from the same community. The Referee-In-Chief or his designee shall not be eligible to serve on this Committee.
2. The Discipline Committee shall be responsible for deciding any actions (suspensions or otherwise) to be taken against a player or team official receiving a match penalty or game misconduct.
3. The Discipline Committee shall have full power to waive suspensions imposed. No player or team official shall be suspended from participation in the remaining games unless he/she has appeared before the Discipline Committee and been given the opportunity to relate his/her version of the incident. (Note: Per USA Hockey rules, the suspension of a player for 5 penalties in a game or the Head Coach for 15 penalties in a game cannot be waived.)
4. Any player or team official receiving a game(s) suspension during the State Playoffs (game misconduct, etc.) which is upheld by the Discipline Committee must serve the suspension during the next game(s) of that State Playoff. Suspensions not served to completion during the State Playoffs will be carried over to the National Tournament.
5. Should the State Playoff Committee Chairperson and his/ her designated committee members become aware of, and subsequently determine a player(s) to be ineligible before, during or after the state playoff tournament, said player(s) shall be ruled ineligible to participate in any remaining games and the team using the ineligible player(s) shall forfeit any games in which the player(s) participated. If it is determined that the coach(s) or manager were aware of the ineligible situation, they shall be subject to suspension. (Reference paragraph **XVI**. Disciplinary Actions.)

O. Trophies

The MAHA will provide State Champion and Runner-up trophies or medallions for all State Playoffs for which an entry fee is collected.

P. Authority of MAHA Tournament Directors and Referees

Under the supervision of the State Playoff Committee, in all State Playoffs the qualified and designated referees shall have sole authority of and responsibility for the enforcement and interpretation of the playing rules on the ice except as provided herein. The MAHA Director shall have sole authority and responsibility for all off ice rules and regulations enforcement and interpretation. The Tournament Director shall have the sole authority, with the advice of the referee, to terminate play, determine resurfacing as set forth in these rules, and to decide if a game must be replayed and the manner of replay.

Extenuating issues are resolved by the State Playoff Committee.

XIII. NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- A. Only State Champions are eligible to represent Michigan in National Tournaments, unless, the Tournament is held in Michigan in which case the host **city Association** may enter a team.
- B. If a State Champion is unable to represent the State in a National Tournament, the runner-up team may be given permission by the **respective** State Playoff Committee to represent the State.
- C. When there are not sufficient entries to merit the holding of a State Championship in a given classification, a representative or representatives may receive the sanction of the **respective** State Playoff Committee to represent the State in a National Tournament.
- D. In addition to the MAHA requirements, any Michigan representative to a National Tournament must also conform to the requirements as set forth in the current edition and supplements to the Annual Guide of USA Hockey.

WAS PARAGRAPH XIV.

XIV. POST SEASON AND SUMMER LEAGUES

~~A. All post-season and summer leagues and conditioning programs must be sanctioned by M.A.H.A. To host a post-season, summer league or conditioning program in which officiated games are played, written application must be made in advance of the event. The sanction fee for Leagues and Conditioning Programs is \$20.00. (For Tournaments see M.A.H.A. rule X). It is a condition of sanction that all players, referees and team officials be registered with USA Hockey prior to the start of league play. Applications should be sent to the M.A.H.A. Post-Season Director. (Note: See page 7 of this book for the address.)~~

- A. All teams in post-season and summer leagues and conditioning programs must complete an USA Hockey Team Roster Form and an Individual Membership Registration Form for each player **and team officials** (if not registered prior to post season). The completed USA Hockey registration forms along with the USA Hockey /MAHA registration fees are to be submitted to the Associate Registrar prior to the start of any games.
- B. A player's obligation to his/her regular season team ends on April 30th of the current season, or when his/her regular season team becomes inactive prior to that date.
- C. A player who is a member of an active regular season team may register and play in post-season, summer leagues and conditioning programs if he/she has the written permission of his/her regular season team coach or manager.
- D. A player's obligation to his/her post-season or summer or conditioning team ends with the completion of the league schedule, or when he/she is released in writing prior to that date.
- E. A player who is on a "Protected Player" list of a paid gate team may play on a post-season, summer conditioning team if he/she has the written permission of his/her paid gate team, such permission is conditional and does not release the player from the normal obligation of the "Protected Player" rules of USA Hockey/MAHA
- F. All post-season and summer leagues and conditioning programs must use the current playing rules of USA Hockey /MAHA.
- G. Post-season and summer leagues and conditioning programs may have added special rules for their

WAS PARAGRAPH XV.

Paragraph A. deleted. Verbiage is covered in next paragraph and fee removed.

league, provided such rules are not contradictory to, or less stringent than the current USA Hockey /MAHA rules.

- H. Post Season league play may not start prior to the week of April 1st.
- I. In all youth divisions, a player may register and play with a maximum of two teams at a time in the post season.
- J. Post Season players must play in the USA Hockey age classification they will be in for the next regular Winter hockey season.
- K. All player or coach suspensions shall be served with the team with which the penalty was incurred. Note: A player or coach receiving a match penalty is suspended from participating in any USA Hockey games and practices until a hearing is conducted.

XV. REFEREE: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WAS PARAGRAPH XVI.

A. It is the responsibility of the local USA Hockey Referee-In-Chief for Michigan to insure that all referees used have been duly registered.

B. All score sheets must be signed by the referees who officiated the game and must have their USA number clearly printed. Failure to clearly print their USA number may result in suspension or other disciplinary action by the Referee Representative to the MAHA.

C. Suspension up to ten (10) days

The responsibility shall lie with the ~~local Supervisor of Officials District Referee Supervisor and/or the MAHA~~. Such action shall only be taken after review of the facts as reported, including the version (in writing or person) of the official(s) involved. Any appeal of the suspension shall be made to the ~~Affiliate Referee-in-Chief or an Affiliate Committee appointed for that purpose~~ MAHA Officiating Discipline Committee. ~~which shall include a referee appointed by the Affiliate Referee-in-Chief.~~ The decision of the ~~Affiliate Referee-in-Chief or MAHA Officiating Discipline~~ Committee shall be final.

Corrected title and made rule consistent with the District R-I-C's authority.

Cleaned up verbiage to incorporate the correct process and the correct committee name.

D. The MAHA shall have the authority to cancel assignments up to a maximum of five (5) games and the ~~Affiliate Association~~ MAHA Officiating Discipline Committee shall have the power to cancel assignments for more than five (5) games in cases where an official registered with USA Hockey officiates a game(s) between teams that are not registered with USA Hockey.

Corrected committee name.

E. The USA Referee-In-Chief for the MAHA, or his designate, shall schedule referees for the MAHA State Playoffs using the list of approved officials from the MAHA State Tournament Committee.

F. No Referee or Linesman shall officiate in a division within a tournament, District playoff or State playoff in which their father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter, husband or wife is a coach, manager or player of one of the participating teams without:

Moved from old Paragraph VIII, Game Requirements.

1. Notifying the opposing team of this relationship.
2. Obtaining agreement to play the game from both teams, in writing, on the scoresheet, prior to the start of the game. (In cases of tournaments or playoffs, this can be done on a blanket basis by all teams, in writing, prior to the start of play.)

XVI. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

WAS PARAGRAPH XVII.

A. Players, team officials, leagues, or others (except referees)

1. All match penalties must be reported by both the Referees and Coach.
 - a. Referee must report penalty, within 24 hours, following the incident by phone to the District Supervisor of officials where the affected player or team official is registered.
 - b. Referee must also complete the "Official Game Report" form and send this report and a copy of the original Game Score sheet within 48 hours of the incident as follows:
 - (1) Copy-1 Supervisor of District Officials, of affected District (who will forward a copy of the game report and scoresheet to the affected MAHA District Chairperson).

- (2) Copy-2 Reporting referee's copy.
- c. 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 rostered**. ~~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.~~
 - d. If the District Council Chairperson is unavailable, it shall be reported to another District Council Director in the proper District; (see list of District Directors and list of District Supervisor of Officials, MAHA Annual Guide).
 - e. The reporting referee shall personally attend or be represented at any hearing held concerning the penalty. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.
 - f. Violations of these rules may result in the suspension of the offending player, team official, or referee.
2. Any team that leaves the ice during the game in dispute of a registered referee's decision shall forfeit the game by a 1-0 score (regardless of the score at the time). The coach and/or manager of the team leaving the ice, shall be assessed a match penalty and be subject to a recommended suspension of not less than one year.
 3. 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.
 4. A coach or manager who upon the findings of the District Council knowingly allowed the participation of an ineligible player or coach in any game shall be subject to a recommended suspension up to one year.
 5. A player or coach upon the findings of the District Council, who knowingly participated in a game as an ineligible player or coach, shall be suspended for not less than thirty (30) days.
 6. No coach, manager, or other team official, connected with a **registered rostered** team may directly or indirectly entice, influence or contact a player **rostered** on a **registered 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.
 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.
 8. All complaints of vandalism or destruction of public or private property by any player or team staff member shall be referred to their home District Council for disposition. If the home District Council finds that such vandalism or destruction was caused, it shall have the power to suspend players for a recommended minimum of one (1) year and staff members of the team for a recommended minimum of five

RULE CHANGE:

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.**

RULE CHANGE:

No coach, manager, **parent/guardian of a player**, or other team official connected with a ~~registered rostered~~ **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.**

(5) years. The District Council may, as a condition precedent to reinstatement of a player or staff member, require him or her to make reasonable restitution to the damaged property owner.

9. Any compensation provided (except to USA Hockey) as the result of a player (Junior C or below), being released or signed becomes the property of the MAHA. Failure to submit this compensation to the MAHA may result in suspension.
10. When a player, coach or manager receives a game suspension(s), he/she shall not be eligible to participate in the next game(s) that were already on the schedule of that team before the incident occurred.

~~11. When a player is ejected for receiving a second major penalty in a game, he/she shall be suspended for the next two games.~~

Redundant with USA Hockey Playing rules.

11. The head coach of any team accumulating fifteen (15) or more penalties during the same game, will automatically be suspended for the next game his/her team plays (USA Hockey - 404 misconduct penalties). If the head coach is not present at all during the game in which the team accumulates the fifteen (15) or more penalties, the person on the bench responsible for the team (*ie.* who signed the score sheet prior to the start of the game) will be assessed the suspension.

12. A player who receives a game misconduct penalty will be suspended for one game. Upon receipt of a game misconduct, the player must immediately proceed to the locker room and either: a) remain in the locker room for the balance of the game, or b) dress and leave the arena premises.

~~14. Any player who receives five (5) penalties during the same game shall receive a game misconduct penalty. Suspension to be determined by the subsequent game misconduct rule - #404.~~

Redundant with USA Hockey Playing rules.

13. The District Councils shall have the power to suspend any member for conduct detrimental to hockey either on or off the ice. Violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations, etc. may result in disciplinary action.

14. Abusive or threatening words or action toward any Officer, Director, appointed Officer or Game Official of this Association, opposing Team Official, opposing player or spectator shall be considered ungentlemanly conduct and the District Council shall have the power to suspend such person(s) after conducting a hearing on such matter.

15. ~~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. 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 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

RULE CHANGE:

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.

include coaching, playing, refereeing and minor officiating at games or practices.

16. In order to preserve as far as possible the integrity of amateur hockey, any recourse to the courts or legal action by a member or individual before all of the rights of the **Constitution**, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of this Association shall have been exhausted, shall be ungentlemanly conduct entailing the immediate suspension and disqualification of any member or individual.
17. The Executive Committee shall act as the Disciplinary Authority to hear all matters of alleged misconduct or improper actions on the part of any Officer or Director of the MAHA. A finding of misconduct or improper action must be supported by five (5) or more votes of the Disciplinary Authority. The decision of the Disciplinary Authority may be appealed by notifying any non involved District Chairperson in writing. See USA Hockey Annual Guide for appeals procedure. The committee hearing an appeal of any decision of the Disciplinary Authority will consist of at least five District Council Chairpersons, or their designated alternate Director, from Districts not involved.
18. Any team personnel registered with another affiliate team of USA Hockey which plays in a Michigan League, receiving a match penalty in a game played in Michigan, is automatically suspended from all amateur hockey activities in Michigan, until a hearing is conducted before the appropriate Michigan District Council.
19. Any disciplinary circumstance not elsewhere covered in these rules will be assigned **by the President or by the Executive Committee** to the proper District Council for a hearing. ~~by the President or by the Executive Committee~~. In circumstances where multiple Districts are involved, the Executive Committee may conduct the hearing.
20. Any suspension imposed as a result of a hearing may be appealed. See USA Hockey Annual Guide Book and Official Playing Rules for time guidelines.
21. Any suspension imposed as the result of a STAR Violation Hearing may be appealed. Appeals of association or independent team imposed suspensions would be heard by the District Council. Appeals of suspensions imposed by a District Council or Hearing Panel appointed by a District Council **would shall** be heard by the State Appeals Committee.
22. Only players who are dressed and ready to participate in the game shall be identified on the official scoresheet. Any player or coach serving a suspension or game misconduct penalty shall be identified by name, team and jersey number on all copies of the scoresheet prior to the start of the game as serving the suspension or game misconduct penalty. Players or coaches serving suspensions or misconducts are not allowed in the vicinity of the player's bench.

Constitution now combined with the Bylaws.

Corrected grammar.

~~**B. Referees who referee games of non-registered or outlaw teams without the permission of the MAHA President may not referee games in the MAHA.**~~

Per USA Hockey, referees are "Independent Contractors".

B. All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey youth, high school, disabled, girls/women's 19&under and below programs must wear an ice hockey helmet during all on ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and coach and referee clinics (seminars), with the exception of when a

Paragraph moved intact from Risk Management paragraph XX.

team official is tending to an injured player. Any team personnel found in violation of this rule by their District Council shall be subject to a recommended suspension of not less than 30 days.

XVII. ABUSE PREVENTION

A. The Abuse Prevention Committee shall ~~consist of nine members and include~~ the MAHA legal counsel. ~~The term of office shall be three years. Three members shall be appointed each year by the President.~~ The committee shall promulgate the rules, procedures and programs for the screening of personnel, receive allegations of physical and sexual abuse as defined below and suspend individuals after diligent investigations.

B. M.A.H.A. SCREENING POLICY

It is the policy of M.A.H.A. that it will not allow participation in its programs any volunteer or employee who has routine access to children (anyone under the age of majority) who refuses to consent to be screened by M.A.H.A. before he/she is allowed to have routine access to children in M.A.H.A.'s programs. This policy includes coaches, referees, M.A.H.A. personnel, Association personnel, League personnel; any age of majority participant that comes in contact with minors within M.A.H.A.'s programs and those persons who billet on a continuing basis.

A person may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as a volunteer or employee of M.A.H.A. if the person has:

1. Been convicted (including crimes the record of which has been expunged and pleas of "no contest") of a crime of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, physical abuse, causing a child's death, neglect of a child, murder, manslaughter, felony assault, any assault against a minor, kidnapping, arson, criminal sexual conduct, prostitution related crimes, controlled substance crimes or misappropriation of funds;
 - a. For purposes of this policy, controlled substances shall include "mood altering substances" as shown below:
 - (1) Intoxicating beverages, including, but not limited to, alcohol.
 - (2) Non-prescription or prescribed controlled substances.
 - (3) Prescription or prescribed controlled substances when used to an excess in violation of doctor's orders, or to produce the state of intoxication in the participant.
2. Been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children;
3. Been subject to any court order involving any sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, including but not limited to domestic order for protection;
4. Had their parental rights terminated;
5. A history with another organization (volunteer, employment, etc.) of complaints of sexual or physical abuse of minors;
6. Resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to complaint(s) of sexual or physical abuse of minors; or
7. Has a history of other behavior that indicates they may be a danger to children in M.A.H.A.

C. It shall be the obligation of each team that billets players on a continuing basis to ~~secure signatures on the application for screening from the billeting persons and shall submit them to the Associate Registrar.~~ insure that the billeting person(s) complete the background screening check and

WAS PARAGRAPH XIX.

Modified to match existing MAHA policy to include members from around the state, yet maintain privacy and consistency.

"Clean up" for online Background Check.

submit confirmation form(s) with the team's credentials at the time of rostering the team.

D. Definitions

1. Sexual Abuse

- a. Sexual abuse is when the perpetrator touches a child for the sexual arousal or gratification of either the perpetrator or the child or when a child touches the perpetrator at the perpetrator's request or with his/her consent such as but not limited to touching a child's intimate body parts, touching the clothing over a child's intimate body parts, fondling, oral, genital or anal penetration (including kissing), intercourse, rape, having a child touch the perpetrator's intimate body parts.
- b. Any charge brought by governmental authority for solicitation on the internet, or other electronic or telephone devices, of a minor(s) for purposes of sex (an illegal or immoral act).

2. Physical Abuse

Physical abuse is physical contact with a participant that intentionally causes the participant to sustain bodily harm or personal injury or having physical contact with a participant that intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury, including but not limited to hitting, swatting, twisting limbs, kicking, striking with an object, biting, poking, pushing or shoving or forcing the victim into a barrier.

E. **Any of the following named persons / positions who shall become engaged with the MAHA after August 1st shall immediately submit to a background screening. Participation in the MAHA is prohibited unless he/she has submitted the application.**

Combined sentences from the existing paragraph.

- 1. Each coach, assistant coach, manager, referee, instructor, minor official, ~~and~~ officers of all associations **and any volunteer or employee who has routine access to children (everyone under the age of majority) shall execute an application and authorization and release of liability form complete the online background screening application** authorizing the Abuse Prevention Committee to obtain criminal history records from any governmental unit.

Updated to include all participants that require a background check. Updated for online background screening application & confirmation form.

- 2. **For coaches and managers, the executed application background screening confirmation form** shall be delivered to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar at the time the volunteer submits the team roster for ~~registration~~ certification. **For all other association/club personnel, the background screening confirmation form shall be submitted to the association/club president. Referees are to submit their background screening confirmation form to their District Referee Supervisor.**

Describes where to submit confirmation form to prove that a person was screened.

- ~~3. The Associate Registrar shall forward the applications to the Chairman of the committee.~~

Paragraph is not required.

- ~~4. Any coach, assistant coach, manager, referee, instructor, minor official or officer of an association who shall become engaged after August 1st shall immediately submit an application to the Associate Registrar. No coach, assistant coach, manager, referee, instructor, minor official or officer of an association shall participate in MAHA activities unless he/she has submitted the~~

This paragraph moved to the head of Paragraph E and reworded accordingly.

~~application to the Associate Registrar, who shall forward the application to the Chairman.~~

- F. If upon review of the criminal record of an individual by the committee designee, there appears any of the crimes set forth in the abuse prevention policy, or misdemeanor convictions having a sexual nature, the designee shall forward the criminal record to the Chairman of the committee. The Chairman shall forthwith notify the participant in writing, by certified mail, that he/she is disqualified and to immediately cease MAHA participation. The Chairman shall advise the participant that he/she shall have five (5) days in which to request in writing a hearing to discuss the disqualification. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, the Chairman shall appoint three members of the committee to discuss the circumstances of the criminal record with the participant. The three member committee shall notify the Chairman of the results of the hearing. The Chairman shall notify the participant. Only the Chairman and the three member panel shall be made aware of the name of the participant. If the disqualification is sustained, the participant is **suspended disqualified** from all MAHA/USA **Hockey** participation of every nature.
- G. All allegations of sexual abuse shall be in writing and sealed and forwarded to the Chairman. There shall be no disclosure to any other person except the Chairman and his designees. The allegations shall be immediately forwarded to the applicable police department or other appropriate governmental authority and to the MAHA legal counsel. The chairman, upon receipt of the allegations, shall notify the accused in writing that he/she is immediately **suspended disqualified** from all MAHA/USA **Hockey** participation of every nature. The Chairman shall appoint an investigator who is a member of the committee to investigate the allegations. The investigator shall notify the Chairman if there are sufficient legal grounds to require a hearing. The legal counsel shall appoint three members of the committee to act as a hearing panel. The hearing shall not be held until the appropriate police unit or department of government shall complete its processes, including, but not limited to, arrest, warrant and judicial determinations. If, within a reasonable time, the government unit fails to issue a warrant, the three member panel shall initiate its hearing. Failure to prosecute by the governmental unit shall not prevent the completion of the Abuse Committee processes. If the investigator advises the Chairman that there are not sufficient circumstances to support the necessity of a hearing, the Chairman shall reinstate the participant.
- H. Allegations of physical abuse shall be reported in writing to the Chairman of the committee. The participant shall not be suspended from MAHA activities. The ~~legal counsel~~ **Vice President of Abuse** shall appoint an investigator who shall determine the circumstances of the allegations. The Chairman shall report the allegations to the appropriate governmental agency. Upon report of the investigator, the Chairman shall appoint a three member panel from members of the committee who shall forthwith, after notice to all interested parties, hear the evidence and determine if the participant shall be suspended from MAHA participation. If the investigator determines that there are not sufficient grounds, he shall notify the Chairman, who shall notify the volunteer.
- I. The proceedings shall be conducted with utmost confidentiality for the protection of the accused participant and the alleged victim. If allegations of abuse prove to be entirely unfounded or were

Verbiage revised by Steve Stapleton.

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submitted for any other reason than the prevention of abuse, the party submitting the allegations shall be suspended from MAHA activities.

- J. It is the policy of M.A.H.A. and USA Hockey that there shall be no hazing of any participant involved in any of their sanctioned programs, training camps, hockey clinics, coaches clinics, referee clinics, District, State and National tournaments or other M.A.H.A./ USA Hockey events by any employee, volunteer, participant or independent contractor.

Hazing Definition: Conduct which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, offensive, or physically harmful.

Any player, team official, executive member of a Team, Club or Association having been party to or having had knowledge of any degrading hazing, or initiation rite without reporting or taking action on it shall be subject to suspension from playing or holding office with any Team, Club, Association or the M.A.H.A.

XVIII. INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

~~A. All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey youth, high school, disabled, girls/women's 19&under and below programs must wear an ice hockey helmet during all on ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and coach and referee clinics (seminars), with the exception of when a team official is tending to an injured player. Any team personnel found in violation of this rule by their District Council shall be subject to a recommended suspension of not less than 30 days.~~

WAS PARAGRAPH XX.

This paragraph moved to Disciplinary Actions Section so that people can find it. See the following new paragraph on insurance claims.

- A. USA HOCKEY MEMBER BENEFIT INSURANCE
If you have any questions, contact the USA Hockey District Risk Manager noted in the front of this book.

XIX. REGISTRATION: PARENTS S.T.A.R.

WAS PARAGRAPH VII.

- A. All teams ~~registered~~ **rostered** with the MAHA and USA Hockey must have each parent/legal guardian of each registered player sign the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. Hockey Program Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. It is also highly recommended that in addition to signing the Agreement, the parent/legal guardian also view the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. Hockey Program video. This recommendation is especially important regarding parents who are new to the sport of ice hockey.
- B. Executed copies of the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. Hockey Program Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement shall be retained with all other team registration credentials.
- C. All Associations and Independent Teams should develop and submit to their District Council a disciplinary action procedure for parents found to be in non-compliance with the Program.
- D. Failure of the parent/legal guardian(s) of any registered player to comply with the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. Hockey Program Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement shall become the disciplinary responsibility of the District Council where the parent/legal guardian's player is registered. District Council may refer matters back to the association level when

they deem appropriate. Upon resolution, all findings and actions are to be reported to the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. Hockey ~~Program~~ Committee **Chairperson**.

WAS PARAGRAPH XVIII.

XX. AWARDS

A. William Kellogg Memorial

Mr. Kellogg was a former outstanding MAHA officer from Port Huron. The Kellogg family has donated a memorial plaque to be given to a member of the Board of Directors for outstanding achievement and dedication to amateur hockey. Each year the members of the Board will vote for whom they wish to merit this honor. Mr. Kellogg was selected the first honored member.

B. Carl Schwarz Award

At each Summer Meeting, the Carl Schwarz Award is presented to the Immediate Past President.

C. Wes Danielson Award

At each Summer meeting the Wes Danielson Award recognizes an individual who, like Wes, overcomes a major handicap or diversity and continues to participate in or make a major contribution to ice hockey.

D. Earl G. Piper Award

At each Summer Meeting, the Earl G. Piper Coach of the Year Award recognizes an individual who contributes significantly to the development of youth players.

E. Charles Autore Award

At each Summer meeting this award is presented to those persons who have completed five consecutive years on the MAHA Board of Directors.

F. Larry Cain Award

At each Summer meeting this award is presented to those persons who have completed ten consecutive years on the MAHA Board of Directors.

G. Gerald M. Conley Award

At each Summer meeting this award is presented to those persons who have completed fifteen consecutive years on the MAHA Board of Directors.

H. John Vargo Award

At each Summer meeting this award is presented to those persons who have completed twenty consecutive years on the MAHA Board of Directors.

I. Lowell McCoy Award

At each Summer Meeting, the Lowell McCoy Referee of the Year Award recognizes a referee who has contributed significantly to the development of young officials and excellence in his/her role as a referee.

J. At each Summer Meeting of the MAHA those persons who have been helpful in the promotion and development of hockey in Michigan shall be presented with a special MAHA award.

K. The Awards Committee will serve as the selection committee for the Summer awards.

L. Hat Trick, Zero and Playmaker awards will be awarded to those who earn them in the regular season, or State Playoff Games and National Tournaments, providing the roster of the team has been registered with the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar. A copy of the game score sheet must be submitted to the USA HOCKEY Associate Registrar. Score sheets will be returned by request. There is a limit of one of each award per player per season.