



Minnesota Hockey Tournaments Committee

2013-14 Regional/State Tournaments
Peewee AA – Bantam AA Proposal

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(rev 6/23/13)

Background

- Last year's tournament process was reviewed
 - Overall, things went well and people were happy with the change
 - There was some competitive disparity among the Regions
 - Too many seeds? #4 and #5 teams did "OK" but none advanced (3) out in two games, (5) out in 3 games, (2) lasted four games
 - Some confusion on seeding process
- Modifications to improve were considered
 - Protect one team per district, not two
 - Improve competitive parity
 - Tournaments Committee developed three options for consideration
- District Directors were consulted for input
 - They didn't like any of the options as presented
 - Requested combining concepts for a hybrid solution
- Tournaments Committee is ready to make recommendation for 2013-14



Initial Options Considered

- #1 – Modify last year’s Four-Region process (32 teams)
 - Protect one team per District, pre-assigned to a Region
 - Proportionately award additional seeds to fill the remaining slots
 - Seeds may be moved among regions to balance competitiveness
- #2 – Seeded Two-Region Process (32 teams)
 - Gold Region – mostly North, but one rotating metro district
 - Maroon Region – South, minus one District sent north
 - Teams ranked #1–#16, then broken into four 4-team pools
 - Pool A: 1, 8, 9, and 16
 - Pool B: 2, 7, 10 and 15
 - Pool C: 3, 6, 11 and 14
 - Pool D: 4, 5, 12 and 13
 - Double-elimination within pool – each pool sends one team to state
- #3 – Two-Weekend Three-Region Process (all teams)
 - One Region North (11, 12, 15, 16) – two teams to state
 - Two Regions South – each sends three teams to state
 - Lower seeds play in qualifying round first weekend
 - Qualifying round could be single-elim or double elim
 - Second weekend standard double elimination bracket



Tournament Committee's Dilemma

- DD's liked some aspects of all options
- DD's did not want a two-weekend Region
- DD's asked if #1 and #2 could be combined somehow
- Tournament Committee struggled for a solution
 - #1 and #2 are totally different – how to combine?
 - Don't want teams having to make last minute travel plans
- Tried combining all Options #1, #2 & #3
 - Reduced number of South teams from 24 to 16
 - Proposed a "Silver Cup" tournament for teams #17 – #24
 - DD's rejected that too – wanted all 24 teams to have a shot at State
- Broadly-supported hybrid solution developed



North-South Solution

- Build on the process currently used for Girls
 - One Northern Region – sends (2) teams to state
 - Three Southern Regions – South, East, West
 - Each sends (3) teams to state
- Anticipated team counts for 2013-14 Season:

District	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	15	16
Teams	5	2	0	3	7	8	1	8	3	2	2	1
	34								8			

- North: $8/42 = 19\% = 1.52$ Teams
- South: $34/42 = 81\% = 6.48$ Teams
- The North can't send $1\frac{1}{2}$ teams
- Math says they get two



Region Formats

North Region

- Districts 11, 12, 15 and 16 – they have 8 teams
- Double-elim bracket – 2 teams advance to state

Southern Regions (South, East, West)

- Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 – they have 34 teams
- The top 24 teams participate in Regions
- Three double-elim brackets
 - Two teams advance to state from each Region
 - Tournament host to block rooms if not metro-area site



South Region Seeding

- Rank the South teams on the Monday after Districts are complete
- All South teams ranked top to bottom – #1 through #34
- 24 South teams are seeded to Regions in rank order
- Each District's #1 seed is guaranteed to be in the 24
- Push any District's #1 seed that is below #24 up to #24 (or #23, etc) (Some teams ranked #24, #23, etc. may be pushed out of the field)
- A panel of seven coaches would rank the teams
- Each DD nominates (3) Peewee coaches and (3) Bantam coaches
- Selection Comm. picks (1) Peewee and (1) Bantam coach from each District
- Selection Committee would be comprised of:
 - Two District Directors, two Tournament Committee members, and a Chairman
- Sel. Comm. and coaches doing the rankings would be made public



Region Brackets (example)

North

D11#1 vs D15#2

D12#1 vs D11#3

D15#1 vs D11#2

D16#1 vs D12#2

South

#1 vs #24

#9 vs #16

#6 vs #19

#10 vs #15

East

#2 vs #23

#8 vs #17

#5 vs #20

#11 vs #14

West

#3 vs #22

#7 vs #18

#4 vs #21

#12 vs #13



State Tournament

- Use same bracketing as other State Tournaments

2014

W1 vs S2
N1 vs E2
S1 vs W2
E1 vs N2

2015

S1 vs N2
W1 vs E2
N1 vs S2
E1 vs W2

2016

N1 vs W2
E1 vs S2
W1 vs N2
S1 vs E2



Many Benefits

- All Districts represented in Regional Tournaments
- Preserves state-wide flavor for State Tournament
- Reduces travel – North stays North, South stays South
- Ensures parity among the Regions
- Promotional impact of Selection Monday announcements
- Three Southern Regions are similar to NCAA Region
 - Teams are seeded by rank, each conf. guaranteed one seed
- This compromise solution has broad support

