

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council

Procedures for selecting Regional, District and State Tournament sites

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Over the last few years, District Council has been developing procedures that ensure fair participation of all interested associations that wish to host playoff tournaments. The actual procedures occur at the Spring District Council meeting each year, and the results of the procedures can be found in the Spring meeting minutes.

Three “priority lists” are maintained and updated each year. (States, Districts, Regionals). The lists were first constructed by a blind draw, and are updated to move the winning associations to the bottom of the list after they host a tournament.

The procedures occur in order, as follows:

States

If the District is hosting state tournaments in a given year, the “States” priority list is consulted. The association at the top of the list is asked if they wish to host any of the available tournaments. The association that picks first can choose whichever tournament is available, or pass. This continues until all state tournament sites are chosen. **Note that for state tournaments, the site must be approved by the District Council.** It is not automatic. The site must have adequate facilities and nearby hotels in order to be awarded a state tournament.

An example situation is discussed here from the April 2018 meeting, and the priority list is attached at the end of this document. District 8 will host the 10U tournaments in 2019. The District rarely (if ever) has a 10U A team, so this means two State Tournaments were available, 10U B and 10U AA. The first association on the list is DAHA. Their representative was not present, so they passed. Next was Iron Range. They chose to host the 10U B Tournament. Keweenaw Bay and Ontonagon passed on the 10U AA tournament since they were not going to have a team. Calumet was next and they chose to host the 10U AA tournament.

Since Iron Range got first shot, they were moved to the bottom of the priority list for the next time the states are in our district. Calumet got moved to second from the bottom. The new list is shown below the original list, and that one will be used next time. In this way, associations move up the list and get their turn to host a tournament if they wish.

Sometimes, in years when the District is not scheduled to host state tournaments, MAHA will offer a tournament to the District because another district that was scheduled to host declined. In cases where an association hosts States due to a MAHA “give-back”, this will not affect their position in the priority list for States in the coming years. It is considered to be a service to MAHA.

Districts (B Tournaments)

Next, the “Districts” priority list is consulted. **Any association that was awarded a state tournament is moved to the bottom of the priority list for Districts for that year only.** (They do not lose their place in line for next year.) Then, the same procedure is followed as for States. The association at the top of the list is asked if they want to host any of the B district tournaments, and they get to choose which one, if so. Then we go down the list, obviously allowing associations to “pass” if they want, until all the sites are chosen.

Districts (AA Tournament)

This is a separate priority list that does not affect any of the other site selections. Three associations regularly have teams at the 10U, 12U and 14U AA level: Calumet, Copper Country, and Marquette. This procedure is the same, and if one of the associations hosts an AA state tournament, they are moved to the bottom of the priority list for that year only.

Regionals

Same procedures. Associations that won States or Districts are moved to the bottom of the priority list for that year only.

Bidding for State Tournaments, April 14, 2018

Association	Tournament
DAHA	
Iron Range	10U B
Keweenaw Bay	
Ontonagon	
Calumet	10U AA
Manistique	
Tahquamenon	
Copper Country	
Ironwood	
Munising	
Escanaba	
Iron River	
Marquette	

Priority List for Next Time

Association	Tournament
DAHA	
Keweenaw Bay	
Ontonagon	
Manistique	
Tahquamenon	
Copper Country	
Ironwood	
Munising	
Escanaba	
Iron River	
Marquette	
Calumet	
Iron Range	