

**Minnesota Hockey Maroon Division**  
**METRO HOCKEY LEAGUE HANDBOOK**



**Junior Gold A, B, and 16**  
**2018 – 2019 SEASON**

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Any rules stated in this guidebook are superseded by the rules in the USA Hockey Rules and MN Hockey Handbook, unless the Junior Gold rule is more restrictive.

## **Metro Hockey League Scores**

Scores and Fair Play Points must be e-mailed to the League Scheduler by the winning team within 48 hours of game play to: **scheduler@mhlg.org**.

In the event of a tie, the home team should submit the score and fair play points.

If you fail to turn your scores in on time your team will be fined \$25 for each score that is turned in late. Fines must be paid prior to the beginning of the play downs, if not your team will be disqualified from participating in the play downs.

Please use the following format to email scores:

### **Subject Line must be as follows:**

Name of team submitting score and league Ex. Roseville—A

### **Body of e-mail must be as follows:**

<league> <date of game> <visiting team & score  
(fair play point)> <home team & score (fair play point)>

The Fair Play point is scored as follows: yes = 1, no = 0.

Example Email: A 12/2/04 Boston 4 (1) vs. New York 2 (0)  
(Junior Gold A Boston beat New York on 12/2/04  
and Boston received their fair play point but New York did not.)

Please send one email for each game.

Do not include more than one game per email!!  
(3 game scores = 3 emails)

## **USA Hockey High Performance Clinic For Coaches' Certification-Recertification**

JUNIOR GOLD COACHES ONLY!  
MANDATORY FOR NEW JR. GOLD COACHES

### **When:**

Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2, 2018

### **Time:**

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Saturday) and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Sunday)

### **Where:**

Crowne Plaza Hotel - Plymouth 3131 Campus Drive, Plymouth, MN 55441

### **Fees:**

\$100.00, includes lunch on Saturday

### **Registration Due:**

Please arrive at 7:30 a.m. to register

Questions: Terry Greene, Coach in Chief, 612-751-3743  
Tom Slaird, JR Gold Committee Representative to MN Hockey,  
612-750-3300 (Cell) or tom@slaird.com

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON CLINIC STRUCTURE:**

Level 1, 2, 3, and 4 Certification offered

New coaches will receive Level 1 certification

Level 1 coaches will receive level 2 certification

Level 2 coaches will receive level 3 certification

Level 3 coaches will receive level 4 certification

For more information on this certification go to:  
[metrohockeyleague.org](http://metrohockeyleague.org).

## Metro Hockey League Schedule

### 2018 – 2019 MHL Board Meetings — Start Time 6:45 p.m.

September 17 . . . . .	Plymouth Ice Arena – Blue Line Room
October 8 . . . . .	Doug Woog Arena, S. St. Paul
November 12 . . . . .	North St. Paul Ice Arena
December 10 . . . . .	Plymouth Ice Arena - Blue line Room
January 14 . . . . .	Doug Woog Arena, S. St. Paul
February 11 . . . . .	Tartan Ice Arena
April 8 . . . . .	Plymouth Ice Arena – Blue Line Room

### December 1 – 2: Coaches' Certification/Recertification Clinic

- Saturday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Located at Crown Plaza Hotel – Plymouth

### December 3: MHL League Play Begins

### December 16: Game Reschedule Forms are due

### January 28: Coaches' Player Selections Due for Select 17 & MHL Select Games

### February 22: MHL League play ends — all levels

### February 26 – March 3: Play downs – Schwan's Super Rink Location

- JGA Play down, JGB Play down and JG16 Play down

*Note: A's seed directly into play downs*

### March 7 – 10: MN State High School Tournaments

### March 11: MHL Coaches' Appreciation Business Meeting

- Location: Bent Brewstillery

### March 15 – 17: Minnesota Hockey State Tournaments

- Location: District 6 hosting at Dakotah Ice Arena, Prior Lake
- A, B, and 16

### March 20: MHL Select Game Practices – Hosted by D6

- Pagel Ice Arena: 6 – 7 p.m.
- Pizza Party: 7 – 9 p.m.

### March 20: MHL Select Game – Hosted by D8

- Doug Woog Ice Arena: 7 p.m.

### March 28 – April 1: National

Cleveland, OH

### April 11 – 15: America Showcase

St. Louis, MO

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## **Wes Barrette Award Winners**

Established in 1997 by the Metro Hockey League to be presented to those who best emulate dedication, integrity, and understanding to the mission of youth hockey.

Knowing that total involvement goes beyond the rink, this award recognizes those characteristics that raise the standards for us all and are the foundation of the wonderful game of hockey.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name/Association</b>
1997	Wes Barrette/Twin Cities and Bill Smith/Edina
1998	Woody Teal/Roseville
1999	Mallard Teal/White Bear Lake
2000	John Lawson/Anoka and Steve Pearson/Edina
2001	Tom Johnson/White Bear Lake and Steve Spock/Twin Cities
2002	Ralph Hayne/White Bear Lake and Ken Lagehaug/Eden Prairie
2003	Steve Cheney/District 3 and Doug Andreen/Bloomington
2004	Marc Dorenfeld/White Bear Lake and Tom Wright/Minnetonka
2005	Brian Backus/Burnsville and Ted Olson/Wayzata
2006	Terry Greene/White Bear Lake and Randy Nielsen/Wessy's Boys
2007	Al Carstensen/Hastings
2008	Butch Orrey/Duluth
2009	Rick Barnes/Edina and Randy Schmidt/Wessy's Boys
2010	Jeff Stenbeck/Jefferson and Craig Swanson/Mounds View
2011	Tim Olson/Wayzata and Pat Manteuffel/North St. Paul

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2012 Pat Donahue/Centennial and Dave Callicott/Buffalo  
2013 Pat Anderson/White Bear Lake  
2014 Tom Slaird/Past Chair and Drew Sternal/Wessy's Boys  
2015 Scott Orrey/Lakeville  
2016 Pete DeMaio/Rosemount  
2017 Mike Wasko/Stillwater  
2018 Ryan Anderson/St. Louis Park

## Bruce Kruger Award Winners

In 2006 the Metro Hockey League began the “Made it Happen” award to recognize the enormous contributions of people who are not coaches, such as association Jr. Gold Directors and tournament directors. These are the local folks who work tirelessly behind the scenes to organize, recruit, expand, register and even “nurse” the teams in their associations.

In 2017 the Metro Hockey League renamed this Award the “Bruce Kruger Award” after Bruce’s untimely passing. Bruce was a founding father of the Metro Hockey League and remained active as its Treasurer along with countless other things he did to improve this league before he passed. His dedication, passion and selfless service embodies the very reason this award was created.

It is they who have “Made It Happen.”

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name/Association</b>
2007	Devie Koval/Edina, Pat Jackson/White Bear Lake and John Lando/Wayzata
2008	Virginia Orrey/Duluth
2009	Diane Backus/Burnsville, Woddy Teal/ MHL Board and Ken Malmberg/ MHL Board
2010	Elizabeth Wright/Minnetonka
2011	Chris Evans/Minnetonka
2012	Dennis Green/Past MN Hockey President, Bob Halvorson/MN Hockey and Scott Grey/MN Hockey
2013	Amy Schmidt/Wessy’s Boys
2014	Chuck Taylor/Blaine and Jim Helgestad/St. Michael-Albertville
2015	Sharon Morgan/Past MHL Board
2016	Jay Halverson/Edina
2017	Bruce Krueger/Past Treasurer
2018	Greg Nagan/Past MHL President and Kent Andrusko/Eagan Jr. Gold Coordinator

## **Junior Gold “A” Select Game**

We'd like to invite all coaches, parents, players,  
and interested parties to join the fun!

### **Benefit Sponsored By**

Metro Hockey League & Officials Association

### **Date:**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

### **Doug Woog Ice Arena**

7:00 p.m.

**\$2.00 Admission Charge for Ages 12 & Over**

**SUPPORT OUR GUYS!**

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## **Coaches' Annual Appreciation & Business Meeting**

**Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 6:30 pm**

### **Location:**

Bent Brewstillery  
1744 Terrace Drive  
Roseville, MN 55113

# METRO HOCKEY LEAGUE GAME RESCHEDULE PROCESS

## 1. PROCEDURES FOR RESCHEDULING GAMES:

Rescheduling a game requires two steps, including the “Home Association”/“Home District” and the Metro Hockey League. It is the responsibility of the Home Team to manage the process, regardless of who causes the game to be rescheduled. Below is a brief description of the process required for each entity involved.

**A. Home Team** – Responsible for managing and complying with all rescheduling requirements.

**B. Home Association** – Home Team is responsible for rescheduling ice time consistent with Association requirements.

**C. Home District** – Home Team is responsible for rescheduling District Officials consistent with District requirements. Note: Each District has different rescheduling notice requirements and fees. Please see the home districts webpage to learn more about their rescheduling process.

**D. Metro Hockey League** – Home Team is responsible for notifying the Metro Hockey League if a game is rescheduled so the Master Schedule can be updated. All game reschedule notifications must be made using the Metro Hockey League on-line form and sent to the Home Team and Visitor Team Metro Hockey League District representatives. District representatives will verify the information and forward to the Metro Hockey League Scheduler.

**E. Responsibility for Fee Payments** – Generally, the Team causing the Reschedule is responsible for payment of incremental rescheduling fees (if applicable).

**F. There will be no forfeits.**

All League games must be played.

The Game Reschedule page is located on the home page of the MHL web site.

## 2. GAME CANCELLATIONS DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

These games must be rescheduled within 48 hours of the cancellation; otherwise a rescheduling fee of \$100.00 will be assessed against each team. If the coaches cannot agree to a rescheduled date, the MN Hockey District(s) involved with resolve the dispute.

## 3. GAMES NOT PLAYED FOR OTHER REASONS

If the team does not appear for a scheduled league game and lacks a valid reason (unavoidable circumstances) for not appearing, the non-appearing team:

A. Shall pay the entire cost of the ice and of the on-ice officials

B. Shall reschedule the game pursuant to the Metro Hockey League’s reschedule procedure

If the coaches concerned cannot agree to a rescheduled date, the MN Hockey District(s) involved will resolve the dispute.

# METRO HOCKEY LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

## I. METRO HOCKEY LEAGUE Purpose

The Metro Hockey League (MHL) is established within the Maroon Section of Minnesota Hockey to organize a multi-District league for Junior Gold/16 teams.

### Membership

The MHL is comprised of many hockey communities, as established by MN Hockey, from the following MN Hockey Districts:

- District 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10

All deviations from this list must be approved by the board. If teams from other Districts are added by the Board, such Districts shall select two representatives to the Board. Such representatives shall be full voting members of the Board and fully participate in administering the MHL.

### Governing Board

The board consists of the League Chair, Vice Chair, Scheduler/ Secretary and two representatives from each member District. District Directors should be involved on a regular basis, but are not entitled to vote unless they are serving as one of their District's two representatives.

### Voting

The League Chair, Vice Chair, Scheduler/Secretary, MN Hockey Jr Gold Committee Representative and each of the two District representatives are voting members. No individual person can cast more than one vote. If a board member holds two positions, they will only be allowed one vote.

### Board Member Eligibility

A person or spouse of a person that is coaching a team playing in the MHL will not be eligible to represent their District on this board.

### Board Meetings

The Board meetings shall be held as often as necessary to perform all administrative tasks that are required to operate the League. The meetings shall be conducted in a centrally located facility to minimize the driving for all members. The Chair is responsible for scheduling all meetings and establishing the agenda.

### Quorum

A minimum of four (4) voting members representing at least three (3)

Member Districts are needed to establish league rules or make financial decisions (e.g. team fees). No set quorum is required for decisions regarding implementation of existing rules or operating procedures, setting up meetings, etc.

## II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE METRO HOCKEY LEAGUE BOARD

### A. General

To organize and supervise all Hockey in the Metro Hockey League, including year-end play downs and perform such other duties as shall be assigned them by the MN Hockey Maroon District Directors. Individual MN Hockey Districts shall remain the "proper authority" or "proper disciplinary authority" within the league for all purposes contemplated by the official rules of USA Hockey.

### B. Specific Tasks

- Schedule team enrollment cutoff, scheduling meetings, and coaches meeting dates.
- Ensure that the host and visiting teams understand their responsibilities at games regarding officials, scorekeepers and timekeepers (and trainers for tournaments).
- Ensure that the coaches submit score sheets. Respond to comments made on the score sheets to both coaches and Supervisor of Officials.

- Serve as tournament officials for the play downs. Perform trophy presentations at the end of the play downs.
- Handle and be accountable for all monies collected by MHL for the purposes of MHL activities.

### **C. Board Position Responsibilities**

#### **Chair**

- The Chair presides at MHL Board meetings.
- The Chair is the Tournament Director for play-down games and tournaments.
- The Chair is responsible for communicating with the MN Hockey Maroon Directors regarding all MHL business and program activities.
- The Chair may delegate responsibilities to other MHL Board members.
- The Chair develops the annual MHL budget, following the rules and guidelines of expenses for which the MHL is responsible. The budget must be submitted to the MN Hockey Board of Directors at its June regular meeting, and is subject to the approval of the MHL Board.
- The Chair shall assess and collect all team assessments and play down fees as determined by the MHL budget from the participating MN Hockey Districts or teams. The collected monies shall be submitted to MN Hockey for the MHL account.
- The Chair shall receive and approve all requests for payment of MHL expenses, and submit them to MN Hockey for payment from the MHL account.
- The Chair shall prepare and submit to the MHL Board for its approval an annual financial statement showing all MHL income and expenses for the season.

#### **Vice Chair**

- The Vice Chair, together with the Secretary, schedules board meetings at intervals required to establish and maintain all required items of business in the best interests of the MHL.
- The Vice Chair, together with the Chair, establishes agendas for MHL Board meetings.
- The Vice Chair shall review MHL Board minutes prepared by the Secretary before the minutes are distributed.
- The Vice Chair, with the assistance of other MHL Board members, is responsible for the Select Game, including the selection of the participants, the arrangements for the site and post-game reception, and the arrangements for game officials.
- The Vice Chair may delegate responsibilities to other MHL Board members.
- The Vice Chair is responsible for the procurement of trophies and awards.

#### **League Scheduler/Secretary**

- The League Scheduler coordinates scheduling meetings and publishes league schedules and forwards schedules to the referee schedulers throughout the Metro League.
- The League Scheduler is the recipient of the approved reschedule requests and makes changes on the web site.
- The League Scheduler publishes regular standings.
- The League Secretary takes minutes at board meetings and protest hearings and provides a copy to all board members.
- The League Secretary compiles and distributes the MHL handbook for the board and teams.

## **Webmaster**

- The Webmaster shall be responsible for keeping the MHL website current the entire year.
- The Webmaster is responsible for setting up the leagues/teams and loading the league schedules at the start of the season.
- The Webmaster shall assist the MHL Scheduler as needed, especially at the start of the season.

## **District Representatives**

- District Representatives shall be the contact person for the coaches and team managers in their District. They shall keep an accurate record of all major penalties, game misconducts and match penalties and shall be included in all disciplinary hearings held in their District. The District Representative shall be responsible for all rescheduled games in their District.

### **III. DISCIPLINE HEARINGS**

- A. Each MN Hockey District is responsible to conduct grievance or discipline hearings as needed to resolve gross misconduct or match penalties assessed to their coaches or players in MHL play.
- B. The Metro Hockey League cooperates with the respective Districts by providing game score sheets, referee reports or other information as needed to facilitate the hearing process.

### **IV. GAME PROTESTS**

#### **A. Basis of a Protest**

A protest must be written by the coach of the protesting team. Game protests will be considered in regard to procedural rules, such as:

- Improper timekeeping – See rule VI—B
- Improper scorekeeping
- Improper players/coaches

Protests based on the official's call of the game and interpretation and application of the playing rules per current USA Hockey Rulebook will not be allowed. If the start and end times are not posted on a scoresheet, a protest will not be allowed.

#### **B. Procedures for Filing Protest**

The filing of a protest must be in writing and postmarked or electronically sent (e-mail, faxed or texted) within 24 hours of the end of the game. A fee of \$50 shall be included which will be forfeited if the protest is disallowed and returned if allowed. The fee and written protest shall be directed to the MHL Chair. Copies must also be delivered to the opposing coach and the officials' organization that officiated the game. The protest will be heard by the MHL Board.

### **V. GAME ADMINISTRATION**

#### **A. E-mailing scores and Fair Play Points**

The winning team shall be responsible for e-mailing SCORES and Fair Play Points to the League Scheduler. In the event of a TIE, the visiting team shall report to the League Scheduler. If not time-stamped within 48 hours, the team responsible will be fined \$25.00. If these fines are not paid prior to the beginning of the play downs, that team will be disqualified from participating in the play downs.

#### **B. Score sheets**

MN Hockey standard score sheets must be used for all games and are available at each District's managers meeting. The visiting team shall be responsible to supply the book, complete the official scoring, and see that the officials sign the score sheet. Coaches are encouraged to write objective comments on these forms for each game. Coaches will sign score sheets prior to the game to verify rosters.



The score sheet shall contain room for comments about the game by the coaches and officials. The officials may sign the score sheet in the Officials' Room. When any major, match or gross penalty is called, and/ or any incident requiring intervention by the Supervisor of Officials occurs, the game officials shall immediately notify the Supervisor of Officials of the home District.

*NOTE: All coaches are encouraged to comment on each game's score sheet regarding playing conditions, officials, minor officials, coaches or other items of interest. Objective comments will help improve the game and procedures for everyone. Teams should keep all of their score sheets until after the state tournament.*

- C. The goal nets shall be affixed with the breakaway anchors for all games.
- D. Each team shall furnish a team roster by number and position to the official scorekeeper at least ten minutes prior to the start of the game.
- E. Each team is responsible for assigning minor officials for every League game, and these minor officials are the only officials allowed in the scorekeepers' box during the play of the game. They are:
  - Visiting team: Scorekeeper and their Penalty Box
  - Home Team: Timekeeper and their Penalty Box
- F. The minor officials are responsible to identify themselves to the game officials and the game officials to the coaches prior to the start of the game.
- G. All minor officials must be adults (18 or older).

## **VI. GAME FORMAT**

- A. Each league game is allocated ninety (90) minutes. For associations buying 2 or 3-hour blocks of ice to use for ninety (90) minute games, ninety (90) minutes of actual ice time, including a resurface will be used as the game time. (Applies primarily to Districts 2 and 10.)

### **B. Starting the Game**

The timekeeper, scorekeeper and the referees must agree to the start time and finish time of a game prior to the start of game. Start time and finish time of the game must be posted on the score sheet. If not posted, protest will not be allowed.

### **C. Hour Breakdown & Wes Barrette Handshake Rule**

- There will be a five (5) minute warm-up that coincides with game start time. The ice may be available early and this time may be used for additional warm-up.
- League games can start early ONLY if the referees and BOTH coaches agree to the early start time.
- Immediately following the warm-up, the teams shall shake hands. However, game start time shall not begin prior to the allocated game time.
- There will be one (1) minute for team organization following warm-up period.
- There will be three (3) fifteen (15) minute stop time periods.
- Whenever a team has a six (6) goal margin in the third period, the game will be played in running time format.
- There will be a one (1) minute rest time between periods.
- The ice will be resurfaced once for each 90 minute game.

#### **D. Game Termination**

- A game is ended at the completion of the third period or the end of the agreed upon 90 minutes.
- A game may be ended with time remaining on the game clock. At rinks that have a 90-minute clock, this clock will be used in lieu of the rink clock.
- No game shall go beyond the allotted ice time. The timekeeper is responsible for notifying the referee at the end of the 90 minute allotted ice time.
- If a game is terminated due to spectator misconduct neither team will be awarded any points and the game will not be replayed.

#### **E. Penalties**

The MN Hockey penalty durations shall be used for all League games. Refer to the MN Hockey Handbook.

#### **F. Fair Play Point**

Fair Play rules are in effect for all League games. Refer to MN Hockey Handbook.

### **VII. PLAY OF THE GAME**

League play is governed by the playing rules of MN Hockey and USA Hockey, with the following exceptions and/or clarification:

- No time-outs are allowed during scheduled league games.
- Home team furnishes game pucks.

### **VIII. PARTICIPATION CONDUCT**

#### **A. Fighting and Fisticuffs**

The penalty for fighting for the first offense will be suspension for the remainder of the game plus the following three (3) League games, invitational tournaments, play down games. Scrimmages do NOT count for these games. For a second violation the player will be removed from the program. Refer to MN Hockey Handbook – Section VIII.

#### **B. Game Ejection (EJ Rule)**

At the Junior Gold A, B and 16 classifications, the referees may call a Game Ejection on any player/team official at any time during the play of the game. The player/team official will be removed only from the game being played when receiving this penalty. Refer to MN Hockey Handbook Section VIII.

#### **C. Automatic Game Ejection Assessment**

At the Junior Gold A, Junior Gold B and Junior Gold 16 classification, a Game Ejection shall be automatically assessed when a player received a third penalty during a single game. Enforcing this penalty is the joint responsibility of the referees, the scorekeeper, the coach and the player. Any team which allows a player to continue to participate after their third penalty will forfeit that game. Refer to MN Hockey Handbook Section VIII.

#### **D. Notification of Penalties**

The Head Coach must notify the Metro League District Representative within 24 hours after the game, when any Game or Match Penalties have been issued to anyone associated with his team. The team manager may make this call, but it is the Head Coach's responsibility to ensure the call is completed. It is also the Head Coach's responsibility to understand the additional suspension penalties that are associated with these penalties. Refer to MN Hockey Handbook

*Note: Scrimmage games do not count as a game that a player or coach must sit out due to a suspension because of a Game Misconduct.*

#### **E. Match Penalties**

Refer to USA Hockey Rules – Section 4.

## IX. PROCEDURES FOR RESCHEDULING GAMES

### A. Planned Rescheduling Procedures

Rescheduling a game requires a multistep process including the “Home Association”, “Home District” and the Metro Hockey League. It is the responsibility of the Home Team to manage the process, regardless of who causes the game to be rescheduled. Below is a brief description of the process required for each entity involved.

- a. **Home Team** – Responsible for managing and complying with all rescheduling requirements.
- b. **Home Association** – Home Team is responsible for rescheduling ice time consistent with Association requirements.
- c. **Home District** – Home Team is responsible for rescheduling District Officials consistent within District requirements. Note: Each District has different rescheduling notice requirements and fees.
- d. **Metro Hockey League** – Home Team is responsible for notifying the Metro Hockey League if a game is rescheduled so the Master Schedule can be updated. All game reschedule notifications must be made using the Metro Hockey League on-line form and sent to the Home Team and Visitor Team Metro Hockey League District representatives. District representatives will verify the information and forward to the Metro Hockey League Scheduler.
- e. **Responsibility for Fee Payments** – Generally, the Team causing the Reschedule is responsible for payment of incremental rescheduling fees.
- f. **There will be no forfeits. All League games must be played.**

The Game Reschedule page is located on the home page of the MHL web site.

**B. Game Cancellations Due to Unavoidable Circumstances** (Examples include inclement weather and arena problems) These games must be rescheduled within 48 hours of the cancellation; otherwise a rescheduling fee of \$100 will be assessed against each team. If the coaches concerned cannot agree to a rescheduled date, the MN Hockey District(s) involved will resolve the dispute.

**C. Games Not Played for Other Reasons** If the team does not appear for a scheduled League game and lacks a valid reason (unavoidable circumstances) for not appearing, the non-appearing team:

- a. Shall pay the entire cost of the ice and of the on-ice officials
- b. Shall reschedule the game pursuant to the Metro Hockey League’s reschedule procedures.

If the coaches involved cannot agree to a rescheduled date, the MN Hockey District(s) involved will resolve the dispute.

## X. JERSEY STANDARDS

The home team will wear the light jerseys and the visiting team the dark jerseys.

## **XI. PLAYER, COACH AND TEAM REGISTRATION**

**A.** Refer to the MN Hockey Handbook. The MHL requires that the High School Verification form to be filled out and accessible at any time.

### **League Fees for 2018-2019 Season**

- **\$500 for team league fee**
- **\$500 for team play down fee**
- **\$400 for team State Tournament fee**

**B.** Teams unable to provide this documentation may be subject to game forfeiture. The team has 24 hours to produce this documentation at the arena where the game took place. If this is not achieved, then the MHL Chair must be notified.

**C.** All Junior Gold coaches (A, B and 16 head coach and assistants), are required to have a USA Hockey certification (level I – IV), as well successfully completing as the USA Hockey 16/18/19 & Under online module, which must be completed by 12/31/18.

**D.** Player age ranges are posted in the inside cover of the MN Hockey Handbook.

**E.** Players added after 12/31/18 will be added to the B team. If no B team, the player may be added to the A team.

## **XII. PLAYDOWN TOURNAMENTS**

### **A. Team Participation**

The purpose of the play down is to determine which teams will advance to the MN Hockey State Tournament. Teams are seeded in the play downs according to their final league standings.

### **B. Teams Tied For Position**

League standings shall be determined based on the MN Hockey standings policy. Refer to MN Hockey Youth Playing Rules. In the event that the tied teams played an unequal number of games, the formula results from the MN Hockey Rules must be normalized for a common number of games. Where the goal differential is used in breaking ties, the maximum differential allowed per game is six goals. In calculating goals scored, the figure shall be reduced for the winning team if necessary to obtain the six-goal maximum differential per game.

## **XIII. PLAY DOWN TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

**A.** The play down format (number of games, single or double elimination, and consolation bracket) must be determined by the MHL Board as soon as possible after the number of teams participating has been determined. The format does not necessarily have to determine a final standing of the teams; it may be used in some cases to determine teams, which will participate in the MN Hockey State Tournament.

**B.** If ice is available and by agreement of the League Board, the final rounds of the play downs can be conducted using three (3) fifteen-minute stop time periods. Whenever a team has a six (6) goal margin in the third period, the game will be played in running time format.

### **C. Breaking of ties**

In case of a tie at the end of the regulation playing time in play down games, the teams shall not change goals and sudden victory overtime play shall ensue using: Minnesota Hockey Handbook, Youth Rules and Regulations

**D.** The highest seeded team is the home team and wears light jerseys.

#### **XIV. PLAYDOWN ADMINISTRATION**

The MHL Board Chair is the director of MHL play down tournaments and he may delegate other Board members to supervise the tournament to ensure that they are in accordance with MHL format and staffing requirements.

Problems should be handled through the normal chain to the respective District Director.

##### **A. Tournament Director Duties are as follows:**

- Be present or have a designee at all play down games.
- Ensure that scorekeepers, timekeepers and trainers have been scheduled.
- Ensure that officials and District Directors are informed of schedules.
- Arrange for award presentation (regular season and play down) at the end of each play down.

##### **B. Host organization duties:**

- Provide minor officials.
- Provide standings and standings board for play downs.
- Notify coaches of any time restrictions on games.

##### **C. General Play downs**

All play down expenses are paid by the League (ice, officials and EMTs), therefore, there will be no admission charged.

##### **D. Team Responsibilities**

Teams are responsible for bringing the fees for play downs and scorebook stickers for four games.

#### **XV. JR. GOLD A, B AND 16 TEAM SELECTION POLICY**

The local hockey association is in the best position to determine the levels of fielding their Jr. Gold A, Jr. Gold B and Jr. Gold 16 teams based on the number of players, age and skill of the players in this group. The goal of all must be to encourage the continued participation in hockey for those who are not participating in the high school program. The following are criteria for making those decisions.

##### **A. Every Association should strive to have a Jr. Gold “A” team.**

- Some Associations will need to play at the “B” level because of numbers, increasing/decreasing, but their goal should be to field an “A” team.
- Associations are encouraged to field a Jr. Gold “A” and Jr. Gold “B” vs. two Jr. Gold “B” teams and no “A” team.
- Fielding two Jr. Gold A teams is not recommended—Jr. Gold A should be the association’s most competitive team.

##### **B. Teams should be selected in the following order, with the objective of placing all eligible players on a team.**

- Jr. Gold A
- Jr. Gold B
- Jr. Gold 16

##### **C. Associations with multiple Jr. Gold “B” teams must have these teams selected equally.**

##### **D. Associations with multiple Jr. Gold “16” teams must have these teams selected equally.**

# Bruce Kruger Memorial



Bruce Kruger, age 76, passed away unexpectedly at home in Plymouth, MN on November 2, 2016. Bruce was instrumental in the creation of the Metro Hockey and was a significant leader in making the league as great as it is today. As the League Treasurer, Bruce provided leadership and guidance that will be greatly missed.

Bruce loved his family and friends, the outdoors, travel, history, music, photography, and the sport of ice hockey. He grew up in Faribault, MN where he met his life-long sweetheart, Patricia Kruger. He then attended Harvard University and the University of Minnesota Law School. Bruce worked as an attorney in private practice for many years in both Duluth and Minneapolis, MN, and then went on to work as a Probate Referee for Hennepin County for nearly two decades. Bruce's passion was helping and connecting with people, and he fondly collected life-long friends.

He enjoyed a good argument and had a dry sense of humor.

He was fair, firm and always kind. Bruce's passion, next to his children and grandchildren, was making the sport of ice hockey better, and he channeled this energy into volunteering for Minnesota's Metro Hockey League and serving as Risk Manager for USA Hockey for many years. On an ideal day, you might have found Bruce with his family or friends in the North Woods of Wisconsin at the cabin enjoying conversation, fishing, or boating. Bruce is survived by life-long love and wife of 54 years, Patricia Kruger; his three children and many grandchildren and great-grandchild.



