



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

December 10, 2009

FROM: MAHA GUIDEBOOK REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
TO: ALL MAHA VOTING MEMBERS

At the 2009 MAHA Summer Meeting, George Atkinson appointed a special committee to reorganize the guidebook.

The committee consists of: Sal Giacalone (Chairperson), George Atkinson, Rick Frescura, Grant Helms, Maurice Henderson, Ray Kraemer, Joe Newood, Steve Stapleton, Kerin Wear

After meeting for three weekends and many hours spent outside of the meetings, attached is the proposed reorganization of the MAHA guidebook Bylaws and Rules.

The first attachment is an outline of what the committee's objectives were and how the guidebook's new organization was developed.

The second attachment, which is the Special Committee report, has the reorganized paragraphs with 'housekeeping' revisions noted in **RED**. The right hand column has notes showing where paragraphs were moved from, reorganization thinking (in **RED**) and proposed rule changes that came about as shown in **BLUE**.

The reorganized guidebook (Special Committee report) will be voted on as an entity, excluding the (15) proposed rule changes. Since it has Bylaw and Rules modifications, it will follow the same voting process as used for rules changes; a majority at the Winter Meeting and two-thirds at the Summer Meeting.

The proposed rule changes will be voted on individually, just like any other rules change proposal.

The third attachment contains the (15) formal rules change proposals.

Please review the attachments prior to the Winter Meeting and be prepared to discuss and vote as noted above.



GUIDEBOOK REORGANIZATION MEETING 9/4/09: *UPDATED 10/2/09 through 12/9/09*

1. OBJECTIVES
 - b. Simplify
 - c. Clarify
 - d. Organize
 - e. Index
2. Have complete by Dec. 15th
3. How do we want to organize the sections of the book?
 - b. Up front in Book: **"This is MAHA"** (what is currently up front in the book including the list of charter members).
 - c. **BY-LAWS** (Combine Constitution and By-Laws into One Section Called By-Laws.)
 - **By-Law 1: Purpose of the Association** (Combine current articles 1, 2, 3, 5. Note may want to add "Registered Agent".)
 - **By-Law 2: Affiliation** (Former Article 7)
 - **By-Law 3: Finance & Contractual Authority** (Current by-Law 9 "Misc.")
 - **By-Law 4: Membership**
 - **By-Law 5: Government:** (Combine Article 6, By-Laws 3, 4)
 - **By-Law 6: Councils & Committees** (Eliminate the verbiage "Sections")
 - **By-Law 7: Meetings** (By-Law 6 & 7 combined)
 - (1) **Meetings of the Board of Directors**
 - (2) **Meetings of Committees**
 - **By-Law 8: Voting:** (Current By-Law 8)
 - **By-Law 9: Amendments** (Current By-Law 11)
 - **By-Law 10: Indemnification** (Current By-Law 10)
 - **By-Law 11: Conflict of Interest** (New-rule change required)
 - d. **RULES & REGULATIONS**
 - **Team Membership:** (Eliminate Paragraph 1– rule change: Eliminate 1A, B & D; Move 1C to Registration – Teams & Players)
 - **I. Definitions** (Current 2, A.)
 - **II. Registration: Participants & Teams**
 - **III Coaching Requirements** (Currently under 6)
 - **IV. A.C.E. Directors** (Currently under 6)
 - **V. Age Classifications** (Current 3)
 - **VI. Division Classifications** (Current 4)
 - **VII. Game Requirements**
 - **VIII. Sanctioned Tournaments** (Current 10 – Eliminate the words Invitational & Exhibition Games from the paragraph title.)
 - **IX. League Requirements** (Current 9)
 - **X. Eligibility for Districts & States** (Current 11)
 - **XI. Rules & Reg's for Districts** (Current 12)
 - **XII. Rules & Reg's for States** (Current 13)
 - **XIII. Nationals Tournaments** (Current 14)
 - **XIV. Post Season** (Current 15)
 - **XV. Referee Duties & Resp.** (Current 16)
 - **XVI. Disciplinary Actions** (Current 17)
 - **XVII. Abuse Prevention** (Current 19)
 - **XVIII. Insurance & Risk Management** (Current 20 – add insurance contact methodology)
 - **XIX. S.T.A.R.** (Current 7)
 - **XX. Awards** (Current 18)
 - e. **Leave Affiliate Agreement in book. Move ahead of Coaching Ethics Code**
 - f. **Leave Coaching Ethics Code in book.**
 - g. **Add Policies & Procedures in book.**