

Rules Committee Report 2014 Summer Meeting

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The Mn Hockey Rules Committee met on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Modifications to the Bylaws and Youth Rules are proposed, as shown below for Board consideration.

Bylaws Changes

B1. *Whether a District Director must live in the District is not covered very well in our present Bylaws. The following change is proposed:*

B2. *Add a category to officially recognize the membership status of non-board-member MH Committee Chairs and other advisory Board members. Insert the following in Bylaw Article 7 (pg. 17) after Referee Section Director:*

B3. *Add a non-voting Board position for Legal Counsel in Bylaw 7 (pg 17 – insert after new Advisory Board Member paragraph).*

ARTICLE 7 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[B1] **District Directors:** The Board of Directors shall establish, from time to time, geographical boundaries for districts and shall divide said districts into a Gold Division and a Maroon Division. Each Division shall be under the supervision of a vice president of this association. Each such district shall be entitled to elect one person to the Board of Directors. The district directors shall be elected at a caucus of the affiliate members and team representatives of the district ~~in which they reside.~~ **MH does not require District Directors to reside in the District they represent; however, individual Districts can require this (must be documented).**

[B2] **Advisory Board Members:** **The Board may confirm additional Board members based on their recurring involvement and contributions to the Board and/or the functioning of MH. Examples would be non-board-member committee chairs, and other individuals regularly engaged in counseling or guiding the Board. The following provisions apply to Advisory Board Members:**

- 1) Serve as non-voting members of the Board.**
- 2) Entitled to vote on decisions within a committee on which they serve.**
- 3) Must follow the requirements of full Board members (Bylaws, Code of Conduct, etc.)**
- 4) Covered by the Indemnification and Exculpation paragraph hereinafter.**
- 5) May be appointed by the President at any time, to be confirmed by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.**
- 6) May be nominated any voting Board member by notifying the Secretary no later than 30 days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting, and submitted for Board approval.**
- 7) Must be reconfirmed by the President at each Fall Meeting and submitted for Board approval.**
- 8) May be removed, following the process for Removal of Officers and Directors hereinafter.**

[B3] **Legal Advisor:** **A person serving in this role would be considered an Advisory Board Member and would inform and provide recommendations to the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors and Committees with respect to those matters which involve policies and rulemaking and assist in the engagement of outside legal counsel.**

B4. Change membership of the Admin Mgmt Committee to align with our current structure.

ARTICLE 8 – ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

[B4] The committee shall consist of ~~seven~~ **eight** members including the President, **Past President**, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Chairs of the ~~Publicity and Promotion, and Planning~~ **Marketing & Communication, New Program/Business Development and Tournament** committees, **and** two District Directors ~~and one other person to be appointed by the President.~~

Youth Rules Changes

R1. Reduce rest time between games to two hours.

R2. Allow practices before or after games.

VIII. PLAYING RULES

[R1] J. **Team Rest** - Teams shall not participate in more than two (2) on-ice activities per day, nor shall they participate in more than one tournament at a time (no overlapping days). On-ice activities include games (**league, tournament**, exhibition, etc. ~~games~~) and/or practices. There shall be a minimum of ~~three (3)~~ **two** hours between games on the same day and ten (10) hours between on-ice activities on consecutive days. The time is from the end of one on-ice activity to the beginning of the next. Exceptions:

[R2] 1. For Mites, the time between activities can be reduced to 1½ hours.
2. **Teams may schedule a practice before or after a game, without the two hours of rest, at the discretion of the coach and the association.**

R3 Prohibit a team playing their second game of the day from competing against a team playing their first game of the day in Region and State Tournaments.

X. DISTRICT, REGION & STATE TOURNAMENTS

[R3] O. **LOCATION/FORMAT/GAME SCHEDULE** - The location (community and arena) of each regional and state tournament must be submitted by the hosting District Director or the cognizant Divisional Vice President to the Tournaments Committee Chair on or before the MH Summer Meeting. **Schedules must be arranged so that no team playing their second game of the day is competing against a team playing their first game of the day.** The tournament formats, including tournament dates and game times must be submitted to the Tournaments Committee Chair no later than November 1 in the year preceding the tournament. If the above requirements are not met, the Tournaments Committee Chair shall notify the cognizant Divisional Vice President within five days following the deadline. The cognizant Divisional Vice President is responsible for resolving the problem. This resolution must be accomplished within fifteen days and the Tournaments Committee Chair is to be so notified. For Region and State tournaments with elimination-brackets, the team on the top of the bracket is home. For round-robin tournaments, the home team shall be clearly indicated.

R4. Allow the tournament director discretion if resurface is needed after an overtime period before the beginning of the next scheduled game in region and state tournaments.

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[R4] T. **ICE SURFACING** In regional and state MH tournaments the ice shall be resurfaced before each game and at intermission between the 2nd and 3rd periods. If the game goes into overtime, resurfacing shall occur at the end of the 2nd overtime period and at the end of every three overtime periods there-after. **The tournament director may use discretion as to whether resurfacing is needed after an overtime period before the beginning of the next scheduled game.** District tournaments may reduce resurfacing requirements to between every two periods of play.

R5a. Propose to add language on State of Minnesota requirements for handling concussions.

R5b. Need to recognize the requirements for concussions in the Medical Attention paragraph.

VIII. PLAYING RULES

[R5a] **K. Concussions – Minnesota Statute 121A.37 requires the following:**

1. MH must make concussion information accessible to all coaches, officials, players and parents/guardians, including the effects and risks of continuing to play after receiving a concussion. This includes the nature and risks of concussions associated with athletic activity, concussion symptoms, the need for urgent diagnosis and treatment when a player is suspected or observed to have received a concussion, and the need for concussed players to follow proper medical direction before returning to play. All coaches and officials must receive initial training regarding concussions and participate in refresher training at least once every three calendar years thereafter.

2. Coaches, officials and/or medical attendants shall and are authorized to remove a player from participating if the player exhibits concussion signs, symptoms or behaviors, or is suspected of sustaining a concussion. A player removed from participation for this reason may not again participate until they no longer exhibit concussion signs, symptoms or behaviors and a "health care provider" evaluates the player and gives the player written permission to again participate. "Health care provider" means a health care professional who is registered, licensed, certified or otherwise statutorily authorized by the state to provide medical treatment, trained and experienced in evaluating and managing pediatric concussions.

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M. MEDICAL ATTENTION - A Certified Athletic Trainer, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), paramedic or medical or osteopathic physician shall be on site for each one or two games in progress, except such medical attention shall not be required for Mite games. This group shall include licensed health care professionals, Certified Athletic Trainers, Emergency Medical Technologists (EMT) and any additional persons who have successfully completed and maintained certification for programs conducted by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, specifically AFORE (Advanced First Aid), CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and BLS (Basic Life Support). Registered Nurses are included if they are currently certified for AFA/CPR/BLS. The retained medical personnel have the final say on whether an injured player can return to the game. **Refer to the paragraph hereinbefore entitled "Concussions" for additional information.**

R6. Modify Jr. Gold State Tourn. site rotation to (4) years in the metro and (1) year in the North.

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N. STATE TOURNAMENT SITE ROTATION

1. The Peewee and Bantam State Tournaments will rotate annually from Gold to Maroon. In 1990, Peeweess will be in the Gold division; Bantams will be in the Maroon division; in 1991, Peeweess will be in the Maroon division; Bantams will be in the Gold division and so forth.
2. The Junior Gold State Tournament will rotate ~~two~~ **four** years in the Maroon division and one year in the Gold division starting with the ~~2000~~ **2012** tournament (~~2000 and 2004~~ **2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015** in the Maroon and ~~2002~~ **2016** in the Gold and so forth). The number of teams seeded to the tournament will be based on the total percentage of teams; however, there will be a minimum of two Gold teams seeded when Gold is host.

[End of Rules Committee Report]