

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.



PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: 1 and 2

Heading: General Rules and State Tournaments

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: Article 1 – new “C” and renumber
Article 2 – new A.5

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CURRENT WORDING:

New wording.

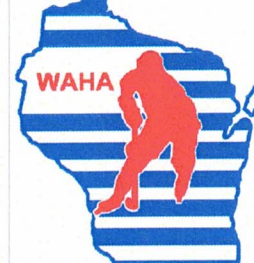
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COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS: USA Hockey requires yearly submission of the Safe Sport Compliance document. Wisconsin statues require yearly submission of the Concussion/SCA Compliance document. All local associations need to complete these and return them to the WAHA Secretary by Nov. 15 of the current playing season. Failure to complete and return these by that date will result in 1) a \$250 fine; 2) disqualification from State Tournament competition in the current playing season; and 3) elimination from request to host State Tournaments for the year indicated in Dates to Remember in the WAHA Guidebook. Upon payment of the \$250 fine PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1 of the current playing season, local associations may be relieved from the penalties in 2 and 3 above.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed): To ensure that required Compliance Documents are submitted by the dates required and to punish those associations who ignore those requirements.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: John Hack WAHA Secretary

DATE RECEIVED: 12/3/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2026 R-1



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number:

ARTICLE 2 STATE TOURNAMENTS

Heading:

38. Emergency Goaltender for State Tournament Play

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

38. Emergency Goaltender for State Tournament Play

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

A team whose goaltender suffers a disabling injury/sickness may apply for an emergency replacement goaltender for state tournament play. The request must be submitted in writing to the Section Director for the age level the team plays in. The request should include the injury/illness suffered, the prognosis if the goalie may be able to return, the level of the replacement goalie and any other pertinent information that may apply. The Section Director will review and approve or disapprove the request. If approved the injured goalie will be noted on the roster and is no longer eligible to play. The replacement goalie will be added to the roster and the roster submitted to the Regional Registrar for approval. The 5-game requirement and the December 31 deadline for roster changes will be waived

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

A team whose goaltender suffers a disabling injury/sickness (**not suspension**) may apply for an emergency replacement goaltender for state tournament play (**which includes Playoffs**). The request must be submitted in writing to the Section Director for the age level the team plays in. The request should include the injury/illness suffered, the prognosis if the goalie may be able to return, the level of the replacement goalie and any other pertinent information that may apply. The Section Director will review and approve or disapprove the request. If approved the injured goalie will be noted on the roster and is no longer eligible to play **until after the State Tournament is completed**. The replacement goalie will be added to the roster and the roster submitted to the Regional Registrar for approval. The 5-game requirement and the December 31 deadline for roster changes will be waived

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Ambiguity with current wording on if:

- 1) this rule applies to "Playoffs" or (aka Playdowns). Where it is positioned, under "ARTICLE 2 STATE TOURNAMENTS" and the reference to "State Tournament Play" it reads as if it only applies to the State Tournaments (not Playoffs).
- 2) This rule does not reference suspended goalies. Does this apply to suspended goalies or only those with disabling injury or sickness as written. Since suspension is well within control (unlike injury/illness) I recommend suspension is expressly excluded.
- 3) Finally I added some clarity on when the sick/injured goalie could return.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

David B. Gauder, President, Madison Patriots (PYHA)

DATE RECEIVED: 2/20/26

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-2



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: Article 1

Heading: REGISTRATION, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL RULES

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: P.1, p. 53

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CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

1. All teams registered with WAHA/USA Hockey must use only properly registered USA Hockey / WAHA / WHOA officials for all their games. Violations of this rule are subject to Board action. Any official who officiates a game involving a team not registered with USA Hockey, the National Federation of High Schools, the NCAA, the IIHF or the NHL and its affiliate teams shall be removed from the WAHA State Playoff and State Tournament officials list for a period of three years

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

See p. 2

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECEIVED: 3/16/26

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-3 (WHOA)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

2026 R-3 (p.2)

REASON FOR PROPOSAL:

It is contradicted by this (USA Hockey Annual Guide, also p.53):

L. GUIDELINES REGARDING NON-SANCTIONED PLAY

...

K. However, no USA Hockey official may be penalized, threatened, excluded or made ineligible for officiating USA Hockey games based on that official being certified by or officiating games that are not sanctioned by USA Hockey or are sanctioned by some other entity.

...

To reiterate, no Affiliate may, and no Affiliate shall permit an officials' organization or scheduler under its control to, punish, threaten, blackball or make any official ineligible for USA Hockey games, based on the official becoming certified by another entity or officiating games that are not sanctioned by USA Hockey. Most hockey and officials' associations endeavor to consider their officials to be independent contractors; to place restrictions on officials from officiating non-sanctioned games may place that independent contractor status at risk, and subject the hockey program or officials' association to other liabilities.



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

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Article Number:

See Attachment – Entire Guidebook

Heading:

See Attachment – All Headings

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

See Attachment - Many

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This proposal, attached, aims to reduce the number of divisions from 4 to 3, to ensure that playoffs and state are meaningful again. There are too many open spots and automatic berths, especially at the division 2, 3, and 4 level.

See 9-page Attachment

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Moving from 4 to 3 divisions. Ensures more competitive playoffs and state tournament. If you look at the results from this year, state tournaments were very uncompetitive until the finals, and even some of those were not.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

DATE RECEIVED: 3/23/26

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-4 (4 to 3 div)

WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Proposed Rule Change

Transition from Four (4) Divisions to Three (3) Divisions for Youth Classification at the 14U, 12U, and 10U Levels

*Reference Document: 2025–26 WAHA Guidebook & Directory
Prepared for Review by the WAHA Board of Directors*

1. Executive Summary

This proposal recommends consolidating WAHA’s current four-division youth classification system (Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4) into a three-division system (Division 1, Division 2, Division 3). The change would affect Youth 14U, 12U, and 10U classifications for state tournament play. Under this proposal, current Division 3 and Division 4 associations would merge into a new Division 3, while Division 1 and Division 2 would remain largely unchanged.

This document identifies every page, article, section, and paragraph in the 2025–26 WAHA Guidebook that references the four-division structure and would require amendment.

2. Proposed New Division Structure

The following table compares the current and proposed structures:

Current (4 Divisions)	Proposed (3 Divisions)
Division 1 – Top associations	Division 1 – Top associations (unchanged)
Division 2 – Upper-mid associations	Division 2 – Mid-level associations (unchanged or slightly expanded)
Division 3 – Lower-mid associations	Division 3 – Consolidated from current Div 3 & Div 4
Division 4 – Smallest associations	(Eliminated – absorbed into Division 3)

Proposed team designation within each division:

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
1A	2A	3A
1B	2B	3B
1C	2C	3C

3. Master Table of Required Guidebook Changes

The following table lists every location in the 2025–26 WAHA Guidebook that references the four-division structure and would need amendment. Detailed redline language for each change follows in Section 4.

Page	Section	Paragraph / Item	Nature of Change
46	Rules & Regs, Art. 1, §G.1	Player transfer exception	Change “Div 2, 3 or 4” to “Div 2 or 3”; update references to Division 1 nearest-association rule
80–82	Rules & Regs, Art. 5, §A	Levels of Classification Defined	Remove Div 4 definition; redefine Div 3 as bottom tier; rewrite team designation table from 4 columns to 3; change “four divisions” to “three divisions”
81	Rules & Regs, Art. 5, §A	Division 1 details	No structural change needed (1A/1B/1C remain)
81	Rules & Regs, Art. 5, §A	Division 2 details	No structural change needed (2A/2B/2C remain)
81	Rules & Regs, Art. 5, §A	Division 3 details	Rewrite to absorb current Div 3 and Div 4 associations into single new Div 3
81–82	Rules & Regs, Art. 5, §A	Division 4 details	Delete entire Division 4 subsection
82	Rules & Regs, Art. 5, §A – Girls	Girls A/B classification	Change “Division 2, 3, or 4” to “Division 2 or 3” in criteria #2
82	Rules & Regs, Art. 5, §B.2	Exceptions to Classification	Change “not categorized as Division 1” language to reflect 3-division ceiling
82–83	Rules & Regs, Art. 5, §B.3	Classification Appeals	No language change required (references “division” generically)
83	Rules & Regs, Art. 5, §B.4	Tournament Entry (A before B, etc.)	Remove reference to “D before E” (Div 4 sub-levels)
63	Rules & Regs, Art. 2, §B.32	Move-up chart (no tourn. offered)	Remove all 4A rows; revise 3A/3B move-up options to reflect 3-division structure

100	Rules & Regs, Art. 6, §VIII.B	Tier I/Nat'l Bound – Entering Nat'l Tournaments	Change “Division 1 through 4” to “Division 1 through 3”
104–106	Rules & Regs, Art. 7, §IV.A	Tier II – Team Eligibility	Change “Division 1 through 4” to “Division 1 through 3”
138	2026 State Tournament Sites	Tournament site listings	Remove all “4A” tournament entries; reassign those associations to Div 3 brackets
140	2027 State Tournament Sites	Tournament site listings	Remove all “4A” tournament entries; reassign those associations to Div 3 brackets
189–191	Appendix III	Classification by Region and Division	Remove “Div. 4” column; move all Div 4 associations into Div 3 column in both Region and Division tables

4. Detailed Changes by Section

4.1 Rules & Regulations, Article 1 – Registration, Eligibility, General Rules (§G.1)

Guidebook Page: 46

Current Language:

“The player could not play for any association classified as Division 2, 3 or 4 or on any team other than the highest classified youth team of a Division 1 association.”

Proposed Language:

“The player could not play for any association classified as Division 2 or 3 or on any team other than the highest classified youth team of a Division 1 association.”

Rationale: With Division 4 eliminated, the exclusion list reduces from three lower divisions to two.

4.2 Rules & Regulations, Article 5 – Classification, Section A (Levels of Classification Defined)

Guidebook Pages: 80–82 (the core of the entire change)

4.2.1 Division Definitions (p. 80)

Current Language:

“Division 1 – A districted association that is considered to be one of the top associations in the state.”

“Division 2 – A districted association that is classified at a level between Division 1 and Division 3.”

“Division 3 – A districted association that is classified at a level between Division 2 and Division 4.”

“Division 4 – A districted association that is determined to be at the fourth level of WAHA classification.”

Proposed Language:

“Division 1 – A districted association that is considered to be one of the top associations in the state.” [unchanged]

“Division 2 – A districted association that is classified at a level between Division 1 and Division 3.” [unchanged]

“Division 3 – A districted association that is determined to be at the third and lowest level of WAHA classification.” [revised]

[Division 4 – DELETE ENTIRE DEFINITION]

4.2.2 Team Designation Table (p. 80)

Current Table:

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
1A	2A	3A	4A
1B	2B	3B	4B
1C	2C	3C	4C

Proposed Table:

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
1A	2A	3A
1B	2B	3B
1C	2C	3C

4.2.3 “Four Divisions” Classification Sentence (p. 80)

Current Language:

“Classification – All districted associations at the Youth 14U, 12U and 10U levels are to be classified into four divisions for state play...”

Proposed Language:

“Classification – All districted associations at the Youth 14U, 12U and 10U levels are to be classified into three divisions for state play...”

4.2.4 Division 3 Subsection (p. 81)

Current Language:

Division 3: 3A – top team; 3B – second team; 3C – third team. “If a Division 3 association has more than three teams, it may register those additional teams at any level in their division. Division 3 teams may only play in Division 3.”

Proposed Language:

Division 3: 3A – top team; 3B – second team; 3C – third team. “If a Division 3 association has more than three teams, it may register those additional teams at any level in their division. Division 3 teams may only play in Division 3.” [Language stays the same, but the population of Division 3 now includes all former Division 4 associations.]

4.2.5 Division 4 Subsection (pp. 81–82) – DELETE

Action: Delete the entire Division 4 subsection including “Division 4: 4A – the top team in the association; 4B – the second team in the association; 4C – the third team in the association” and the accompanying sentence about additional teams.

4.2.6 Girls Classification Criteria (p. 82)

Current Language (criterion #2):

“A team supported by a WAHA Division 2, 3, or 4 association shall be identified as Division B.”

Proposed Language:

“A team supported by a WAHA Division 2 or 3 association shall be identified as Division B.”

4.3 Rules & Regulations, Article 5 – Classification, Section B (Classification Actions)

Guidebook Page: 82–83

4.3.1 Tournament Entry Sequence (§B.4.a, p. 83)

Current Language:

“A team and/or association MUST enter their highest classified team in a state tournament BEFORE they can enter a team in a lower classification tournament (A before B, B before C, C before D, D before E).”

Proposed Language:

“A team and/or association MUST enter their highest classified team in a state tournament BEFORE they can enter a team in a lower classification tournament (A before B, B before C, C before D).”

Rationale: With Division 4 eliminated, the “D before E” sequence is no longer applicable. The maximum sub-level depth remains at C under the proposed 3-division structure.

4.4 Rules & Regulations, Article 2 – State Tournaments, §B.32 (Move-Up Chart)

Guidebook Page: 63

Current Move-Up Chart:

Registered	Move To Options
4A	3A, 2A, 1A
3A	2A, 1A

3B	3A, 2A, 2B, 1A, 1B
2A	1A
2B	2A, 1A, 1B
2C	2A, 2B, 1A, 1B, 1C
1B	1A
1C	1A, 1B

Proposed Move-Up Chart:

Registered	Move To Options
3A	2A, 1A
3B	3A, 2A, 2B, 1A, 1B
3C	3A, 3B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 1A, 1B, 1C
2A	1A
2B	2A, 1A, 1B
2C	2A, 2B, 1A, 1B, 1C
1B	1A
1C	1A, 1B

Rationale: The 4A row is eliminated. A new 3C row is added since the expanded Division 3 may have more sub-levels. Former 4A teams would now be 3A-level teams within the new Division 3.

4.5 Rules & Regulations, Article 6 – Tier I National Tournament Bound (§VIII.B)

Guidebook Page: 100

Current Language:

“Teams from Division 1 through 4 Associations, as well as teams from the Wisconsin Elite Hockey League (WEHL) or Tier II Before and After 16U teams may represent Wisconsin in USA Hockey Tier II National tournaments.”

Proposed Language:

“Teams from Division 1 through 3 Associations, as well as teams from the Wisconsin Elite Hockey League (WEHL) or Tier II Before and After 16U teams may represent Wisconsin in USA Hockey Tier II National tournaments.”

4.6 Rules & Regulations, Article 7 – Tier II National Tournament Bound (§IV.A)

Guidebook Page: 104–106

Current Language:

“Youth/Girls full-season teams from Tier II Associations at the Division 1 through 4 classification levels or Girls Associations.”

Proposed Language:

“Youth/Girls full-season teams from Tier II Associations at the Division 1 through 3 classification levels or Girls Associations.”

4.7 2026 & 2027 State Tournament Sites & Dates

Guidebook Pages: 138 and 140

Current listings include “4A” entries at Youth 10U (Barron/Chetek, 2026; Marinette/Menominee, 2027), Youth 12U (Altoona, 2026; Price Ice, 2027), and Youth 14U (Marinette/Menominee, 2026; River City/LaCrosse, 2027).

Proposed Action:

- Remove all rows designated “4A” from the tournament site tables.
- Reassign those host sites and associations to the appropriate Division 3 sub-level bracket (3A, 3B, or 3C) based on the reclassification.
- If the merged Division 3 produces enough teams, consider adding a 3C bracket at affected age levels.

4.8 Appendix III – Classification by Region and Division

Guidebook Pages: 189–191

4.8.1 Classification by Region Table (p. 190)

Current table has five columns per region: Div. 1, Div. 2, Div. 3, Div. 4, and Tier 1.

Proposed Action:

- Remove the “Div. 4” column entirely.
- Move all associations currently listed under Div. 4 into the “Div. 3” column for their respective regions.

Specific associations that would move from Div 4 to Div 3, by region:

Region	Associations Moving from Div 4 → Div 3
Region 1	Barron-Chetek, Burnett County (Siren), Cumberland, River Valley, Spooner
Region 2	Medford, Price Ice
Region 3	Manitowoc, Marinette-Menominee
Region 4	Ice Wolves, Monroe, Stoughton
Region 5	Pettit Patriots, Pleasant Prairie
Region 6	Altoona, Clark County, River City (LaCrosse), Sparta, Viroqua, West Salem

4.8.2 Classification by Division Table (p. 191)

Current table has five columns: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4, and Tier 1.

Proposed Action:

- Remove the “Division 4” column.
- Merge all 20 associations currently in Division 4 into the Division 3 column, producing an expanded Division 3 of approximately 42 associations.

5. Additional Sections with Generic “Division” References (No Change Required)

The following sections use the word “division” in a generic or contextual sense that does not specifically enumerate all four divisions. These do not require textual amendments but are noted for completeness:

- Article 2, §B.35.b–c (pp. 72–73): References “all divisions” for Girls rules (slap shot, checking). Generic – no change needed.
- Article 2, §B.36 (p. 72): “All Girls divisions” – generic, no change needed.
- Article 5, §B.3 (pp. 82–83): Classification Appeals – uses “division” generically; no specific count referenced.
- Article 5, §B.5 (p. 83): “Classifications for the Current Season” – refers to appendix; no enumeration of divisions.
- Article 6, §II (pp. 83–84): Tier I Definitions – references “age division” (not classification division).
- Playing Down Policy (pp. 133–134): References “age division” – not classification division.
- Glossary (pp. 195–198): “Girls/Women Classification” entry references “divisions” generically. No change needed.
- Six-Team Round Robin scoresheets (pp. 68–72): Use “American Division” and “National Division” for tournament pools – unrelated to classification divisions.

6. Implementation Considerations

6.1 Impact on State Tournament Count

Currently WAHA hosts separate state tournaments for 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, and 4A at each youth age level (10U, 12U, 14U). Eliminating Division 4 would reduce the number of separate tournament brackets from approximately 10 to 9 (or fewer) per age level, unless a 3C bracket is added to accommodate the larger pool of Division 3 teams. The Board should consider the appropriate number of tournament brackets for the merged Division 3 based on team counts.

6.2 Classification Committee Workload

The Classification Committee (Article 5, §B.1) would need to reclassify all current Division 4 associations. The criteria listed on page 80 (ice availability, number of youth teams, league play success, state tournament qualifications, past tournament success, and association size) would be applied to determine whether each former Division 4 association is placed at the 3A, 3B, or 3C level.

6.3 Transition Year

It is recommended that the first season under the new 3-division structure include a “grandfather” provision allowing any association reclassified from Division 4 to Division 3 to hold one team back at their prior competitive level for state tournament purposes (consistent with the existing provision in Article 5, §B.4.b).

6.4 Amendment Process

Per Article 11 of the WAHA Bylaws (p. 42), amendments to the Rules and Regulations must be submitted to the WAHA Secretary by April 15. Per Article 10 of the Bylaws, these changes require approval by the WAHA Board of Directors.

7. Summary of All Pages Requiring Amendment

Page(s)	Section	Change Type
46	Art. 1, §G.1 (Player Transfers)	Text: “Div 2, 3 or 4” → “Div 2 or 3”
63	Art. 2, §B.32 (Move-Up Chart)	Table: Remove 4A row; add 3C row
80	Art. 5, §A (Definitions)	Text: Delete Div 4 def; revise Div 3 def; “four” → “three”
80	Art. 5, §A (Team Designation Table)	Table: Remove Div 4 column
81	Art. 5, §A (Div 3 subsection)	Text: Absorb Div 4 associations
81–82	Art. 5, §A (Div 4 subsection)	Delete entire subsection
82	Art. 5, §A (Girls A/B criteria #2)	Text: “Div 2, 3, or 4” → “Div 2 or 3”
83	Art. 5, §B.4.a (Tournament Entry)	Text: Remove “D before E”
100	Art. 6, §VIII.B (Tier I Nat’l Bound)	Text: “Div 1 through 4” → “Div 1 through 3”
104–106	Art. 7, §IV.A (Tier II Eligibility)	Text: “Div 1 through 4” → “Div 1 through 3”
138	2026 State Tournament Sites	Table: Remove 4A entries; reassign to Div 3
140	2027 State Tournament Sites	Table: Remove 4A entries; reassign to Div 3
190	Appendix III (By Region)	Table: Remove Div 4 column; merge into Div 3
191	Appendix III (By Division)	Table: Remove Div 4 column; merge into Div 3

Total pages requiring amendment: 15 pages across 14 distinct sections.

Total distinct rule text changes: 10 textual amendments + 4 table restructurings.



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Heading: REGISTRATION, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL RULES

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: A p. 42

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CURRENT WORDING:

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

This rule could be used as a justification to make any other rule moot... in which case why have any rules?

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

DATE RECEIVED: 3/23/24 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** JCS6 R-5 (CATCH ALL)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

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Heading: REGISTRATION, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL RULES

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: E p. 46

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CURRENT WORDING:

Any player can, however, as long as the player meets age classification, be registered with more than one team in a different age classification within the same association. A player may only be on a maximum of two rosters.

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

Any player can, however, as long as the player meets age classification, be registered with more than one team in a different age classification within the same association. A player may only be on a maximum of two rosters **unless it is a cross-rostered female player who may be on a maximum of three rosters if one of the rosters is at a different, higher age classification (10U youth, 10U girls, 12U girls).**

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Female skaters, especially goalies are needed to cover games at smaller associations, and this gives more flexibility to have legal rosters and the ability for girls to participate at two different age levels like other youth players.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

DATE RECEIVED: 3/23/26 PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-6 (NUMBER OF ROSTERS)



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A player may not be registered with more than one (1) association, or more than one (1) team in the same age classification, unless a female player is registered on one (1) youth team and one (1) girls team at the same age level. NOTE: This will be identified as “cross-roster”. (An association that wishes to cross-roster a female player MUST complete the on-line Cross-Rostering Form on the WAHA website for approval by November 15th. Cross-roster players on a secondary team will only be eligible for State Tournament with the secondary team if the roster has 14 or less players. A

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Coops and small associations need all of the players they can get to form teams. Artificially limiting team size when many skaters cross roster is not helpful. It also creates rules to disqualify girls more than boys as boys can double roster without a size limit.

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECEIVED: 3/23/26

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-7 (REMOVE CROSS)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number:

Article 1

Heading:

Registration, Eligibility, General Rules

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

Section G.1, Pages 46-47

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CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

A player may play for a team from the nearest association offering a youth Division 1 team, provided the association serving player's place of residence is of a lower classification. The player must be selected by that nearest association to play on their highest classified team. For example: a Youth 10U from a Division 3 association "B" team could play for a Division 1 association provided the player is selected to play on the association's "A" youth team. The player could not play for any association classified as Division 2, 3 or 4 or on any team other than the highest classified youth team of a Division 1 association. If a player is not selected to play on the highest-level team, the player must return to their home association. (NOTE: Players accepted under Section G-1 at all times shall be considered as an out-of-district player while rostered with any team of any association except the association serving their place of residence.) If they do not play on the highest-level non-home Association team, they must return to their home Association and must comply with all transfer rules.)

Any team may accept two (2) players under exception 1 above with no penalty. Any team accepting more than two (2) players, however, will not be eligible for state tournament competition in that classification. Written notice is to be given immediately to the respective associations.

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A player from a Division 1 association who is not selected to play on their home association's highest classified team (A team) may transfer to play for the nearest association of lower classification (Division 2, 3, or 4) without obtaining a release from their home association, provided:

1. The player participates in their home Division 1 association's tryouts 2. The player is not selected for the Division 1 association's A team The player shall be considered an out-of-district player on the accepting association's roster.

Any team may accept two (2) players under exception 1 above with no penalty. Any team accepting more than two (2) players, however, will not be eligible for state tournament competition in that classification. Written notice is to be given immediately to the respective associations.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL: see p. 2

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue – President – MyFarland Youth Hockey Association

DATE RECEIVED:

3/23/26

PROPOSAL NUMBER:

2026 R-8 (D-1 Equity)

Proposal # R-8 p. 2:

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Current Inequity:

Under existing WAHA rules, players from Division 2, 3, and 4 associations may try out for Division 1 programs without obtaining releases from their home associations (Section G.1). However, Division 1 district players who do not make their association's A team have no comparable option—they must either:

- Play on a lower-level team within their Division 1 association, or
- Obtain a release from their home association (which can be denied) to transfer elsewhere

This creates an unfair double standard where lower division players have more flexibility than Division 1 district players.

Justification for Change:

1. **Equity and Fairness** - Division 1 district players should have the same opportunities to find appropriate competitive levels as players from lower divisions
2. **Player Development** - A Division 1 B or C team player might be better served playing A-level hockey at a Division 2, 3, or 4 association rather than sitting on a lower-level Division 1 team – they could even be on a lower division A team.
3. **Geographic Considerations** - Some Division 1 district players may live closer to Division 2, 3, or 4 associations where they could have more ice time and competitive opportunities
4. **Competitive Balance** - This change maintains competitive integrity by counting these players as out-of-district (maximum 2 per team for state tournament eligibility)
5. **Voluntary Participation** - Division 1 associations can still retain players by selecting them for teams or by fostering positive program environments; this rule simply removes mandatory retention of players not selected for the A team

Safeguards Included:

- Players must actually try out for and not be selected by their Division 1 A team
- Written notification requirements ensure transparency
- Out-of-district designation maintains roster balance rules
- November 15 deadline prevents mid-season transfers
- Does not override the 2-player out-of-district limit for state tournament eligibility

This proposal creates reciprocal fairness: just as lower division associations accept that their top players may move up to Division 1, Division 1 associations would accept that players not selected for their top teams may seek opportunities at lower division associations.



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number:

Article 1

Heading:

REGISTRATION, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL
RULES

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

G p. 47

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

. (NOTE: Any full-season youth hockey association that chooses to allow Tier I players to participate in their skill sessions/practices will be allowed to do so.)

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Removing language that directly conflicts with the Tier 1 player card.

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECEIVED: 3/23/26

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-9 (TI PRACTICES)

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.



PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number:

Article 1

Heading:

REGISTRATION, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL
RULES

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

G.2, p. 47-48

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

NOTE 1: Beginning with the 2020-2021 season, the local association registrar is REQUIRED to provide written communication to a family detailing their "open district" status (to include a list of available associations) and by registering with the nearest association the family declares and accepts that the local association is now considered their "resident association". The family must acknowledge receipt and understanding of this written communication and local association registrars must maintain records of this communication during the entire time in which the player is registered with the local association. Failure to complete and maintain paperwork will allow a transfer to another association that bounds the open district.

PROPOSED WORDING:

NOTE 1: Upon registration of an open district player, the association should communicate to the player that they may have a choice where they play, and once they register, that association is considered their home association, and that they will be subject to all current transfer rules. Beginning with the 2020-2021 season, the local association registrar is REQUIRED to provide written communication to a family detailing their "open district" status (to include a list of available associations) and by registering with the nearest association the family declares and accepts that the local association is now considered their "resident association". The family must acknowledge receipt and understanding of this written communication and local association registrars must maintain records of this communication during the entire time in which the player is registered with the local association. Failure to complete and maintain paperwork showing communication was sent, will allow a transfer to another association that bounds the open district.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

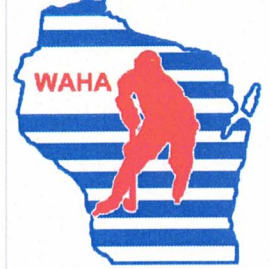
It is not reasonable or possible for every association to require receipt of acknowledgement and preservation of such documentation from a family for up to 8 years – We are all volunteers, and this extra burden is not necessary. Everyone can read the Guidebook and understand what open district means when they register and it is communicated to them.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey
Association

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PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2020 CR-10 (OPEN DIST. TRANS)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number:

Article 1

Heading:

REGISTRATION, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL
RULES

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

G. 4 p. 49

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

If in any season an association fails to register enough players to form a team at a given level, the association may form a co-op team with another association (s).

If in any season an association fails to register enough players to form **2 teams** at a given level, the association may form a co-op team with another association (s).

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Having 1 team at an age level does not foster development. Having 2 teams allows a better distribution of ability and growth. It also clarifies the rules around approving co-ops. Looking at the competitiveness of silver versus gold/bronze teams paint this picture perfectly.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey
Association

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PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-11 (COOP CLASS 3 TMS)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: Article 1

Heading: REGISTRATION, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL RULES

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: J. p. 50

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

Players may transfer from one association to another, regardless of classification, only with written consent of the releasing association. No player may transfer to an association that has a WAHA approved co-op team for the age level specified on the transfer form.

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Many of us smaller associations are trying hard to build all girls teams. Taking away the opportunity to roster another skater because there is a co-op disadvantages small associations and might lock a skater into an organization where both the association and the skater wish to transfer – as well as the releasing association being ok with it.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

DATE RECEIVED: 3/22/26

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-12 (COOP TRANS?)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: Article 2

Heading: STATE TOURNAMENTS

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: B. 2 PAGE 56

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

All teams wishing to enter State Tournaments must pay \$100. If an association fails to meet the registration deadline to register their teams for State Tournament, the fee for that association will increase from \$100 per team to \$300 per team. In addition, if the association fails to file within seven days of the deadline, the number of teams for that association will not be used in calculations for Wild Card and Open Slots, and the committee's recommendation of the Wild Card and Open Slots for that year's State Tournaments.

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

This year, Region 6 had several teams not registered in time and negatively impacted on wildcard opportunities for associations that were on time and on task. Section A on page 55 clearly states that no exceptions are made – so removing this paragraph keeps Section A out of conflict with this one.

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

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PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-13 (LATA STATE ENTRIES)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: Article 2

Heading: STATE TOURNAMENTS

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: B. 8 PAGE 57

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

CURRENT WORDING:

Regional playoff games may be held to determine representatives to the state tournaments. Playoffs, must be completed by Sunday evening of the officially designated State Tournament Playoff Weekend (see “Dates to Remember”, inside front cover of this Guidebook). These playoffs must consist of regulation games appropriate for the age classification.

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Teams that wish to play for the WAHA championship should play at least half of their games against WAHA teams. If they choose not to, they should play in the area where they play for league games, such as the NIHL.

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: _____

DATE RECEIVED: 3/23/26 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2026 R-14 (PLAYOFF ELEC.)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

ARTICLE NUMBER:

Article 2

HEADING:

STATE TOURNAMENTS

SECTION, SUB-SECTION, PARAGRAPH, PAGE NUMBER:

Section B, Paragraph 23. Page 61

(NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.)

CURRENT WORDING:

23. The officers, in all matters pertaining to WAHA regional and state sanctioned tournaments, shall have the power to adjust matters at any time in the best interests of the tournament and the sport of ice hockey in general.

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL: Rules should matter and have meaning. This rule basically says: none of the other rules matter, the WAHA officers can decide anything contrary to any other rule surrounding the state tournament including eligibility, EBUG, rosters, late submissions, etc

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue, President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

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PROPOSAL NUMBER: Rule:

2026 12-15 (OFFICERS RESIST)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

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Article 2

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STATE TOURNAMENTS

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Section B, Paragraph 35cii.
Page 73

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CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

The wild card berth shall be awarded as follows:
a. The region with the most teams registered for that particular tournament, not to include the host team. b. If a tie exists, the region having the most teams registered in all 74 classifications will be awarded the berth. c. If a tie still exists, the WAHA director in charge of that tournament will determine which region gets the berth

The wild card berth(s) shall be awarded as follows:
The highest rated MHR team as of the Wednesday score update immediately following the playdown tournament. If there is a tie, there will be a playoff game to determine who will take the wildcard spot at an ice arena as close to in the middle as possible to the two teams. **The region with the most teams registered for that particular tournament, not to include the host team. b. If a tie exists, the region having the most teams registered in all 74 classifications will be awarded the berth. c. If a tie still exists, the WAHA director in charge of that tournament will determine which region gets the berth.**

REASON FOR PROPOSAL: The best teams should be in the state tournament.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue, President, McFarland Youth
Hockey Association

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PROPOSAL NUMBER:

Rule:

2026 R-17 (WICA CARD)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

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Article 2

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STATE TOURNAMENTS

SECTION, SUB-SECTION, PARAGRAPH, PAGE NUMBER:

Section B, Paragraph 35ciii.

Page 74

(NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.)

CURRENT WORDING:

The open region berths shall be awarded as follows:
a. Open regions will be filled starting with the lowest number first. b. The region with the most teams registered for that particular tournament not to include the host team, the wild card team or a team filling an open region. c. If a tie exists, the region having the most teams registered in all classifications will be awarded the berth. d. If there is another open spot, it will be filled by the next region with the most teams registered for that particular tournament, excluding the region that just filled the previous open berth, using the same tie-breaking procedure as in #3 above. e. If a tie still exists, the WAHA director in charge of that tournament will determine which region gets the berth

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

The open region berths shall be awarded as follows: a. Open regions will be filled starting with the **highest ranked team(s) by MHR the Wednesday after playdowns who did not qualify.** ~~lowest number first. b. The region with the most teams registered for that particular tournament not to include the host team, the wild card team or a team filling an open region. c. If a tie exists, the two teams will play a playoff game at a rink as close to in between as possible the two associations. will region having the most teams registered in all classifications will be awarded the berth. d. If there is another open spot, it will be filled by the next region with the most teams registered for that particular tournament, excluding the region that just filled the previous open berth, using the same tie-breaking procedure as in #3 above. e. If a tie still exists, the WAHA director in charge of that tournament will determine which region gets the berth~~

REASON FOR PROPOSAL: The best teams should be in the state tournament.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue, President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

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PROPOSAL NUMBER: Rule:

2016 R-18 (OPEN DIST.)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

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Article 2

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STATE TOURNAMENTS

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Section B, Paragraph 37. Page
74

(NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.)

CURRENT WORDING:

37. State tournaments at all age levels and classifications Youth and Girls will be seeded. Pairings for first round games shall be 1v8, 2v7, 3v6 and 4v5. Seeding will take place once play downs are completed and will involve the coaches of the state bound teams. Coaches will rank the teams, Section Directors will compile results and set the seedings.

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

37. State tournaments at all age levels and classifications Youth and Girls will be seeded. Pairings for first round games shall be 1v8, 2v7, 3v6 and 4v5. Seeding will take place once play downs are completed. ~~and will involve the coaches of the state bound teams. Coaches will rank the teams, Section Directors will compile results and set the seedings.~~ Seedings will take place the Wednesday after playdowns based on the updated MHR scores. In the event of a tie, head-to-head records will be evaluated. If there is still a tie, a coin will be flipped for the seeding.

Rationale: The best teams should be in the best seeds and we should reward those teams that played a tougher schedule. Get rid of the subjectivity and coach seeding.

Nick Trentadue, President, McFarland Youth
Hockey Association

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

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PROPOSAL NUMBER: Rule:

2026 R-21 (SEEDINGS 2)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

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STATE TOURNAMENTS

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Section B, Paragraph 38. Page
74

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CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

A team whose goaltender suffers a disabling injury/sickness may apply for an emergency replacement goaltender for state 75 tournament play. The request must be submitted in writing to the Section Director for the age level the team plays in. The request should include the injury/illness suffered, the prognosis if the goalie may be able to return, the level of the replacement goalie and any other pertinent information that may apply. The Section Director will review and approve or disapprove the request. If approved the injured goalie will be noted on the roster and is no longer eligible to play. The replacement goalie will be added to the roster and the roster submitted to the Regional Registrar for approval. The 5-game requirement and the December 31 deadline for roster changes will be waived. NOTE: Teams/associations should consider adding a 2nd goalie to the roster prior to December 31 from the level below when possible.

A team whose goaltender suffers a disabling injury/sickness may apply for an emergency replacement goaltender for state tournament play. Note – this provision does not apply to suspended or ineligible goalies. The request must be submitted in writing to the Section Director for the age level the team plays in. The request should include the injury/illness suffered, the prognosis if the goalie may be able to return, the level of the replacement goalie and any other pertinent information that may apply. The Section Director will review and approve or disapprove the request. If approved the injured goalie will be noted on the roster and is no longer eligible to play. The replacement goalie will be added to the roster and the roster submitted to the Regional Registrar for approval. The 5-game requirement and the December 31 deadline for roster changes will be waived. NOTE: Teams/associations should consider adding a 2nd goalie to the roster prior to December 31 from the level below when possible.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL: Injuries and Illness are not preventable – events that would make a player ineligible, such as match penalties, are.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue, President, McFarland Youth
Hockey Association

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2026 R-22 (EBCG)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: Article 5

Heading: CLASSIFICATION

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**PROPOSED WORDING:
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DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH**

CURRENT WORDING:

An association that is reclassified to a higher classification may hold one team back for the upcoming season for state tournament play.

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

No need to muddy the waters – reclassification applies to all teams for that season moving forward. WAHA has the ability to reclassify teams again next year.

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

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PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-23 (RECLASSIFICATION)



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: Article 6

Heading: TIER 1...

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: II. C. page 84

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**PROPOSED WORDING:
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CURRENT WORDING:

The only Tier I Before and After NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND program sanctioned by the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association shall be TEAM WISCONSIN. WAHA will allow Tier I programs to run before only season non-national tournament bound teams. Skaters must then return to their association teams. All guidance and direction of the teams will come from the Tier 1 Committee prior to the season start.

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

There isn't a reason another team couldn't be created if demand was warranted. Associations already offer, and others might want to offer programs to compete nationally as well.

Nick Trentadue – President McFarland Youth Hockey Association

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECEIVED: 3/23/26 PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2026 R-14(TW)