



January 24, 2015

AT THE JANUARY, 2015 MAHA WINTER MEETING, THE FOLLOWING (15) RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS:

- **WERE SENT FORWARD FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTING AT THE JULY, 2015 MAHA MEETING**
- **WERE REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE(S) WITH A COMMITTEE REPORT, DISCUSSION AND VOTING AT THE JULY, 2015 MAHA MEETING**

A TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE AT THE SUMMER MEETING IS REQUIRED FOR A PROPOSAL TO RECEIVE APPROVAL.



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

FORWARD
AS AMENDED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Powers and Duties of the Officers of the Associations**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **Bylaw 5: Government** PAGE NO. 14

Current Rule Reads:

C. 1. 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 Executive Committee at its next meeting.

Revise As Follows:

ADD: At that meeting, the interpretation shall be discussed, ~~by and agreed to by the entire Executive Committee~~, modified, approved or rejected by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: It is the Executive Committee that is charged with the day to day operations of the Association, not just the President

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
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4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **James F. Cosgrove**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Forward but
Referred to
Special Committee
1/24/15

SUBJECT: Definition & Requirements of Associations and Clubs

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. I. DEFINITIONS, B, C and D

PAGE NO. 20-21

Current Rule Reads:

- I. B. Definition of an Association...
- C. Definition of a Club Team or Independent Team...
- D. An Association, Club Team, or Independent Team...

Revise As Follows:

DEFINITIONS

B. Definition of an Association. To be an Association within MAHA an organization must meet the following requirements:

1. An Association may form teams in any MAHA age division and classification including Girls, B, BB, A, AA and Tier I but must meet the requirements for participation in those classifications.
2. An Association must meet all the requirements of the MAHA Affiliate Agreement and execute the agreement with MAHA by August 1st of each year.
3. An Association must submit its Bylaws to the respective District Chairperson by August 1st each year and receive approval on any revisions. If the Association Bylaws have not changed since the previous season, the Association need only submit the Affiliate Agreement, a letter stating that the Bylaws are the same as approved the previous season and a list of the names and addresses of all Officers and the Coaching Director of the Association.
4. An Association must allow open registration to all residents within its local boundaries.
5. An Association must demonstrate the existence and development of a membership demographic large enough to support it on an on-going basis, including at a minimum:
 - a. Operating an approved USA Hockey Initiation Program for entry level players.
 - b. Maintaining a minimum ratio of 30% of its total youth and girl player non-Tier I membership being 10 years of age or under (at the squirt age group or younger).
6. An Association must demonstrate that it has a sufficient amount of age-appropriate ice time contracted for its teams.
7. 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. To be a Club within MAHA an organization must meet the following requirements:

1. A Club is an organization in which its members are selected to participate on member teams and have no Association affiliation. Clubs are limited to teams that participate only at the Tier 1 (AAA) classification and must meet the requirements for participation in that classification.
2. A Club must meet all the requirements of the MAHA Affiliate Agreement and execute the agreement with MAHA by August 1st of each year.
3. A Club must submit its Bylaws to the respective District Chairperson by August 1st each year and receive approval on any revisions. If the Club Bylaws have not changed since the previous season, the Club need only submit the Affiliate Agreement, a letter stating that the Bylaws are the same as approved the previous season and a list of the names and addresses of all Officers and the Coaching Director of the Club.
4. A Club must demonstrate that it has a sufficient amount of age-appropriate ice time contracted for its teams.

D. All Youth or Girls teams shall be member teams of an Association or a Club. An Association or Club has the authority to conduct ice programs within its area of jurisdiction. Each Association or Club shall

conduct its affairs in a manner consistent with the bylaws, rules and regulations of USA Hockey and MAHA. Each Association or Club 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. *Ed Note: See Affiliate Agreement form after the Rules section in this guide.*

- 1. An Affiliate Association or Club shall not sponsor a team in another Affiliate Association or Club.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: To clearly define the definitions of and differences between associations and clubs and outline the requirements to be either, and to support the hockey associations that are working hard to grow participation in the sport.

Clubs can only participate at the Tier I level and therefore must submit the application and be approved each year by MAHA.

Association can have teams that participate at all levels, including Tier I provided they submit the application and are approved by MAHA each year. Each association must demonstrate that it has the demographic to support the number of teams (non-Tier I) it has year after year. If an association is not contributing to the player pool it is obviously attracting players from other associations, potentially weakening those programs. While players should be free to choose which association they choose to play for, each association should also be required to contribute to the overall player pool at a minimum level and should demonstrate a demographic large enough to support itself by having a minimum of 30% of its player membership (non-Tier 1 players) at the 10 year old age group or younger.

Each year the 10 & under player registration in an association would determine how many teams that association could have the following season.

For example, if an association had at least 24 players ages 10 & under (including 9, 8, 7 and 6 year olds) in year one, it could have a maximum of 80 total players the following year and still satisfy the 30% requirement. A maximum of 56 of the players could play on teams at the Pee Wee classifications and above and using 13 as the number of players per team, that association could have 5 teams in those age groups.

For planning purposes a simple table would be developed to show an association how many teams it could have the following season based on its 10 & under registration number.

Currently, most associations far exceed the 30% requirement, but the few who don't are not contributing to the growth of the game and are potentially weakening those associations that are.

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Submitted by: **Lyle Phair**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

SUBJECT: **REGISTRATION AND ROSTERING**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

FORWARD
1/24/15

RULE NO. **II.Pargh F** PAGE NO. **21**

Current Rule Reads:

F. 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 and provide a copy of each player's birth certificate (except Adult Divisions). If the electronically generated roster shows a symbol indicating that a birth certificate has previously been verified by an USA Hockey Associate Registrar, the birth certificate is not required. The above forms must be provided 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.

Revise As Follows:

F. 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 and provide a copy of each player's birth certificate (except Adult Divisions). If the electronically generated roster shows a symbol indicating that a birth certificate has previously been verified by an USA Hockey Associate Registrar, the birth certificate is not required. The above forms must be provided 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 Confirmation Form or have the roster state that screening has been completed to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar. Each manager and trainer must provide a USA Hockey waiver of liability form and a Background Screening Application Confirmation Form or have the roster state that screening has been completed to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar.**

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change:

Registrars do not check for Coaching Ethics Code Agreements. We also now have the capability to check a roster to see if the coach has completed his Background Check by looking on the roster.

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Submitted by: **Bob Yohe USAH Registrar MI**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 11

FORWARD
1/25/14

SUBJECT: Removing Coaches/Managers

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. III.G. PAGE NO. 24

Current Rule Reads:

G. 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.

Revise As Follows:

G. Once a roster is certified, Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Managers may only be deleted from the roster by letter of resignation, **or removal by the rostering association for cause** 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.

Effective Date of Rule: 7/12/2015

Reason For Change: Assocaitons need to be able to remove coaches or managers who are not acting in the best interest of the association without having to go to the appropriate district council for approval. We need to let assocaitons run their business. Coaches and managers can still appeal to the council.

Example: player requests a release because they are not satisifed with the team; player released; parent is a mangager on the team. Assocaitons should not have to ask permission of the Council to remove the manager from the roster; subjet to appeal.

Example: assistant coach not following the lead of the head coach on team related matters. The Assocaiton should be able to remove the assistant without Council approval; subject to appeal.

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Submitted by: **Bob DeSpirt**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 15

FORWARD
1/25/14

SUBJECT: **Team Formation/Player Movement in Girls Hockey**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **L. 3** PAGE NO. **28** (MOTION TO REFER: FAILED)

Current Rule Reads:

None

Revise As Follows:

Beginning at the 14U age group at the Tier 1 and Tier 2 levels for Girls, to be able to roster a team there shall have been a team in the association one age classification younger or in the same age group in the previous regular hockey season. When starting a 10U or 12U team there is no requirement for an association to have had a team in the previous season at the age group below. For a 14U team to form, a 12U or 14U team must have been in place the previous year. For a 16U team to form, a 14U or 16U team must have been in place the previous season. For a 19U team to form, a 19U or 16U team must have been in place the previous season. An association that wants to form a Girls team, yet does not meet the previous year team requirement, can petition the MAHA Girls/Women's Committee for an exception and must demonstrate that the team formation is not creating negative consequences for Girls teams in other associations.

Renumber existing paragraph L.3 to L.4

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change:

To support associations that are working to grow girls hockey from the youngest age groups upward. With limited numbers of female players, when players move from one association to another the original team is often negatively affected to the point that it folds, eliminating a place for girls to play and causing many to drop out of the game completely. Girls hockey in Michigan has shown minimal growth, partly because there are not enough places for girls to begin playing or continue playing the game.

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Submitted by: **Jean Laxton and Lyle Phair**

District Director: **Jean Laxton**

Rules Committee Action: _____

MAHA Directors Action: _____

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 17

SUBJECT: Tier 1 Player Movement

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI. M. 1. h. PAGE NO. 28 & 29

FORWARD
AS AMENDED
1/24/15

Current Rule Reads:

None.

Revise As Follows:

h. In the Tier 1 Classifications, 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~~
- 2) Bantam Major may move up to Midget Minor 15. Midget Minor 15 may move up to Midget Minor 16. Midget Minor 16 may move up to Midget Major 17 & 18. If an organization does not have a Midget Minor 15 team then Bantam Major players can move up to the Midget Minor 16 team.
- 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 *except player movement will be allowed to fill spots of players that move up to a Junior team until the date established by USA Hockey each year.*
- 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 State Playoff 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.
- 8) Coaches who do not report player movement or exceed the maximum number of moves will be subject to disciplinary actions and suspension of up to one year.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: This rule was inadvertently removed with the Tier 1 rule passed at the MAHA 2014 Summer Meeting.

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Submitted by: **Roger Mauritho**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 20

FORWARD
1/25/14

SUBJECT: **Division Classifications – League Play**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI. M. 2. a.** PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

Any team which plays in a declared Tier II league and any independent team registered as a Tier II team.

Revise As Follows:

Any team which plays in a declared Tier II league and any team playing an independent schedule, registered as a Tier II team.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: There is no rule that requires a team to play in a league.

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Submitted by: **James F. Cosgrove**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 21

FORWARD
AS AMENDED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Out of District Restrictions**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **Rule No.: VI.M.2.b; VI.M.3.c; VI.M.4.d; VI.M.5.d; VI.M.7.d.**

PAGE NO. **Multiple of the 2014-2015 Annual Guide Pages 29-31**

Current Rule Reads:

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.

Revise As Follows:

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. **For the 2015-2016 season only, players outside the district but within five (5) miles of the rink in which they elect to play, as evidenced by Google Maps and with proof of residency, will be judged to be with in district.**

This same wording would be added to A/A/BB/B/8U rules.

Effective Date of Rule: 07/12/2015 (Note: If passed, this rule would need to be “revisted” at the 2016 MAHA Summer Meeting or would become obsolete.)

Reason For Change:

All for players to play in the rink closest to their residency if they desire.

Bob Yohe memo defines the criteria for proof of Michigan residency.

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Submitted by: **Bill Smith**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 22

FORWARD
1/25/14

SUBJECT: **Out of District Player Limitation**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI. M. 2. b. & VI. M. 3. c.** PAGE NO. 29

Current Rule Reads:

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.

Revise As Follows:

ADD: The State Playoff Committee has no authority to consider or grant an Exception to this rule.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: These are select teams that should be selected to fit the rules & regulations of the MAHA as well as USA Hockey.

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Submitted by: **James F. Cosgrove**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 **24**

FORWARD
1/25/14

SUBJECT: **DIVISION CLASSIFICATIONS:**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI. N.** PAGE NO. 32

Current Rule Reads:

N. 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.

Revise As Follows:

N. 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. **Teams requesting an exception may participate until the State playoff committee has made its ruling.**

Effective Date of Rule: JULY 12, 2015

Reason For Change:

Clarification of eligibility to play

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

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Submitted by: **Bob Yohe USAH Registrar Mi**

District Director:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 25

FORWARD
AS AMENDED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: VI. DIVISION CLASSIFICATIONS: DEFINITIONS AND RULES

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. VI. O. PAGE NO. 32

Current Rule Reads:

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.

Revise As Follows:

All Youth: **Except as otherwise provided for in these rules**, 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 **participate.** ~~play in leagues, tournaments, exhibition games, Districts, States and Nationals.~~

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change: The thought in the past has been that since there was no mention of exhibition games, they were allowed, when in fact, these teams should not be allowed to have a sealed roster.

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District Director:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 27

FORWARD
1/25/14

SUBJECT: **Division Classifications: Definitions and Rules**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **VI.M.4.c and VI.M.5.c** PAGE NO. 30 & 31

Current Rule Reads:

IV.4.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.

IV.5.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.

Revise As Follows:

Delete and renumber

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change:

This rule is an unnecessary burden to coaches, associations, directors and the state playoff committee that doesn't provide any value. Teams are drafted by approved draft rules reviewed and endorsed by the local district council. Additionally, drafts are monitored by directors to ensure compliance to draft rules.

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Submitted by: **Doug Diroff/Taskforce 2018**

District Director: **Doug Diroff/Taskforce 2018**

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 31

FORWARD
1/25/14

SUBJECT: ELIGIBILITY FOR DISTRICT AND STATE PLAYOFFS

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. X. H. 1. b. PAGE NO. 35

Current Rule Reads:

b. In order to qualify for State Playoffs, a team must play at least twenty (20) games in its classification before the earliest of February 1st or before the regularly scheduled first game of District Playoffs, except for Girl’s Classification teams, which must play at least fourteen (14) games in their classification before February 1st.

Revise As Follows:

b. In order to qualify for State Playoffs, a team must play at least twenty (20) games in its classification, **category and division** before the earliest of February 1st or before the regularly scheduled first game of District Playoffs, except for Girl’s Classification teams, which must play at least fourteen (14) games in their classification, **category and division** before February 1st.

Note: the MAHA Annual Guide will need to be updated to define “category” and “division”. All verbiage pertaining to the current “classifications” and “divisions” will need to be updated to this new verbiage.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change:

Clarify the requirement

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 32

FORWARD
1/25/14

SUBJECT: RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DISTRICT & STATE PLAYOFFS

X MAHA USA X CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. XI.E.1.d & XII.E.1.d PAGE NO. 36 & 37

Current Rule Reads:

d. Non-US citizens must provide proof of legal residency and proof of release and transfer from home country ice hockey federation.

Revise As Follows:

d. Non-US citizens must provide proof of legal residency and proof of release and transfer from home country ice hockey federation, **unless noted on roster as transfer completed.**

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change:

Paperwork does not need to be presented if the roster is marked Transfer Complete all transfer information is kept in the USA Hockey data base and entered onto the roster.

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Michigan Amateur Hockey Association PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

15 L_2

FORWARD
AS AMENDED
1/24/15

SUBJECT: **Registration and Rostering**

MAHA USA CHANGE NEW RULE

RULE NO. **II.P** PAGE NO. **22**

Current Rule Reads:

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 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 team.

Revise As Follows:AMENDMENT: PASSED

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 23rd 15th** 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 State Playoff Committee. **Junior players returning to youth will have a deadline of December 31st.** 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 team.

Effective Date of Rule: July 12, 2015

Reason For Change:

To allow Associate Registrars to enjoy the Holiday season managers and coaches calling on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve to make changes.

PROCEDURE FOR M.A.H.A. RULES CHANGES:

1. Submit to District Director
2. District Reviews and Forwards to MAHA Rules Committee
3. Directors move to forward or reject at MAHA Winter Meeting
4. Proposal Voted On at the MAHA Summer Meeting

Submitted by: **Bob Yohe USAH Registrar for MI**

District Director:

Rules Committee Action:

MAHA Directors Action:

ALL RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY DEC. 15 IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT (via e-mail or on a disk)