

● USA HOCKEY GIRLS/WOMEN'S SECTION REPORT

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1. Girls Classifications

- Declaration Dates-Discussed changing Tier 2 and Senior Women's to December 15th.

2. National Championships

- 2017 Review (Director Reports)
 - a. Tier 1 Onyx-Great, but some issues with Parents
 - b. Tier 2 Troy-Great, no issues
 - c. Senior Women's-Great, no issues
- Address Certain protocol in the Tournament Guide Book
 - a. Zero Tolerance Policy for example-Who enforces?
- Quarter Finals-Want it back at Tier 1
 - a. Quarter Finals allows a good team to come back if they screw up a game.
 - b. Benefits of Quarter finals
 1. Better Tournament Atmosphere
 2. Quality of Participants-More teams advance
 3. Travel Expense/Commitment
 4. Additional Players/Goalies get a chance to play
 5. More teams can have success if brought back

3. Legislative Changes Implementation 2017

- CAHA, California and NYSAHA, asking for exception to the Tier 1 rule. G/W Section was very much against, because Central asked for a one year exception last fall and was turned down. Youth Council passed a motion to allow NYSAHA a waiver. Did not hear about other two.

4. National Team Update

- Women's Agreement
 - a. Key-Non Olympic Years
 - b. More promotion of Women's
 - c. Better Programs and Structure
 - d. Advisory Committee-Keep improving
 - e. Post Grad Players Only
 - f. Agreement-4 years

5. Liason Reports

- High School-Mary Ann Robinson (She resigned for G/W section-
 - a. America Showcase-Moving to St. Louis
 - b. Pushing for a Girls High School National Tournament
- Coaching-Joe Eppelito
 - a. No Report
 - b. Asked him about Women's Frozen Four at U of M next year. There will be a coaching clinic

- Adult-Katie Holmgren
 - a. There are discussions to move Senior Women's to Adult Rec National Tournament. Will take awhile. Asking Senior A to go to it.
- Disabled Section
 - a. New Title Women's Para Sled Hockey-IPC
 - b. Schedule
 - 1. February-Camp in Arizona
 - 2. March-Trained with Men's team in Charlotte, NC
 - 3. May-Played Wounded Warriors
 - 4. August 24-26 Women's Development Camp-NJ.

6. Playing Rule Proposals

●Key Proposals to G/W Section

- a. **#128-No icing in Short Handed situations-Voted to approve**
- b. **#148-Delayed off sides-Section voted against.**

G/W Section in the Fall will be a Zoom teleconference call in September with the Youth Council.