USA Hockey’s Rocky Mountain District

Tier I Championship Tournament
Boys 14U, 15 Only, 16U and 18U
Girls 16U and 19U

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Tier II Championship Tournament
Girls 16U and 19U

March 15-18, 2018

Hosted by the
Dallas Stars Elite Hockey Club

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211 Cowboys Parkway
Irving, Texas 75063

Farmers Branch Dr. Pepper StarCenter
12700 North Stemmons Freeway
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

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Introduction to Qualifying Teams

To: Managers and Coaches of Teams Qualifying for the
   2018 Rocky Mountain District Championship Tournament

From: Tournament Chair, Wendy Sarich

Re: Pre-Tournament Information and Procedures

Date: February 14, 2018

On behalf of the Dallas Stars Elite Hockey Club and the Texas Amateur Hockey Association (TAHA), we would like to welcome you and your team to the 2018 Rocky Mountain District Championship Tournament to be played March 15-18, 2018 at the Valley Ranch Dr. Pepper StarCenter and Farmers Branch Dr. Pepper StarCenter in the greater Dallas, Texas area.

It is necessary that each team complete certain preliminary procedures so the tournament may operate as efficiently as possible. Detailed information about such procedures will be found in this handbook. Please review this information carefully prior to your arrival. It is vital that all required forms be e-mailed to the designated personnel according to the schedule indicated in the document “Pre-Arrival Time Line”. Feel free to make extra copies of all documents included in this handbook.

Information regarding tournament hotels, game passes, tickets and other pertinent details are included in this handbook. Please distribute it to all persons who will be accompanying your team.

Please e-mail completed copies of Exhibits “A”, “B”, and “C” (located on pages 14-16) to Wendy Sarich at WendySarich@gmail.com as soon as possible after your team has qualified for the Tournament.

Thank you for your help in assuring the success of our district tournament. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Wendy Sarich any time at WendySarich@gmail.com or text/cell 214-783-0259.
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General Tournament Information

I. **Tournament Director:**
A USA Hockey District Director or his/her designee from the Rocky Mountain District shall be named Tournament Director. Mr. T.C. Lewis will act in this capacity for this Tournament.

II. **Playing Sites:**
Games will be played at the DPSC Valley Ranch rink and the DPSC Farmers Branch rink.

III. **Hospitality Room:**
A hospitality room at the rinks will be open and available free of charge to all Coaches, Tournament Staff and Officials during scheduled games. No parents or players please.

IV. **Restaurants and Shopping:**
There is no on-site restaurant at DPSC Valley Ranch but snacks will be available for purchase. There is an on-site snack bar at DPSC Farmers Branch. There are numerous restaurants and shopping opportunities near both host rinks.

V. **Pro Shop with Skate Sharpening:**
Skate sharpening will be available at both rinks.

VI. **Mandatory Pre-Tournament Meetings:**
A **Credentials Meeting** will be held at 3:30 pm, Thursday, March 15, 2018 at DPSC Valley Ranch rink. Each team must have at least one representative attend this meeting. This person will be the team’s official liaison for all official contacts between the team and the tournament committee. The team’s Manager should fulfill this role if at all possible. The team’s head coach may also attend. Failure of a team to have a representative at this meeting will result in disciplinary action taken against the team.

Immediately following, a **Coaches Meeting** will be held at DPSC Valley Ranch rink at 4:00 pm, March 15, 2018. All participating teams shall have a representative coach present at this meeting. No one person may represent more than one team at this meeting unless prior approval is granted by the Tournament Director. Failure of a team to have a representative present shall result in the suspension of the Head Coach, as listed on the team’s official roster, from that team’s first game of the Tournament.

VII. **Tournament Admission Prices:**
All persons 10 years of age and older must have a pass/wristband in order to enter the playing rinks.
- **Day Pass:** $12 / Child (10-17) $6
- **Tournament Wristband:** $35 / Child (10-17) $15
- **Children under 10 – Free**
- **Passes/Wristbands** may be purchased at the host rinks throughout the tournament weekend.

VIII. **Merchandise:**
- **Tournament Merchandise** will be for sale during the Tournament at the DPSC Valley Ranch rink only.
- **Tournament Programs** will be available for purchase throughout the Tournament.

**Admission Wristbands for Team Personnel:**
Each team will receive one (1) tournament wristband per registered player and rostered team official (i.e., manager, coaches, etc.). Wristbands are required to be worn at all times within the tournament facility.
TEAM REQUIREMENTS

The following items are **MANDATORY** for **ALL** teams participating in the 2018 USA Hockey Rocky Mountain District Championship Tournament.

**Team Entry Fees**
The entry fee for the 2018 Rocky Mountain District Tournament is **$800.00 per team**. Please make checks payable to “Dallas Stars Elite Hockey Club”, note “RMD” in the memo and mail to:

*Wendy Sarich*

c/o DSEHC  
P.O. Box 631492  
Irving, TX  75063

**Hotels**
All team members and staff that require hotel accommodations are required to stay in the Host Hotels. (There will be financial penalties for teams that do not stay in the Host Hotels). The complete list of Host Hotels can be found at the following link:

[Link to Traveling Teams website to book rooms for teams that have qualified:](https://ttievent.com/eventmanager/onlineregistration.asp?D=d&EventCode=JV7)

TOURNAMENT OUTLINE

**Playing Rules**
Per the 2017-2018 District and National Championship Tournament Handbook, “The official USA Hockey playing rules shall be used. No protests shall be permitted on the playing rules.”

**Tournament Format**
Each age division at Tier I Boys 14U, 15 Only, 16U and 18U, as well as Tier II Girls 19U will play three (3) preliminary round games. The top two (2) overall teams in each age division, as determined by standings points after the preliminary round games, will advance to the Championship Game. The Tier I Girls 16U and 19U, as well as Tier II Girls 16U will play a Best-of-Three series. The third game will not be played if a Champion is determined after two games are played.

**Standings Points**
During the preliminary round games, each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win in regulation time, two (2) points for a win in overtime or shootout, one (1) point for a loss in overtime or shootout and zero (0) points for a loss in regulation.

**Game Operations**
Period lengths, ice cuts, points system, shoot-outs, overtimes and tie breaking rules to determine standings
position shall in all cases be in conformance with the applicable sections of USA Hockey’s District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2017-2018 Season.

**Referees**

The three or four official system, at the discretion of the Referee-in-Chief shall be used. The Rocky Mountain District Referee-in-Chief, or his/her appointee, shall assign all referees and linesmen. All referees and linesmen must hold at least a Level 3 classification, and be currently certified with USA Hockey. The District Referee-in-Chief, or his/her appointee, shall be in attendance at all games to supervise officials. All referees and linesmen are required to wear a current USA Hockey crest on their sweaters.

**Coaching Education Requirements**

All participating coaches (head and assistant) must have the USA Hockey-required minimum level of coaching certification and module completion to participate in the District Championships. Please refer to the Coaching Education requirements, USA Hockey Annual Guide. In addition all Head Coaches shall be in compliance with USA Hockey’s SafeSport Program.

**Number of Players**

The maximum number of players, including goalkeepers, permitted to play in a game; the maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers; and substitute goalkeepers shall be in accordance with the applicable sections of USA Hockey’s District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2017-2018 Season.

**Uniforms**

All teams entered must be properly uniformed. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the teams and the Tournament Director, the home team shall wear light/white jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark/colored jerseys in all games.

**Discipline Committee**

(1) A Discipline Committee composed of three (3) people shall be appointed prior to the first game by the Tournament Director. Its members shall not come from the same community. The Referee-in-Chief, or his/her appointee, shall not be eligible to serve on this committee.

(2) The committee duties are described on pages 35-36 of USA Hockey’s District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2017-2018 Season.

**Disputes/Operation of Tournament**

Please refer to pages 36-37 of USA Hockey’s District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2017-2018 Season for complete information regarding Disputes/Operation of Tournament.
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DPSC Farmers Branch (FB) Rink: 12700 North Stemmons Frwy, Farmers Branch TX 75234

#### 14U Boys Tier I Schedule

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Pre-Arrival Time Line

The Managers of teams qualifying for the tournament should complete the following pre-arrival steps within the indicated time frames:

I. Immediately upon qualifying for the tournament, e-mail one copy of the following information to Wendy Sarich at WendySarich@gmail.com:
   Tournament “Team Entry Form” – See Exhibit “A”; page 14 and
   Tournament “Team Roster” in Microsoft Excel columnar form – See Exhibit “B”, page 15.

II. Immediately upon qualifying for the tournament, email a copy of the required credentials items to Darla Thompson, Tournament Registrar. The required credentials items should be received no later than March 1, 2018. See Credentials Page (page 12-13) of this handbook for requirements. Email any questions to Darla at rmdregistrar@gmail.com.

III. Immediately upon qualifying for the tournament, e-mail a digital team photo in jpeg format along with a team roster (name & number, please list players front to back, left to right) to Wendy Sarich at WendySarich@gmail.com. To be included in the program, please have photo electronically sent no later than March 1, 2018.

VI. Immediately upon qualifying for the tournament, e-mail tentative travel plans, (arrival date, method of transport, etc.), to Wendy Sarich at WendySarich@gmail.com. Please use the attached Exhibit “C” - Participant Arrival and Departure Schedules – see page 16.

V. Upon booking your team’s hotel rooms for the tournament, e-mail your team’s hotel information to Wendy Sarich at WendySarich@gmail.com.

VI. Any team qualifying for the tournament on or after March 1, 2018 should complete all the above steps immediately!
Each team must be certified with regard to its eligibility to compete in the Rocky Mountain District Tournament. Similarly, each coach and player must also be certified before participating in the tournament. The instructions outlined in this document must be followed closely so that no problems develop concerning eligibility questions.

Each team must submit the team’s credentials package to Darla Thompson, Rocky Mountain District Registrar/Tournament Registrar, immediately after having qualified for the Rocky Mountain District Tournament, and no later than March 1, 2018. You can email the “Credentials to Submit” to rmdregistrar@gmail.com. Please email Darla any questions you may have.

Credentials to Submit shall include:

All team credentials required to be submitted and/or verified are as described on pages 25-28 of USA Hockey’s District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2017-2018 Season. Click here to view the guidebook https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0139/7793/2018_Tournament_Guidebook.pdf

Additional Credentials Items:

Please bring your teams completed Credentials Book containing all of the items on the following pages along with any unfinished or missing information with you to the Credentials/Manager’s meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018, 3:30pm at DPSC Valley Ranch.

After approval of the credentials package at the Credentials Meeting, the Credentials Chairperson will return the team’s credentials package to the team, and this entire package must be carried and available for inspection at all times during the tournament.

If before, during, or after the tournament, the Credentials Chairperson and/or her designated representative(s) becomes aware of and later determines that a player or players is/are ineligible, said player(s) shall be ruled ineligible for any/all remaining games, and the team using the ineligible player(s) will forfeit any/all games in which the player(s) participated. If it is proved that the team’s coach and/or manager was/were aware of the situation, said coach and/or manager will be reported to USA Hockey for disciplinary action.
Credentials Presentation Requirements:
(Please bring the following information to the Credential/Manager’s meeting on Thursday,
March 15, 2018, 3:30pm, DPSC Valley Ranch)

Each team’s credentials must be presented in a manner that is highly organized and systematic. No team’s
credentials will be examined unless they are organized according to the following guidelines:

I. All materials must be in a three-ring binder.

II. It is suggested that each item be placed inside a sheet protector.

III. A divider tab with the title of the section displayed shall identify each section of the notebook.

IV. Information will be presented in the following order:

Required Information:

A. TEAM Information – TAB 1 (in order of presentation)

   1. Completed Credentials Verification Sheet (Form 1-C). Signed and dated by your States Affiliate Registrar. Refer to Exhibit “D”, page 17.

   2. Certified Roster (Form 1-T), created through the USA Hockey portal, which has been approved by your States Affiliate Registrar, no later than 12/31/2017.

B. COACHES Information* (TAB 2) (in order of presentation for each individual)

   1. Signed/dated USA Hockey Consent to Treat/Medical History Form for each coach listed on your teams 1T roster.

   2. Copy of temporary coaching card for any coach who shows having an expired CEP on the 1T roster.

C. MANAGER’S information* (TAB 3) (in order of presentation for each individual)

   1. Signed/dated USA Hockey Consent to Treat/Medical History Form.

D. PLAYER’S information* (in order of presentation for each individual)

   1. A verification and affirmation that a review of each player’s birth certificate has been completed by a district registrar or his/her designee. When no verification or affirmation is indicated on the Certified Roster/Credential Verification sheet, a copy of government-issued birth certificate or passport ID page for the rostered player is required. (Birth certificates issued by hospitals are not acceptable).

   2. Signed/dated USA Hockey Consent to Treat/Medical History Form (signed by players parent/legal guardian).

E. SANCTIONED Scoresheets
Sanctioned game scoresheets to verify compliance with the 20/10 minimum number of games for eligibility rule (14/10 girls’/womens’, 10/5 high school varsity and/or prep school) for each team and rostered player.

*Copies of USA Hockey waiver and release (IMR’s) are required for each Coach, Player and Manager if they did not register online at usahockey.com. (Not required for participants who have registered online).
Exhibit “A” Team Entry Form

Due immediately after qualifying for Tournament.

Please e-mail completed form to Wendy Sarich at WendySarich@gmail.com

Team Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Age Division: __________________________ USAH Assoc. ID#: ____________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _____________________________________________________________________

Head Coach: _______________________________________________________________________

Mobile Phone: _____________________________________________________________________

E-mail: __________________________________________________________________________

Team Manager: _____________________________________________________________________

Mobile Phone: _____________________________________________________________________

E-mail: __________________________________________________________________________

Team Home Colors: __________________________ Team Away Colors: ______________________

Does your team have home AND away jerseys? YES ______ NO ______
Exhibit “B” Team Roster Form

Due immediately after qualifying for Tournament.

Please e-mail completed form to Wendy Sarich at WendySarich@gmail.com

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Ass’t Coach:  
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Email:

Manager:  
Cell:  
Email:
Exhibit “C” - Participant Arrival and Departure Schedules

Due immediately after qualifying for Tournament.

Please e-mail completed form to Wendy Sarich at WendySarich@gmail.com

Manager or Head Coach Name:_______________________________________________________

Team:____________________________________ Contact Cell Phone: _______________________

**Arrival Information**

We will be arriving by air

on________________________________ at ______________________ a.m/p.m.
(Day and Date)   (Time of arrival)

On ________________________________ Flight #_____________________
(Airline)

Or, we will be arriving by Bus/Car

on________________________________ at _____________________ a.m/p.m.
(Day and Date)   (Time of arrival)

**Departure Information**

We will be departing by air

on________________________________ at _____________________ a.m/p.m.
(Day and Date)   (Time of arrival)

On ________________________________ Flight #_____________________
(Airline)

Or, we will be departing by Bus/Car

on________________________________ at _____________________ a.m/p.m.
(Day and Date)   (Time of arrival)

Hotel: ____________________________________ Phone #: ______________________________
CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SHEET
‘FORM 1-C’

Exhibit “D”