

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2021

Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Board zoom call was held November 11, 2021 at 8:00pm.

George Atkinson, President called the meeting to order at 8:04pm. Attending the meeting were voting members George Atkinson, Dan Pozdol, Judy Niemi, Joe Barone, Jean Laxton, Gordon Bowman, Kevin Wood, Jim Cosgrove, Steve Stapleton, Bob Yohe, Jason Reynolds, Rick Frescura, JP Palmentier, Tom Berry, AL Wakeham, Julie Beck-Myers, Micki Jesue, Nick Zajas, Matt Hawkins, Carolyn Horton Absent: Larry Johnson.

Michigan Registration Report- Michigan 14.9 % 8u is up, USA average is 17.5%, Overall Michigan is doing well, Growth contest has a lot of associations participating

Treasures report-Everything as of October 26th has been paid. Through September 10, USA hockey has remitted revenue for 15,100 youth and 7,110 adults. As of October 31st TCF switched to Huntington Bank, Has not been a very smooth transition. USA hockey received the check \$50,000.00 to put in the investment fund. The 990 was for last fiscal year was filed timely. We are also in process of renewing the solicitation license.

Taskforce update: A lot of work has been done, two meetings so far to discuss and combine notes to send out to the districts and the executive board for more discussions on where and how to move forward on ideas/suggestions and potential rule proposals.

Tier 1 residency update: All appeals are done.

Officials Update-From JP Palmentier: 1607 registered officials in Michigan, 186 not completed. 93(level 4), 519(level 3), 265(level 2),724(level 1), there are some areas having problems filling assignments when multiple tournaments are being played in a location. USA hockey is up 3000 officials over last season and Michigan is up 400 officials, from 2019 USA Hockey is down approx. 3500. Officiating taskforce no update at this point. State tournament coverage-should be able to cover games/might need additional travel to have enough officials at a site. One video review request.

Policy updates- Invitational tournament deposits-Motion to approve, second, approved. Helmet policy could be removed, covered by USA Hockey Rules(removed).

Tier 1 Position paper discussion-recommended by Dan P. To table to next meeting.

Future summer meetings- at the USA Executive Board meeting in November, there is discussion to change the cycle on rules and rule changes, discussion is to flip the rules cycle and bring/propose them in June and voted on in January that way there is an 8 month window for the rule to be implemented. If this happens maybe MAHA should start discussing flipping our meetings. The USA Hockey change will be a legislative proposal at the USA winter meeting.

Try Hockey for Free update: Jason & Tom have been transferring all equipment from Peranis Livonia to Biggby headquarters in Lansing. Now we can start putting a calendar together for the rest of the season for THFF events. T&I Credit Union will sponsor THFF as a growth partner. The website for THFF is back online and open. Biggby will be a sponsor of the 8U jamborees and the 8U state tournament in 2022.

Girls/Womens: No update this month

Appeals: Decision on an a pending appeal will be going out on November 12th. Safesport reports are coming in.

Coaches update: More clinics to come, they are trying hard to do more clinics but volunteer staff is low, demand for clinics is high all over the US not just Michigan. Temp cards were issued in 2020-2021(totaling 17000), USA is watching the numbers and will continue to add coaches clinic as needed and possibly into January.

State Playoff Committee: Added sub committees-split season(Don to chair), state playoff review(Dan to chair)

Rules Committee: Had one meeting regarding rule changes, plan to set up another one, also looking at the guidebook and what is coming out of the taskforce for recommendations for rule changes.

Old/new business- 16u/18u Pilot program for OOD- motion to extend the 18u OOD does not include 16u, and if it is working recommendation to the rules committee to make a rule change. Seconded and approved.

There was a motion to go to a closed session, seconded and approved.

Kevin Wood
MAHA Secretary

Attachments: Revised policies

Updated 11-18-21



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Policy & Guidelines

Invitational Tournament Deposits

Section: Tournaments

Revised: Nov. 11, 2021

Invitational Tournament Deposits

As per MAHA rule XVI. 4. tournament sponsors are required to make a deposit/payment of \$250 to secure a tournament sanction.

- Once a tournament is sanctioned, and the sanction fee is paid to USA Hockey. This fee is non-refundable.
- Since sanctions payments are non-refundable, the following policy will be in effect in case tournaments are cancelled.
 - A cancelled tournament can be moved to a different date, provided the tournament is still in the same season and is still the same type of tournament for the same age levels.
 - Deposits cannot be transferred or applied to another tournament that has already been sanctioned for the season.



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Policy & Guidelines

Helmet – Summary Suspension Policy and Procedure

**Canceled - Now falls under new
Standardized Discipline Policy**

Policy

Summary Suspension may be used for a 615(c) match penalty call when all of the following conditions are met:

- The player is not currently on probation for any other match penalty.
- The 615 (c) match penalty is the first issued to the player in that season.
- There are no extenuating circumstances in the write up by the referee (injury, refusal to leave the ice, refusal to stop fighting, etc.).

Player still is not allowed to participate in any USA Hockey activities (games, practices, off-ice events).

Procedure

Who

What

Head Coach: Notifies District Chair within 24 hours of Match Penalty call, requests Summary Suspension for player and provides schedule of next three (3) games and opponents.

District Chair: After receiving and reviewing match report, notifies coach of decision to apply Summary Suspension process or normal match penalty hearing process.

If Summary Suspension is to be used, continue with procedure, if not this processes in complete.

Head Coach: Scans/faxes game sheets showing player sat out next three (3) games.

District Chair: Sends out Summary Suspension to player and head coach. (Example Attached)

Player/Coach: Player may return to USA Hockey activities when Summary Suspension letter is received.*

*A coach who plays a player prior to completing all steps in the procedure may be subject to a supplemental match penalty for violating Rule XVI, A3. A coach or manager who upon the findings of the District Council knowingly allowed the participation of an ineligible player or coach in any game shall be subject to a recommended suspension up to one year.



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Pilot Programs

18U OOD Pilot Program

Section: Division Classification

Approved: June 6/14/18 Extended 11/11/21

In the 18U (Midget) classification teams will be allowed six (6) players who reside outside the district in which the team is registered. After November 15, teams that do not have a full 20 player roster, may be allowed to add additional out of district players under the following circumstances and with approval from the State Playoff Committee.

- This pilot program only applies to Tier II and House/Rec Categories. It does not apply to the Tier I or JV/High School categories.
- The team that wishes to add players may not drop any players (either in district or out of district) to do so.
- With the addition of any new players, their out of district participants must be less than 50% percent of the total rostered players or 6 out of district players, whichever is greater.
- Players eligible to qualify as additional out of district players may only be either previously not registered for the season on any MAHA team or must have been registered with pre-season High School or split season teams that are no longer active.
- All out of district players added after November 15 require an exception submitted to, and approval granted from the State Playoff Committee prior to being rostered.

Adopted June 14, 2018

Effective Date of Rule: Pilot Program – 1 year 2018 – 2019 season

On November 11, 2021, the Executive Committee Voted to extend the Pilot

Program for 1 more season. **Pilot Program extended the 21-22 Regular Season**