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## **PART ONE - ORGANIZATIONAL RULES**

### **SECTION A - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

#### **1. YOUTH CLASSIFICATIONS**

- 18 or under
- 16 or under
- 14 or under
- 12 or under
- 10 or under
- 8 or under

Note: A player's classification will be determined by USA Hockey guidelines.

#### **2. FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION TO THE MAIHA - YD**

False information on Registration, Transfer Requests, Player Pool Requests, or any other MAIHA - YD form regarding a player's age, date of birth or residence shall result in a suspension of the player from further play in any age level for the remainder of the hockey season, and for all future seasons, unless he is reinstated by action of the MAIHA - YD Board. This holds true whether such falsification has enabled a player to play in a younger age group or not. Any team for which he plays shall be penalized in accordance with the rule governing the use of an ineligible player.

#### **3. PROOF OF AGE**

The burden of proof of age shall be on the organization. If a player's age is challenged by a protest properly filed with the MAIHA - YD Registrar, the organization shall submit the player's birth certificate to the Registrar within 72 hours of the request. Failure to do so within the allotted time will automatically imply that the player has falsified his registration record.

Accordingly, the player (and his team) will be subject to the disciplinary actions outlined in Rule Part One Section A(2). If subsequent proof of age indicates that the registration was correct, the player's suspension will be lifted and the retroactive forfeiture of games rescinded. However, the player shall have been a ineligible player during the interim, unless an extension of time (for the purpose of obtaining a birth certificate) shall have been granted by the Registrar.

#### **4. PLAYER'S AMATEUR STATUS**

A player must maintain his amateur status as defined by Article Two of the Constitution of USA Hockey. Accordingly, the player may not receive a salary or other compensation for playing hockey. A player who violates his amateur status is an ineligible player, and his team is subject to the consequences thereof.

#### **5. PARTICIPATION WHILE INELIGIBLE**

A player who participates in any way with a team while he is ineligible is automatically under an indefinite suspension. As such, he remains as ineligible player until his suspension is reversed by the Commissioner of the MAIHA - YD Board. A team with which an ineligible player associates will forfeit all games in which he



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participated.

Discovery of the violation may be made by anyone at any time during the course of the season. Such discovery, along with substantiating evidence shall be reported to the Rules and Disciplinary Committee, and the penalties shall be retroactive.

## 6. PLAYERS REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED/ROSTERED

- A) All players are required to be electronically registered with their affiliate club registrar or if affiliate club does not register electronically have a properly executed Individual Membership Form (henceforth known as an "IMR") on file with the USA Associate Registrar.
- B) All players are required to have a properly executed "USA HOCKEY WAIVER AGREEMENT" on file with the affiliate (member) registrar prior to participating in any "on ice" event.
- C) All players must be rostered electronically (USA Hockey Form 1-T) and the first (Preliminary) version of the electronically produced roster must be filed with the Registrar prior to the MAIHA-YD league scheduling meeting.
- D) Additional players will be added by using the "Supplemental Roster" feature of the electronic registration software. Subtractions of players should be reflected on rosters by drawing a line through the player that is no longer participating. Final version, if any changes are made to the Preliminary, are due on Dec. 31st. If final version is not submitted, the preliminary roster will stand as the final.
- E) A player cannot be rostered or play simultaneously on more than one MAIHA – YD Tier I or Tier II organization team.
- F) A female player may play simultaneously for a MAIHA - YD Organization team and an approved MAIHA – YD all female organization team.
- G) A player may play simultaneously for a MAIHA - YD Organization team and his high school Mid-States, Mississippi Valley, other approved high school registered team with permission of MAIHA – YD Board of Directors or Junior team.

Failure to comply with a), b), c), d), e), f) or g) of the above shall cause that player to be an ineligible player.

## SECTION B - DIVISIONS OF PLAY

### 1. YOUTH CLASSIFICATIONS

#### Tier I

- 18 or under - Major
- 16 or under – Minor
- 14 or under - Major/Minor
- 12 or under - Major/Minor
- 10 or under – Major



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## Tier II

- 18 or under - AA, A
- 16 or under - AA, A
- 14 or under - AA, A1, A2, B1, GRHL
- 12 or under - AA, A1, A2, B1, B2, GRHL
- 10 or under - AA, A1, A2, B1, GRHL
- 8 or under - AA, A1, A2, GRHL

The above categories reflect those in effect for the prior season. Divisions or "levels of play" may be added or deleted as determined by the MAIHA - YD Board. All-star teams or other teams may be formed with the approval of the MAIHA - YD Board independently of any division or organization.

## 2. DECLARATIONS

### A) Tier I Organizations

- 1) Prior to May 1st, Tier I Organizations who have met the Tier I Organization Requirements for the previous season may declare to the Tier I Division Representative their intention to field stated Tier I teams for the ensuing season subject to the requirements herein.

### B) Tier II Organizations

- 1) Affiliated Clubs shall declare their intended level of play ("AA", "A1", etc.) for all divisions. Refer to the "Calendar of Events" for due dates
- 2) The MAIHA - YD Board reserves the right to approve or adjust club declarations. If any affiliated organization wishes to appeal a MAIHA - YD adjustment to the club's declaration of any team, then the appealing team must play declaration game(s) as approved by the League Commissioner of the division they are appealing from. Then the appealing team must file a written appeal with that Commissioner prior to the first league scheduling meeting. The letter must include:
  - a) The reason(s) for requesting placement in the declared division.
  - b) A complete roster of the Team in question including birth dates and experience
  - c) The age group and division of play of all players during the prior season
  - d) The name and experience of the entire coaching staff
  - e) Score sheets from practice games to substantiate the validity of the declaration
- C) A decision will be made by the League Commissioner as promptly as possible, but no later than the League Scheduling Meeting. Refer to the "Calendar of Events". Letters containing false and/or erroneous information will subject the team and its organization to sanctions which may include forfeiture of league games and/or loss of eligibility for the league championship
- D) The MAIHA - YD Board shall have the ultimate authority to determine in which Division teams will play and may move teams to a different division at any time during the League Season to improve the competitive level of the divisions



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- E) If an organization has two or more teams playing in the same division and age group, the teams shall be distinguished by Numerals commencing with 1 or the head coach last name.

### 3. TIER I - DISTRICT PLAYOFF REPRESENTATIVES

When USA Hockey holds district playoffs, Missouri Hockey is allowed to enter one team in the Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget Minor and Midget Major Tier I USA Hockey Central District Tournament.

To participate in the USA Hockey Central District Tier I Tournament, all teams must meet the following criteria:

1. Registered with USA Hockey as a AAA Tier I team
2. Registered with Missouri Hockey as a AAA Tier I team
3. Registered with a Missouri Hockey Youth Division Tier I member organization which is in good standing
4. Be a team in good standing with USA Hockey
5. Be a team in good standing with Missouri Hockey
6. Be a team in good standing with Missouri Hockey Youth Division member organization

### 4. TIER II - DISTRICT PLAYOFF REPRESENTATIVES

When USA Hockey holds district playoffs, Missouri Hockey is allowed to enter one team in the Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget Minor and Midget Major AA USA Hockey Central District Tournament.

- A) To participate in the USA Hockey Central District Tier II Tournament, all teams must meet the following criteria:

1. Registered with USA Hockey as a AA Tier II team
2. Registered with Missouri Hockey as a AA Tier II team
3. Registered with a Missouri Hockey Youth Division Tier II member organization which is in good standing
4. Be a team in good standing with USA Hockey
5. Be a team in good standing with Missouri Hockey
6. Be a team in good standing with Missouri Hockey Youth Division member organization
7. Meet the Missouri Hockey Youth Division Tier II districting rules
8. Participate in a league approved by Missouri Hockey Youth Division. The following leagues are approved:
  - Missouri Hockey Youth Division league
  - Central States Development Hockey League

- B) Determining the MAIHA-YD Central District Representative

- 1) In the event that a CSDHL team of a member organization timely declares its intention to be eligible for Tier II Districts then a playoff series shall be played between the AA MAIHA-YD representative and the CSDHL team. In the event that there is more than one eligible CSDHL team, the team with the highest number of CSDHL points shall be entitled to participate in the playoff. If the CSDHL team with the most CSDHL points elects not to participate, then the CSDHL team with the next highest CSDHL points may participate instead. If more than one CSDHL team has an equal number of points, then the CSDHL team with the greatest number of points in head to head league play between all teams shall be entitled to participate. If 2 teams then head to head points accumulated between the 2 teams. If 3 teams then head to head points accumulated between the 3 teams in all games played between the 3 teams.



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- C) The District representative will be determined by a playoff between the MAIHA-YD representative AA and the CSDHL representative. The playoff shall consist of:
- 1) Two regulation length games and a 3<sup>rd</sup> mini-game, if required.
  - 2) The AA league commissioner prior to the first game may revise the format of series
  - 3) Each team shall host one of the games. A flip of the coin by the league AA league commissioner shall decide which team will host the first game as home team. Winner of the coin flip will have the choice to host the first game.
  - 4) Home team for the 2nd game will be the home team for the mini-game
  - 5) Pee Wee's are 15-minute stop time periods with the exception of the mini-game
  - 6) Bantam's and Pee Wee are 16-minute stop time periods with the exception of the mini-game
  - 7) Midgets are 17-minute stop time periods with the exception of the mini-game
  - 8) No clock curfew for games 1 and 2. Games are to be played until conclusion and the game clock **will not** be reset to 2 minutes
  - 9) One 30 second time out per team per game. Each team gets one 30 second time out during the mini-game
  - 10) Prior to the beginning of game 2, coaches will list 5 players and 2 alternates in the order the players will shoot in the event a shootout is warranted to break a tied score. Players will be listed on the back of the top (white copy) of the score sheet.
- D) If at the end of the second game, the following situation exists:
- 1) A team wins both games, then they are the Missouri Hockey Youth Division District representative
  - 2) A team wins one game and ties one game, then they are the Missouri Hockey Youth Division District representative
  - 3) A team wins one game and loses game, then a mini-game will be played immediately following game 2
  - 4) Both games end in a tie, then a mini-game will be played immediately following game 2
- E) Mini-Game
- 1) Rules and procedures
    - a) Two regulation length games and a 3<sup>rd</sup> mini-game, if required.
    - b) Mini-game will consist of two 10 minute sudden death periods
    - c) Prior to the beginning of game 2, coaches should have listed 5 players and 2 alternates in the order the players will shoot in the event a shootout is warranted to break a tied score. Players will be listed on the back of the top (white copy) of the score sheet
    - d) First 10 minute period
      - 2 minute break
      - Ice will not be resurfaced
      - 10 minute stop time sudden death overtime period, first goal scored wins the game
      - Do not change ends or change benches
    - e) Second 10 minute period, if required
      - If no score at the end of the first 10 minute period
      - 2 minute break
      - Ice will not be resurfaced
      - 10 minute stop time sudden death overtime period, first goal scored wins the game
      - Change ends but not benches



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## 2) Mini-game overtime

- a) If neither team scores in either period of the sudden death mini game, the following procedure applies:
  - Three (3) player shootout will take place
  - Home team shall have their choice as to which team shall shoot first
  - The first three (3) different players (in the order previously listed) will rotate going in on goal. All three players will have an opportunity to shoot
  - Players in the penalty box at the expiration of the mini-game for any infraction other than two (2) minute penalties are ineligible for the shootout. The first alternate player on the list will shoot for the penalized player
- b) At the conclusion of the three (3) player shootout round, if the score is still tied the following procedure applies
  - Sudden death shootout will take place
  - Teams continue to shoot in same order as the 3 player shootout
  - Player 4 from each team will shoot first followed by player 5 (if needed)
  - Players 1 thru 3 from a team may not shoot again until players 4 and 5 on the teams list have shot
  - If any team scores a goal in the sudden death shootout round in which the opposing team fails to score a goal, play ends and the scoring team wins, (e.g., Shooter #4 or beyond for Visiting team does not score a goal and shooter #4 or beyond for Home team scores a goal. Play ends at that point, before any other shooters shoot, and Home team wins). When all 5 players on both teams have shot, each team starts over in the same 5 players in the order the team shot during the first round of the shootout.

## 3) Mini-game Penalties

- a) The major and minor penalties from Game 2 do not carry over into Game 3
- b) Game misconducts and/or match penalties do carry over to Game 3
- c) All overtime periods are considered to be part of Game 3 (mini game) any penalties in game 3 do carry over into any overtime period associated with game three

## F. Determining the MAIHA-YD AA Division Representative

- 1) If the MAIHA-YD AA regular season champion and the MAIHA-YD AA End of Season Tournament champion are the same teams, they will play the CSDHL representative. See Determining the Missouri Hockey District Host Representative below for additional rules when Missouri Hockey is host of the Central District Tournament.
- 2) If the MAIHA-YD AA regular season champion and the MAIHA-YD AA End of Season Tournament champion are 2 different teams – the two teams will play a one game playoff to determine who plays the CSDHL representative. The following rules shall apply”
  - a) Prior to the beginning of the game, coaches will list all players in the order the players will shoot in the event a shootout is warranted to break a tied score. Players will be listed on the back of the top (white copy) of the score sheet.
  - b) A one-minute intermission will be put on the clock and teams will remain on/near their bench



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- c) The teams will then play an additional stop time overtime period of not more than four (4) minutes, with the team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper. Penalties shall be assessed consistent with the rules in regulation time. See Overtime Notes below for further overtime penalty situations.
  - d) If the score is tied at the end of overtime, a three (3) player shootout will take place. Players in the penalty box at the expiration of overtime play for any infraction other than two (2) minute penalties are ineligible for the shootout. The three (3) different players (in the order listed) will rotate going in on goal with the Visiting team shooting first. All three players will have an opportunity to shoot
  - e) At the conclusion of the three (3) player shootout round, if the score is still tied, players will continue in a sudden death shootout in which no player from a team may shoot again until all available players on the player's team have shot. The Visiting team shoots first. If any team scores a goal in the sudden death shootout round in which the opposing team fails to score a goal, play ends and the scoring team wins, (e.g., Shooter #4 or beyond for Visiting team does not score a goal and shooter #4 or beyond for Home team scores a goal. Play ends at that point, before any other shooters shoot, and Home team wins). When all players on one team have shot, that team starts over in the same order the team shot during the first round of the shootout, regardless of the number of shooters on the opposing team.
- G) Determining MAIHA-YD AA Division Regular Season Champion
- 1) The first place MAIHA-YD Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget Minor or Midget Major AA team shall be the regular season champion.
  - 2) If the Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget Minor or Midget Major MAIHA-YD AA league standings result in a tie for the league champion (1<sup>st</sup> place), the league champion shall be determined by playing a one game playoff. The following shall apply:
    - a) The game must be played prior to the End of Season tournament
    - b) Clock runs in the first period
    - c) When there are five (5) minutes left in the regulation game time, the time clock is dropped to two (2) minutes of stop time
    - d) If the score is tied at the end of regulation time:
      - Prior to the beginning of the game, coaches will list all players in the order the players will shoot in the event a shootout is warranted to break a tied score. Players will be listed on the back of the top (white copy) of the score sheet.
      - A one-minute intermission will be put on the clock and teams will remain on/near their bench.
      - The teams will then play an additional stop time overtime period of not more than four (4) minutes, with the team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper. Penalties shall be assessed consistent with the rules in regulation time. See Overtime Notes below for further overtime penalty situations.
      - If the score is tied at the end of overtime, a three (3) player shootout will take place. Players in the penalty box at the expiration of overtime play for any infraction other than two (2) minute penalties are ineligible for the shootout. The three (3) different players (in the order listed) will rotate going in on goal with the Visiting team shooting first. All three players will have an opportunity to shoot.
      - At the conclusion of the three (3) player shootout round, if the score is still tied, players will continue in a sudden death shootout in which no player from a team may shoot again until all available players on the player's team have shot. The Visiting team shoots first. If any team scores



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a goal in the sudden death shootout round in which the opposing team fails to score a goal, play ends and the scoring team wins, (e.g., Shooter #4 or beyond for Visiting team does not score a goal and shooter #4 or beyond for Home team scores a goal. Play ends at that point, before any other shooters shoot, and Home team wins). When all players on one team have shot, that team starts over in the same order the team shot during the first round of the shootout, regardless of the number of shooters on the opposing team.

## H) Overtime Notes

- 1) If a team is penalized in overtime, teams play 4 skaters against 3 skaters.
- 2) In overtime, if a team is penalized such that a two-man advantage is called for, then the offending team will remain at three (3) skaters while the non-offending team shall be permitted a fifth (5) skater
- 3) At the first stoppage of play after the two-man advantage is no longer in effect, the numerical strength of the team will revert back to either a 4 on 4 or a 4 on 3 situation, as appropriate.
- 4) If there is a manpower advantage situation that carries over from regulation time to overtime, the above criteria will be applied at the start of the overtime. Accordingly, if at the end of regulation time the teams are 5 on 4, overtime begins at 4 on 3.
- 5) When the regulation game ends with the on-ice strength of 5 on 3, teams will commence the overtime with strength of 5 on 3. With the expiration of penalties, due to continuous action, player strength may get to 5 on 5 or 5 on 4. At the first stoppage of play following, player strength must be adjusted to 4 on 4 or 4 on 3.
- 6) If at the end of regulation time teams are 3 on 3, overtime starts 3 on 3. Once player strength reaches a 5 on 4 or 5 on 5, at the next stoppage player strength is adjusted to 4 on 3 or 4 on 4 as appropriate.
- 7) If at the end of regulation time teams are 4 on 4 with a player or players in the box serving non-coincidental penalties, overtime starts 4 on 4 and players exit the penalty box as normal to 5 on 4 or 5 on 5. At the first stoppage of play teams are adjusted to 4 on 3 or 4 on 4, as appropriate.
- 8) A team shall be allowed to pull its goaltender in favor of an additional skater in the overtime period consistent with the rules for pulling a goaltender during regulation time.

## I) Determining the Missouri Hockey District Host Representative

On occasion, MAIHA-YD and a member organization will host the Central District Tournament. MAIHA-YD and the hosting member organization may enter a team in the Central District Tournament at the Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget Minor and Midget Major AA level. The host team will be determined by the process below.

- 1) The MAIHA-YD AA representative will play the Central States representative in a 2 game playoff plus mini game if needed. See previous rules for determining these representatives. The results of this game will determine the MAIHA-YD representative and the MAIHA-YD host representative.
- 2) If the Central States representative wins, they are the Missouri Hockey representative to the Central District Tournament
  - a) The Missouri Hockey host team will be determined as follows:
    - If MAIHA-YD hosting organization team finishes 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> in the MAIHA-YD league, then the MAIHA-YD hosting organization is the Missouri Hockey host team
    - If MAIHA-YD hosting organization team does not finish 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> in the MAIHA-YD AA league, then the MAIHA-YD AA league 1<sup>st</sup> place team is the Missouri Hockey host team. (EOS does not apply and Central States teams are not eligible)



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- 3) If the MAIHA-YD AA representative wins, then they are the Missouri Hockey representative to the Central District Tournament
  - a) The Missouri Hockey host team will be determined as follows:
    - If MAIHA-YD hosting organization team finishes 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> in the MAIHA-YD league, then the MAIHA-YD hosting organization is the Missouri Hockey host team
    - If MAIHA-YD hosting organization team does not finish 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> in the MAIHA-YD AA league, then the team finishing with the highest rankings in the MAIHA-YD AA league standings is the Missouri Hockey host team. (EOS does not apply and Central States teams are not eligible)
  - J) All teams so designated will be required to play at the adjusted level within the division during the league season. However, if a club's team ultimately "plays down" as a last resort, then the team shall be ineligible for the league championship and the results of their games will not effect the other approved league teams.

## 5. TIER II – MISSOURI HOCKEY NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

### A) Team Participation Criteria

Participating in the Missouri Hockey Youth Division Tier II National Qualifying Tournament is optional. Teams are not required to participate. To participate in the Missouri Hockey Youth Division Tier II National Qualifying Tournament, all teams must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Registered with USA Hockey as a AA Tier II team
- 2) Registered with Missouri Hockey as a AA Tier II team
- 3) Registered with a Missouri Hockey Youth Division Tier II member organization which is in good standing
- 4) Be a team in good standing with USA Hockey
- 5) Be a team in good standing with Missouri Hockey
- 6) Be a team in good standing with Missouri Hockey Youth Division member organization
- 7) Meet the Missouri Hockey Youth Division Tier II districting rules
- 8) Participate in a league approved by Missouri Hockey Youth Division. The following leagues are approved:
  - a) Missouri Hockey Youth Division league
  - b) Central States Development Hockey League
- 9) Notify the Missouri Hockey Youth Division President of the team's intention to participate by December 31 of the calendar year for the current USA Hockey season. Notification must be received by 5pm on December 31. Notification must be in writing and must be in the form of a written letter or email to the Missouri Hockey Youth Division President. Emails must be received in the Missouri Hockey Youth Division President in box by 5pm on December 31 with the time received, not time sent, being the official time. Letters must be physically, not post marked, at the Missouri Hockey office by 5pm on December 31. Faxes will not be accepted.
- 10) Entry fee fully paid by date specified by the Missouri Hockey Youth Division Executive Committee



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## B) Team Selection

Participating in the Missouri Hockey Youth Division Tier II National Qualifying Tournament is optional. Teams are not required to participate.

- 1) Missouri Hockey Youth Division AA league will be allowed a maximum of 2 teams in the tournament. The teams will be selected as follows:
  - a) Missouri Hockey Youth Division AA regular season league winner (first place team)
  - b) Missouri Hockey Youth Division AA State Championship Tournament winner
  - c) Team selection criteria will be followed by all divisions. PeeWee, Bantam, Midget Minor and Midget Major.
- 2) Central States Development Hockey League will be allowed a maximum of 2 teams in the tournament.
  - a) Team selection criteria will be determined by the Missouri Hockey organizations participating in the Central States Development Hockey League
  - b) Team selection criteria will be followed by all divisions. PeeWee, Bantam, Midget Minor and Midget Major.
  - c) Selection of 2 teams is not mandatory. 1 team may be selected.
  - d) In case of disagreement amongst the Missouri Hockey organizations participating in the Central States Development Hockey League, the Missouri Hockey Youth Division Executive Committee will define the selection criteria.

## C) Tournament Format

Tournament format will be determined by the Missouri Hockey Youth Division Executive Committee and will vary from year to year based on based on the number of teams that will be participating in the tournament.

## **SECTION C - USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION AND PERMISSIBLE COMPETITION PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **1. TEAM REGISTRATION**

- A) All affiliate member registrars must submit an electronically generated USA Hockey Form 2-T "Team Membership Application" for each and every team. USA Form 2-T identifies all coaches and team managers associated with a particular team. For Insurance to be in effect, The INITIAL version of the electronic generated USA Form 2-T must be in the possession of the USA Associate Registrar by September 1st. The initial version may not necessarily reflect the actual coach(s) or team manager, but never the less must be on file with the accompanying payment. The FINAL version of the electronic generated USA Form 2-T must be in the possession of the MAIHA - YD Registrar prior to the scheduling meeting. The final version will reflect the actual coach(s) and team manager.
- B) Any Tier I, Tier II or Recreation team representing an affiliate organization of the MAIHA - YD and registered pursuant to Sec. A, 6 a-d) above may only play out-of-town teams which are also registered with USA Hockey or from a foreign country and properly registered with it's country's amateur hockey association and is in "Good Standing" with that association.



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- C) Those teams which do elect to play opposing teams which do not meet USA Hockey's team registration requirements, risk sanction by either USA Hockey, Missouri Hockey, Inc. or MAIHA - YD, or all three, with possible expulsion from the League, forfeiture of League Games, and / or loss of eligibility of for League championship.
- D) Team rosters comprising of 100 percent girls are eligible to play one age division down based on the birth date of the oldest player on the team. All USA Hockey and MAIHA – YD rules.

## 2. TOURNAMENTS

- A) All local tournaments, which are either hosted by MAIHA - YD or its affiliated organizations or in which hockey teams representing MAIHA - YD Affiliate organizations participate, must be both sanctioned by and played under the prevailing MAIHA - YD Rules and Regulations. Application for sanction must be made to the USA Associate Registrar in writing and accompanied by the USA Hockey tournament fee for each division (Mites, Squirt, etc.) made payable to USA Hockey and the Missouri Hockey tournament fee payable to MAIHA – YD. Contact Missouri Hockey for the fee amount.
- B) Those organizations which elect not to sanction their tournaments, risk sanction by Missouri, MAIHA-YD or both; with possible financial levies of \$300 per division, loss of league games and/or loss of eligibility for league championships.
- C) The application must designate a Tournament Director to oversee the tournament and insure that the MAIHA - YD/USA Hockey rules are followed and that any disciplinary infractions are reported to the MAIHA -Rules and Disciplinary Committee for proper action.
- D) It is the responsibility of the teams planning to participate in such tournaments to obtain assurances from the host that the tournament is MAIHA - YD/ USA Hockey sanctioned.

## 3. TRAVEL PERMITS

In addition to Sec. C, 1; MAIHA - YD requires that any Tier II or Recreation team which registers through Missouri Hockey, Inc. have in its possession a Travel Permit when going to play out-of-town team(s) or games outside the immediate St. Louis area. The immediate St Louis Area shall be defined as the Missouri counties of St. Charles, St. Louis and the City of St. Louis, Illinois counties of Madison and St. Clair. Games played in Springfield, Illinois do not require a travel permit.

- A) Travel permits are required for all tournaments, practice games, and friendship games played out of the immediate St. Louis area against clubs that do not register their teams with MAIHA-YD.
- B) Travel permits are required when a team participates in a tournament or practice games and league game during the same trip, even if the team is registered or plays in a MAIHA-YD league.
- C) Travel permits are not required for Missouri Hockey League games or games mandated by MAIHA-YD such as declaration or festival games.
- D) Travel permits are not required when traveling outside the immediate St Louis Area to play a practice, friendship or other games mandated by MAIHA-YD against a registered team or team that plays in a MAIHA-YD league.



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- E) The travel permit demonstrates that the team is properly registered and is in "Good Standing" with MAIHA - YD.
- F) Application for a travel permit must be made to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar (Missouri Hockey registrar) in writing and accompanied by a copy of the USA Hockey "Player Roster Form" listing all travel participants and the travel permit fee for each trip made out to Missouri Hockey, Inc. Contact Missouri Hockey for the fee amount.
- G) The USA Hockey Associate Registrar should receive the request no later than 3 weeks prior to leaving town. Permits are usually issued within the week they are required, or earlier, to insure that all participants are in "Good Standing" prior to playing out-of-town teams.
- H) Those teams which elect to travel and play an out-of-town team(s) without a valid travel permit will be fined a minimum of \$100 per violation and risk sanction by the MAIHA - YD Rules and Disciplinary Committee.

## **SECTION D – TAMPERING AND RECRUITING**

- A) Tampering and recruiting shall be deemed to have occurred if any team, official or coach, elected or appointed, parent or any person associated with a team of any Tier I, Tier II or recreational organization, between September 1st and the conclusion of the USA Hockey National Tournament, allows a player registered with another Tier I or Tier II organization to participate in any hockey related activity involving the team, official, or coach without the prior approval of the league commissioner or MAIHA - YD Board. Additionally, tampering and recruiting shall be deemed to have occurred if any Tier II or recreational team, official, coach, elected or appointed, or any organization member of any Tier II or recreational team organization contacts, recruits or otherwise entices another organizations members to leave their current organization and join another organization at any time during the calendar year. Exceptions shall be try out advertising for teams which qualify as Tier II "Open District" teams or Tier I teams.
- B) If in the opinion of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee and/or the MAIHA - YD Board, an organization or individual is guilty of tampering or recruiting, the following penalties shall be assessed (in addition to any other penalties shall be assessed (in addition to any other penalties coincidentally applied):
  - 1) An offending organization shall be assessed sanctions as deemed appropriate by the Rules and Disciplinary Committee and /or the MAIHA - YD Board, which may include, without limitation, probation or suspension from further participation in the MAIHA - YD for one full year, or the loss of their District Franchise.
  - 2) An offending official, coach or other member, elected or appointed of any organization shall be assessed sanctions as deemed appropriate by the Rules and Disciplinary committee and/or the MAIHA - YD Board, which may include, without limitation, probation or suspension from any MAIHA - YD activities until such times as the sanctions are reversed by the MAIHA - YD Board.
- C) Tampering and recruiting shall be deemed to have occurred if any team, official or coach, elected or appointed, parent or any person associate with a team of any Tier I, Tier II or recreational organization, between September 1st and the conclusion of the USA Hockey National Tournament solicits team or organization membership by advertisement, email, phone or in person conversations.



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Organizations or teams may advertise spring and summer leagues and teams between September 1st and the conclusion of the USA Hockey National Tournament with approval of the Missouri Hockey Youth Division Board of Directors. The following teams and organizations have permission to solicit team or organization membership by advertisement, email, phone or in person conversations:

1. All Missouri Hockey Youth Division Tier I and Tier II organizations or members in good standing
2. St. Louis Elite Hockey organization

## SECTION E – ORGANIZATION’S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLAYER AND SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

- A) Each organization is responsible for the behavior of parents and children, on or away from rink areas and organization premises. They shall:
- 1) Seek out and remove spectators whose conduct and/or language is objectionable or who are blowing whistles or making other sounds which can be mistaken for those of the officials.
  - 2) Ensure that the area directly behind the goals and the players’ benches are free of spectators during the games.
- B) If a referee determines that any spectator’s conduct is inappropriate and if he or she can reasonably determine the responsible team, he or she shall:
- 1) Order the responsible team to remove the spectator(s). Order the responsible team to remove the spectator(s). Spectators removed from the rink by the responsible team or referee, shall be automatically suspended for the next game. The spectator may not attend the next already scheduled game for that team. It is the responsibility of the coach and club to insure the spectator serves the suspension. Violation of the suspension will result in additional disciplinary action against the spectator and possible disciplinary action against the responsible coach, team and club.  
**(Suspension is effective 9/1/2009)**
  - 2) If the conduct continues, assess a bench minor against the responsible team
  - 3) If the conduct continues, order the players off the ice and declare a forfeit against the responsible team
- C) Use of other noise makers which could effect the flow of play are prohibited
- D) Alcohol of any type is not permitted inside the rink viewing area. It is the responsibility of the clubs, teams and coaches to insure alcohol is not present in the viewing area of the rink. Violation of this rule shall result in disciplinary action against the individual, team or club. Any individual ejected from a game and in violation of this rule shall be suspended until a hearing is held by Missouri Hockey Youth Division. During the suspension the individual is not allowed to attend practices, games or any other USA Hockey activity.  
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- E) No parents or other spectators may set foot on the ice surface, under any circumstances, including injury to his own child, without the specific permission of one of the officials



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- F) Offenders shall be reported to the Rules and Disciplinary committee or the MAIHA - YD Board and will be subject to disciplinary action. Any incident requiring the removal of a spectator or forfeiture of a game shall be reported by the officials on an Incident Report and forwarded to the Rules and Disciplinary Committee for action. The Rules and Disciplinary Committee may assess a two point penalty in the standings against a team for failure to perform its duties under these rules.

## SECTION F – DISTRICTED TEAMS

### 1. DISTRICTS

- A) Tier II and Recreational Hockey in MAIHA - YD is a community and a regionally directed sport. MAIHA - YD is a "Districted" area. Residency is very important to districted hockey and is the basis for balancing teams and providing competitive hockey at the various levels. Districting of players is essential to the continued development of youth hockey in our community pursuant to Article II of the by-laws of MAIHA - YD. Therefore, all players participating on an affiliated (member) organization's districted team must reside within the Postal (Zip) Code boundaries of that team district, unless otherwise permitted by these Rules and Regulations or the MAIHA - YD Board.
- B) All affiliate (member) organizations of MAIHA - YD other than Tier I organizations shall be districted. The boundaries for the districted organizations shall be those adopted by the MAIHA - YD Board and approved by the member organization Presidents.. The Youth Division Registrar shall hold the list of official Postal (Zip) Code boundaries and every Districted Organization shall be provided a valid copy. Every Districted Organization must have this list prominently displayed during each registration and made available upon request at any time.
- C) Organization members of surrounding USA Hockey districts may apply for membership per the MAIHA - YD by-laws. Acceptance for membership will be with the approval of the MAIHA - YD board of directors. MAIHA - YD board of directors may at any time revoke the accepted organizations membership. These organizations must register with their respective USA Hockey district and follow all USA Hockey and MAIHA - YD rules and regulations. These organizations will be assessed a \$100 fee per team by MAIHA - YD, payable prior to September 1 of the current year.

### 2. DISTRICT PLAYER ROSTERING

To participate on a Districted Team each year, a player rostered on that team must meet one of the following criteria:

- A) Reside in the organization's district ("In District Player")
- B) Reside within an "Zip Code" that is exclusive of all member organization's Zip Codes.
- C) Have been denied access as a "new" player into their district organization because of no available team for them to play on. The player may "start" with a new organization without exercising the one choice rule. The player will be districted to the new organization and is not required to return to the originally districted organization. Written notification to MAIHA - YD is required from the player's home district organization before the player is allowed to register with another organization. Request must be submitted to MAIHA - YD between the dates of May 1 and August 1. Request received after August 1 will be denied.



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- D) A player must start their hockey career in the district they reside in and register with their districted organization for a minimum of one year.
- E) Have been denied access to a district organization or "cut" from their district organization for because of no available teams for them to play on.
  - 1) When a player is cut, the player has the option to transfer to a new organization without exercising the one choice rule or return to the players home organization.
  - 2) When a player is denied access to a district organization he/she may be required to exercise the one choice rule at the discretion of MAIHA – YD board,
  - 3) If the player chooses to transfer to a new organization, the player will be districted to the new organization and is not required to return to the originally districted organization.
  - 4) Players exercising this option must obtain written permission from the MAIHA – YD prior to the transfer by submitting a One Choice transfer form indicating the reason for the transfer Request must be submitted to MAIHA - YD between the dates of May 1 and August 1.
  - 5) Request received after August 1 will be denied. Other One Choice dates do not apply.
- F) Be rostered on a "AA" team and reside in another organizations district, which is not fielding a "AA" team in the same division, or fail to make the "AA" team in the same division at his or her district organization. In either case, the player must comply with the pool player process.
- G) Be rostered on a Central States Developmental "Hockey League" Team (hereinafter referred to as CSDHL).
- H) Exercise the "One Choice Rule."
- I) Players registering in learn to play programs must follow the Missouri Hockey Youth Division districting, registration and transfer rules.

### 3. GIRLS

Girls participating in the MAIHA – YD learn to play, GRHL and Travel and all other associated leagues must play in the age division based on their birth date and follow all USA Hockey and MAIHA – YD rules.

Team rosters comprising of 100 percent girls are eligible to play one age division down based on the birth date of the oldest player on the team. All USA Hockey and MAIHA – YD rules apply.

### 4. AA POOL PLAYER

The Youth Division Registrar shall administer the "AA Pool Player" process. All placements under the rule shall be subject to review by the Youth Division Board of Directors. All "AA Pool Player" Forms shall be created and distributed by the Youth Division Registrar only. Only original forms created for use in that particular season will be accepted. Xerox copies of the form or forms created for use in a proceeding season will not be accepted. Once the club accepts the player under the conditions of the Pool Player Form that club must notify the YD registrar immediately so that the player may be removed from the pool.

"AA" Players striving to either maintain or attain "AA" status outside their home district, defined in Rules F1 and F2, must adhere to the following "AA Pool Player" procedures.



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- A) Players who are attempting to tryout for a "AA" team outside of their home districted club because their districted club is not fielding a "AA" team or they have not made their districted club's AA team roster for that season shall, before participating in the tryout, the player must obtain a "Pool Player Form" from the Youth Division Registrar. He or she shall present their "Pool Player Form" to the clubs at which they are trying out before participating in that club's tryout. The registrar of the clubs at which the player is trying out is responsible for making sure that the player trying out has obtained the "Pool Player Form" before he is allowed to participate in the tryout.
- B) In the event that the player makes a "AA" team by virtue of an out of district tryout under Rule 2F, above, he shall be placed on that team's roster and his status as an out of district tryout player shall be noted on the team's roster as a Pool Player. The "Pool Player" has an obligation to return to his or her home districted club the following season and register one business week prior to the end of the Tier II - "Major Registration Period". (The date may be located in the "Calendar of Events.") This is necessary so that the home district may evaluate the potential for declaring and fielding an "AA" team. The exception to this rule is for players exercising their "One Time Transfer" option.
- C) Failure to register before the aforementioned date will empower the home district to decide whether or not that player will receive an "AA Pool Player Form" regardless of whether the club is fielding an "AA" team or if that player is not selected to participate on his or her "AA" team within the appropriate division.
- D) If the returning player registers prior to the aforementioned date and the home districted club does not field a "AA" team again or if not selected to participate on their home districted "AA" team within the appropriate division, then that player may obtain a "AA Pool Player Form" and become a "Multi-Year Pool Player". However, in the second or any sequential year he or she must first tryout with the club that they played for as a Pool Player the preceding season. If he or she does not make that club's "AA" team then they may tryout for another club's "AA" team. If a player Pools one year, returns to and plays at his home districted club the following year and wishes to enter the Pool process in year 3, he does not need to first tryout with the club that originally accepted him as a Pool Player.
- E) If a player tries out under this rule and does not make an "Out Of District" team, he must return to his home club. Siblings of an "Out Of District AA" player must remain at their home club unless they make an "Out Of District" team under this same rule and by this same procedure. However, if any player, who through the "AA" pool player process becomes districted to a club other than the club in whose district he or she resides, than all of that player's siblings not currently playing shall "start" their youth division hockey career with that district. (Example: resident of Chesterfield district is permanently assigned to St. Peters under "AA" pool player process. All immediate family members shall "start" their youth division hockey career by playing for St. Peters.) All other family members who are already districted must use their "one choice" to move between districts as described in the.

## 5. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OUT OF DISTRICT PLAYERS ALLOWED PER TEAM

MAIHA – YD limits the number of Out Of District Players allowed to play for an affiliate (member) organization at the "AA" level based on the organizations team declarations and registrations. The maximum number of out of district players varies based on whether an organization fields CSDHL team within a division and applies to all AA teams playing in that division. Example: Meramec has 2 Pee Wee AA teams the total number of out of district players allowed is 1 if they have a CSDHL team and 4 if they do not have a CSDHL team. The maximum number of out of district players is not on a team basis.



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A) Organizations fielding CSDHL team within the following divisions

If an organization fields a CSDHL team in a division, the following MAIHA – YD Out Of District AA pool player limits shall apply. No distinction is made between CSDHL minor or major with the exception of Midgets. Example: if an organization has a Squirt and Bantam CSDHL team, then the Squirt and Bantam limits below apply and the limits for Pee Wee and Midget do not apply.

Division	Pool Players
Squirt or U10	0
Pee Wee or U12	1
Bantam or U14	2
Midget Minor or U16	Open
Midget Major or U18	Open

B) Organizations NOT fielding CSDHL team within the following divisions\*

If an organization does not field a CSDHL team in a division, the following MAIHA – YD Out Of District AA pool player limits shall apply. No distinction is made between CSDHL minor or major with the exception of Midgets. Example: if an organization has a Squirt and Bantam CSDHL team, then the Squirt and Bantam limits below do not apply and the limits for Mite, Pee Wee and Midget do apply. The MAIHA - YD Board reserves the right to penalize a club for failing to obey with the Minimum roster size requirements, with each case reviewed independently

Division	Pool Players
Mite or U8	2
Squirt or U10	3
Pee Wee or U12	4
Bantam or U14	5
Midget Minor or U16	Open
Midget Major or U18	Open



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### 6. MINIMUM NUMBER OF ROSTERED OUT SKATERS PER TEAM

MAIHA – YD organizations must meet the below minimum player numbers per team.

Division	Minimum # of Out Skaters Per Team
Mite or U8	10
Squirt or U10	10
Pee Wee or U12	10
Bantam or U14	10
Midget Minor or U16	15
Midget Major or U18	15

The MAIHA - YD Commissioners and Board may provide a variance to the numbers listed in the table based on a request from a Club to the Division Representative. Requests will be considered only for hardship cases and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

### 7. ONE CHOICE TRANSFER (OTT)

- A) All requests to exercise the aforementioned right of choice shall be made by using the "Tier II Player Declaration and Acknowledgment Form". This form will be made available by the affiliate organization's registrar of the club that the player of transferring to. The original form shall be submitted to the MAIHA - YD Registrar or Mo Hockey Office by the prospective transferee by 5pm on June 8<sup>th</sup> of the year in which the transfer or "choice" is to take effect. Only the original form will be accepted. Fax, scanned or copies of the form will not be accepted. Upon receipt of the completed form the YD registrar or Mo Hockey Office shall then forward the form to the YD Board, who shall verify and finalize the transfer. The YD Board shall meet to address transfers at the next regularly schedule board meeting. The player will notified of the YD Board's approval within thirty days of the "One Choice" period by the receiving club.
- B) All "One Choice" players are required to attend a counseling sessions. Counseling sessions will held between June 8th and June 15th at the Missouri Hockey office on Gravois road. For those families that are physically relocating, counseling is available between June 8th and **10 business days prior to Youth Divisions scheduled August monthly board meeting**. It is the responsibility of the transferring player to contact the Missouri Hockey Youth Division office by email or phone prior to June 8th or **10 business days prior to Youth Divisions scheduled August monthly board meeting** to schedule a counseling session. Failure to schedule or attend a counseling session will void the transfer request and a transfer will not be granted.
- C) The counseling period as stated above will be strictly adhered to.
- D) The "Receiving Affiliate Organization" section of the form must be completed by the registrar of the club that the player is seeking to transfer to in order to provide proof that the player will be accepted into that club. Once the Youth Division Board has approved the "One Choice" transfer; the club must register that player for the upcoming season with all rights and privileges granted to all other players registered within that club. In addition, once the Youth Division Board has approved the "One Choice" transfer, the approved transferee cannot reject (back out of) their "One Choice" request.



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- E) The form must be signed by the receiving clubs Registrar only. Signatures other than the receiving clubs Registrar will void the transfer request. If the receiving clubs Registrar is unavailable, the receiving clubs President which is on record with Missouri Hockey Youth Division may sign the form with written permission from the Missouri Hockey Youth Division President. No other board member, coach, or member of the receiving club may sign the form.
- F) Incomplete or improperly completed Tier II Player Declaration and Acknowledgment Forms will void the transfer request and a transfer will not be granted.
- G) One choice transfers are not allowed for players that are eligible to participate at the Mite, Mini Mite (8 and under) and Squirt (10 and under) age groups. The age of the player and not age division (Mite, Squirt) shall determine one time transfer eligibility.
- H) Reverse OTT - Players previously exercising their Once Choice Transfer may return to their original home districted club one time in their playing career. Players desiring to return to their original home districted club must follow the Once Choice Transfer process effective for the 2011-2012 season
  - 1) Players may exercise their Reverse OTT for 2010-2011 season by submitting the Tier II Player Declaration and Acknowledgment Form to Missouri Hockey by 5pm on July 13, 2010 for approval at the July 20, 2010 Missouri Hockey Youth Division board meeting. The player must write REVERSE OTT on the top of the form. Squirts are eligible for the Reverse OTT for the 2010-2011 season only. Counseling sessions will be determined by the Executive Committee.

## 8. PHYSICAL RESIDENCE RELOCATION TRANSFERS

- A) Relocating a primary residence may not require the use of the One Choice option. The One Choice option will remain if the physical relocation of the primary residence meets the following criteria:
  - 1) Physical relocation to another district
  - 2) The travel distance the player is currently traveling to his club is significantly greater than the distance that he or she will be traveling to the clubs home rink to which he or she would be requesting a transfer to. The MAIHA – YD Board will determine if the distance is significant. If the distance is determined not to be significant, the player will be required to use the One Choice option to transfer.
  - 3) In case of divorce or otherwise split residence. The primary residence shall be determined by the player's residence which is closest to his or her public elementary school which the player is or would attend based on the legal guardianship. The to MAIHA – YD Board shall have final determination on determining the primary residence.
- B) Players requesting a Physical Relocation Transfer must complete the "Tier II Player Declaration and Acknowledgment Form" by following all the rules, requirements and procedures described in this rule book. The form must indicate they are requesting a Physical Relocation Transfer and not a One Choice transfer.
- C) The following information and documentation must be included with the "Tier II Player Declaration and Acknowledgment Form":
  - 1) Address and phone number of previous residence. Residence which the player is or has moved from.
  - 2) Address and phone number of current residence. Residence which the player is or has moved to.
  - 3) Date moved or moving to new residence.



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- 4) Proof of new residency. This could be an unaltered copy to the sales contract, a utility bill with your name and address, personal property tax receipt.

The original form shall be submitted to the Mo Hockey Office by the prospective transferee by 5pm five days prior to the Youth Division Scheduled August Board meeting of the year in which the transfer or "choice" is to take effect. Only the original form will be accepted. Fax, scanned or copies of the form will not be accepted. Upon receipt of the completed form the Mo Hockey Office shall then forward the form to the YD Board, who shall verify and finalize the transfer. The YD Board shall meet to address transfers at the next regularly schedule board meeting. The player will notified of the YD Board's approval within thirty days of the "One Choice" period by the receiving club.

- D) Final acceptance of any documentation is the MAIHA – YD Board decision.
- E) Failure to submit the appropriate form and documentation will result in the immediate denial of the transfer.
- F) All Physical Relocation Transfers are subject to MAIHA – YD Board approval.

## 9. EXTREME HARDSHIP CASES

Additional choices or transfers shall only be allowed in situations where the applicant shall have demonstrated that an additional transfer is necessary because of extreme hardship.

- A) Extreme hardship transfers could be for a variety of reason including, but not limited to:
  - 1) Distance of travel
  - 2) Financial
- B) Extreme hardship transfers may not necessarily be granted for the following
  - 1) Moving from one district to another shall not be considered, in and of itself, an extreme hardship.
  - 2) Distance of travel shall also not be considered a hardship if the distance that the player is currently traveling to his club is equal to or less than the distance that he or she will be traveling to the club to which he or she would be assigned if the hardship transfer is approved.
  - 3) Issues of level of play or personalities of coaches shall not be considered as hardships.
- C) All requests for additional transfers due to extreme hardship shall be made in writing accompanied by whatever documentation that the applicant deems necessary. The Mo Hockey YD Executive Committee shall review all written applications. The recommendation of the Executive Committee on each case shall be submitted to the full YD Board of Directors for final approval.
- D) In the event that a hardship transfer is allowed, the player will be placed in the organization closest to his residence that is willing to accept that player.
- E) By making a request for transfer due to extreme hardship the applicant and his family expressly consent to be bound by the decision of the Board of Directors as to his or her placement and must abide by that decision and register only with the club to whom he or she is assigned.



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- F) Hardships may or may not result in the use of a player's One Time Transfer.
- G) Retaining a player's OTT is at the discretion of the YD Board of Directors.
- H) All extreme hardship transfers require review and approval by the MAIHA – YD Board.
- I) Extreme hardship transfers request will be reviewed and approved at the monthly MAIHA – YD Board. Special meeting will not be conducted to approve extreme hardship transfers request.
- J) Extreme hardship transfers request must be submitted at 10 days prior to the monthly MAIHA – YD Board meeting

## 10. SIBLINGS

- A) Any time a player exercises his "One Time Transfer" as outlined above, any siblings of that player who are not currently playing when he exercised the transfer shall start their hockey career in that same club as their sibling is currently playing. That new player will not have used his or her one time transfer and will still have a "One Time Transfer" remaining under this rule.
- B) However, if one sibling exercises his one time transfer and has another sibling who is currently playing then that sibling may only follow his brother or sister to the same club only by exercising his or her one time transfer as well. (Example: resident of Chesterfield district is permanently assigned to St. Peters under "One Time Transfer" process. All immediate family members shall "start" their youth division hockey career by playing for St. Peters.) All other family members who are already districted must use their "One Time Transfer" to move between districts.
- C) If there are multiple siblings already playing at different clubs, then the new siblings may start at either of those clubs. (Example: If a family has siblings playing at both the Fairview Heights and Meramec clubs, then any other sibling of the immediate family may start their youth division hockey career at either Fairview Heights or Meramec.)
- D) If a player who "One Time Transfer" is not currently registered with a Mo. Hockey Youth Division organization, then the sibling rule does not apply and the sibling(s) must register with their home district. (Example: resident of Twin Bridges OTT to Affton, then some years later stops playing for a MO Hockey Youth Division team, then any other siblings of the immediate family must register with Twin Bridges when starting to play).

## 11. OPEN DISTRICT PLAYER REGISTRATION

- A) A player residing in an area outside all districts established by MAIHA - YD, ("Geographically Open Player") may register at any districted organization.
- B) Once a Geographically Open Player has registered with a districted organization, the player becomes districted to that organization as if the player resided within the geographic boundaries.
- C) It is incumbent upon the organizations to properly inform Geographically Open Players of the rules regarding districting as they apply to the registering player.



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## 12. OUT OF DISTRICT PLAYER REGISTRATION

- A) Organizations may register a player outside of their district if they are:
  - 1) CSDHL player as described in Section F.2.F.
  - 2) AA Pool Player as described in Section F.2.E.
  - 3) Have been "cut" from their district organization for because their were no available teams for them to play on as described in Section F.2.D.
- B) All Out-Of-District Players must first register with their prior organization no later than the Player Transfer cut-off date (refer to the Calendar of Events).
- C) Out-Of-District Players shall be identified by placing a letter "X" in the margin of the "Preliminary Team Rosters", next to the player's names.
- D) The player is also required to register and pay all appropriate fees to the organization at which he or she participates.

## 13. NEW ORGANIZATIONS – TIER II

- A) Applications by new organizations for a district or a district change must be submitted to the Districting Committee on or before January 15 of the year preceding the playing year for which the district or district change is being sought.
- B) A new organization must first have its' proposed district zip codes approved by the MIAHA - YD Executive Board before forming any teams.
- C) An organization newly accepted into the MAIHA YD remains on probation for a two year period, subject to periodic review by the MAIHA - YD Board.
- D) A new organization must have teams in the 8 and under and 10 and under age divisions.
- E) Every team in the new organization must have at least 12 players.

## 14. PLAYER RESIDENCY

Residency of a player should be consistent with the community and regional direction of hockey as well as the districting concept. For the purposes of these Rules and in an effort to reduce the potential for problems regarding where a player resides for districting purposes, the following applies:

- A) The general rule is that MAIHA - YD looks to the residency of the player's parents as the player's residency. There may be exceptions to this rule, but they must be reviewed by the MAIHA - YD Board prior to approval of the players registration or transfer request.
- B) Divorce or multiple residences may pose additional considerations as to determining residence. Such situations should be brought to the attention of and clarified by the MAIHA - YD Board prior to the granting of a transfer request by the Registrar.



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- C) It is the general intent of these Rules that no player have more than one residence for the purposes of hockey and that no player may create a residence for hockey purposes.
- D) In any dispute as to residency, MAIHA - YD will determine where the player actually resides, which for these purposes includes but is not limited to such facts as legal custody as determined within a divorce decree, or where he "eats, sleeps, attends school and performs daily activities from that address and where he intends to permanently remain and carry on such activities".
- E) The player shall have the burden of providing residence, If a player's residence is not with parent(s) and would benefit for the purposes of hockey, the presumption is that the player does not reside at the non-parent residence for hockey purposes.
- F) A previously registered player who physically relocated out of St. Louis area for a period of at least 1 year and has physically relocated back to the St. Louis area shall:
  - 1) Register with the appropriate organization based on the rules of a first time player. All zip code and other rules must be followed.
  - 2) The player is not required to register with the organization he or she was registered with prior to the relocation unless the player has relocated to a zip code with in the organizations boundaries.
  - 3) Players relocating back to the St. Louis area will be required to register with their previous organization prior to the relocation or use the one time transfer. All one time transfer rules apply.
  - 4) MAIHA – YD board of directors may or require proof of relocation or deny a relocation registration at their discretion.
  - 5) St. Louis area shall be defined as the Missouri counties of St. Charles, St. Louis and the City of St. Louis, Illinois counties of Madison and St. Clair.

It is important to clear up any question of residency as soon as possible and it shall be the duty of the organization to bring any questions regarding a player's residence to the attention of the MAIHA - YD Registrar prior to the submission of MAIHA - YD Team Rosters. However, MAIHA - YD reserves the right to review any player's residence upon application by any organization.

## 15. NON MISSOURI HOCKEY YOUTH DIVISION ORGANIZATIONS

- A) Non Missouri Hockey Youth Division organizations participating in Missouri Hockey Youth Division league play can not register or roster a Missouri Hockey Youth Division Member player.
- B) If a non Missouri Hockey Youth Division organization registers or rosters a Missouri Hockey Youth Division Member player, that Non Missouri Hockey Youth Division organizations team shall be deemed ineligible to participate in Missouri Hockey Youth Division league play as long as the player is rostered or registered with the non Missouri Hockey Youth Division organization

Example: A bantam player is affiliated with Springfield, MO and decides to play for the Kansas City Outlaws. The Kansas City Outlaws team rostering the Springfield player cannot participate in the Missouri Hockey Youth Division League.

## 16. DISTRICTED TEAM TRY OUT DATES

MAIHA - YD Tier II districted teams will conduct team try outs and evaluations after the MAIHA - YD Tier I team try outs and evaluations have been completed based on the following dates:



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1. MAIHA - YD Tier II districted team try outs and evaluations may not start any earlier than June 15 of the current year.
2. Organizations violating these rules will be subject to Rules and Ethics disciplinary action.

## **SECTION G – TIER II NON-DISTRICTED TEAMS**

MAIHA – YD allows Tier II non-districted teams with board approval. Applications by an organization to field a non-districted team must be submitted to the MAIHA-YD President on or before January 15 of the year preceding the playing year for which the non-district team approval is sought. Only MAIHA – YD member organizations in good standing may apply for a non-districted team.

### **1. TIER II NON-DISTRICTED AA TEAMS**

- A) MAIHA – YD divisions which have been declared open (ie: midget major and minor) are an exception to this rule.

### **2. TIER II NON-DISTRICTED TEAMS**

- A) The following member organizations have been granted non-districted teams:
  - 1) Affton – only teams designated and accepted to compete in the CSDHL league
  - 2) Chesterfield – only teams designated and accepted to compete in the CSDHL league
  - 3) Twin Bridges – only teams designated and accepted to compete in the CSDHL league
- B) Any player whose districted organization does not have a CSDHL team may try out for another organizations CSDHL team.
- C) If a player tries out for a CSDHL team outside of his/her districted club and consequently is not rostered with that team, then that player must return to his or her districted club.
- D) All "Out of District" CSDHL Players must return to their home club at the conclusion of the season.

### **3. TIER II NON-DISTRICTED TEAM TRY OUT DATES**

- A) MAIHA - YD Tier II non-districted teams will conduct team try outs and evaluations after the MAIHA - YD Tier I team try outs and evaluations have been completed based on the following dates:
  3. MAIHA - YD Tier II non-districted team try outs and evaluations may not start any earlier than June 15 of the current year.
  4. MAIHA - YD Tier II non-districted team try outs and evaluations must end no later than July 15 of the current year.
  5. MAIHA - YD Tier II non-districted teams must offer contracts or invitations to play on a team by July 15 of the current year.
  6. MAIHA - YD Tier II non-districted player commitments must be made by July 20 of the current year. Players can make a commitment to play on a team prior to July 20 of the current year at their discretion. Organizations can not require or force a player to sign a contract or agree to a commitment prior to July 20 of the current year.
  7. Organizations violating these rules will be subject to Rules and Ethics disciplinary action.



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- B) MAIHA - YD Tier II non-districted teams may add players to their rosters after the July 20 player commitment deadline with permission of the MAIHA – YD Executive Committee and agreement from the current team the player is roster with and the organization the player is districted to. All USA Hockey roster rules still apply.
- C) MAIHA - YD Tier II Midget Minor and Major non-districted teams will conduct team try outs and evaluations after the MAIHA - YD Tier I team try outs and evaluations have been completed based on the following dates:
  - 1. MAIHA - YD Tier II Midget Minor and Major non-districted team try outs and evaluations may not start any earlier than June 15 of the current year.
  - 2. MAIHA - YD Tier II Midget Minor and Major non-districted team try outs and evaluations must end no later than July 15 of the current year.
  - 3. MAIHA - YD Tier II non-districted teams must offer contracts or invitations to play on a team by July 31 of the current year.
  - 4. MAIHA - YD Tier II Midget Minor and Major non-districted player commitments must be made by August 10 of the current year. Players can make a commitment to play on a team prior to August 10 of the current year at their discretion. Organizations can not require or force a player to sign a contract or agree to a commitment prior to August 10 of the current year.
  - 5. MAIHA - YD Tier II Midget Minor and Major teams may add players to their rosters after the August 10 player commitment deadline with permission of the MAIHA – YD Executive Committee and agreement from the current team the player is roster with and the organization the player is districted to. All USA Hockey roster rules still apply
  - 6. Organizations violating these rules will be subject to Rules and Ethics disciplinary action.

## SECTION H – TIER I TEAMS

- A) The MAIHA - YD President shall establish and appoint a Tier I Committee chaired by the Tier I Division Representative, to grant franchises to Tier I Organizations and to regulate Tier I Hockey with MAIHA – YD Executive Committee approval. Tier I teams shall be highly competitive teams and composed of the better players without regard to district.
  - 1) Each Tier I organization shall elect a representative from their organization to serve as a member of the Tier I Committee.
  - 2) The Tier I Committee shall have the authority to govern in connection with all matters pertaining to Tier I teams with MAIHA – YD Executive Committee approval. This Authority includes, but is not limited to, the determining of the total number of rostered players in the Tier I Division, and the sole discretion to determine guidelines which shall be used to carry out the purpose of the Tier I Committee.
- B) A Tier I Organization shall not be a part of, or affiliated with a Tier II Organization.
- C) Player contracts shall be submitted to the Tier I division representative according to the date specified in number E below. USA Hockey Form I-T (Roster) shall be submitted to the MAIHA - YD Registrar according to the date specified in the "Calendar of Events".
- D) Applications for a new Tier I Team franchise must be filed with the MAIHA - YD Executive Committee no later than January 15th. Tier I Team Organizations will be notified of acceptance or rejections of their application by March 15th of the same year. In order to be granted an "Tier I Franchise", the applying



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organization must comply with the following:

- 1) A Tier I organization must have at least two teams, one of each in at least two of the following age groups:
    - a) 12 or under
    - b) 14 or under
    - c) 16 or under
    - d) 18 or under
  - 2) No organization may apply for two teams at any one age level.
  - 3) A distinction will be made between Major (second year) and Minor (first year) teams.
  - 4) An organization may have a Minor and Major team in each age group, but may not have more than one Minor or one Major team in any given age group.
  - 5) No Tier I franchise will be given for any 8 & Under teams.
- E) MAIHA - YD Tier I will conduct team try outs and evaluations based on the following dates.
- 1) MAIHA - YD Tier I team try outs and evaluations may not start any earlier than May 15 of the current year.
  - 2) MAIHA - YD Tier I team try outs and evaluations must end no later than June 10 of the current year.
  - 3) MAIHA - YD Tier I teams must offer contracts or invitations to play on a team by June 10 of the current year.
  - 4) MAIHA - YD Tier I player commitments must be made by June 15 of the current year. Players can make a commitment to play on a team prior to June 15 of the current year at their discretion. Organizations can not require or force a player to sign a contract or agree to a commitment prior to June 15 of the current year.
  - 5) Organizations violating these rules will be subject to Rules and Ethics disciplinary action.
- F) MAIHA - YD Tier I teams may add players to their rosters after the June 15 player commitment deadline with permission of the MAIHA – YD Executive Committee and agreement from the current team the player is roster with and the organization the player is districted to. All USA Hockey roster rules still apply.

## **SECTION I – POST MISSOURI HOCKEY SEASON TEAMS AND ROSTERS**

- A) The MAIHA - YD Board may approve a request to create an all-star team during the League season (Sept. 1 through Nationals) for a limited duration to engage in specific tournaments, games or other purposes. Requests for all-star teams must be made formally in writing each year through the MAIHA - YD Board.
- B) The MAIHA - YD Board may approve a request to supplement team rosters with players from other Missouri Hockey districted teams during the League season starting Sept. 1 thru the conclusion of the Missouri Hockey Youth Division league season for a limited duration to engage in specific tournaments, games or other purposes. Conclusion of the Missouri Hockey Youth Division league season shall be defined on a per team basis as determined by their participation and elimination from the Missouri Hockey Youth Division State Championship tournament. At the conclusion of the teams divisional Missouri Hockey Youth Division State Championship tournament or elimination from the teams divisional Missouri Hockey Youth Division State Championship tournament, rosters may be supplemented with players non-districted players with approval under the following conditions:
  - 1) If a team has officially ceased to be a team by halting operations, practicing and has not scheduled any additional tournaments or games after their divisional Missouri Hockey Youth Division State



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Championship tournament has completed or after elimination from their divisional Missouri Hockey Youth Division State Championship tournament the MAIHA - YD Board must approve the request.

- 2) If a team continues to be a team and is actively practicing and has scheduled any additional tournaments or games after their divisional Missouri Hockey Youth Division State Championship tournament has completed or after elimination from their divisional Missouri Hockey Youth Division State Championship tournament the following shall apply:
  - a) The requesting team must obtain permission from the players current teams coach
  - b) The requesting team must obtain permission from the players current districted organization if the player is rostered on a districted team
  - c) The requesting team must obtain permission from the MAIHA - YD Board
- C) All such teams and rosters shall be selected and administered according to the guidelines established by the MAIHA - YD Board when approving the team. Guidelines considered by the board include:
  - 1) No such team or roster shall be formed if it interferes with league play.
  - 2) All-star teams and supplemental roster participants must come from affiliated (member) organizations.
  - 3) In such cases where the approved all-star team or supplemental roster is in effect past the determination of the final MIAHA YD league standings; then those participants who are eligible for USA Hockey districts and nationals through their affiliate MAIHA - YD club team must be **removed** from the all-star team roster and prohibited from any further all-star team activity until such time that the districts and nationals have concluded.
  - 4) Other guidelines may be considered based on the nature of the request.
- D) Failure to comply with the above rules will result in disciplinary actions taken against those adults who are proven to be involved with the forming, organizing and coaching of such All-Star teams or creating illegal supplemental rosters.

## SECTION J – NON TIER I AND TIER II TEAMS

- A) Try outs - Teams registered with Missouri Hockey which are not Tier I or Tier II can not hold try outs until June 16 or after.
- B) Player Contracts - Teams registered with Missouri Hockey which are not Tier I or Tier II can not offer player contracts.

## SECTION K – RECREATIONAL TEAMS

- A) Recreation Hockey Committee - The MAIHA - YD President shall establish and appoint a Recreation Hockey Committee chaired by the GRHL Commissioner, to grant franchises for the purpose of operating recreational hockey and to regulate Recreational Hockey Hockey with MAIHA – YD Executive Committee approval
- B) Recreation Hockey Scope - The Recreation Hockey Committee shall have the authority to govern in connection with all matters pertaining to Recreation Hockey teams with MAIHA – YD Executive Committee approval. This Authority includes, but is not limited to, the identification and determination of the total number of leagues



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in the Recreational Hockey Division, and the sole discretion to determine guidelines which shall be used to carry out the purpose of the Recreational Hockey Committee.

C) Recreation Team Eligibility and Participation

D) Recreation Team Eligibility

- 1) Any team registered as a recreation team in Missouri Hockey must compete in an approved Recreation Hockey League.
- 2) Competition Against Tier I Teams - Any team registered as a Recreation Team in Missouri Hockey cannot play in any game against any team registered as a Tier I team or enter any tournament classified or registered as Tier I.
- 3) Competition in Tier I or Tier II Leagues - Any team registered as a Recreation Team in Missouri Hockey cannot play in any league registered as a Tier I or Tier II league. Teams registered as a Recreation Team in Missouri Hockey must play in an approved Recreation Hockey League as established by the Recreation Hockey committee.

E) Recreation Hockey Travel

- 1) Teams registered as a Recreation Teams in Missouri Hockey must apply for travel permits pursuant to the rules and regulations of Missouri Hockey.
- 2) Teams registered as a Recreation Team in Missouri Hockey are limited to no more than three (3) travel permits during the regular season, with no exceptions.

## **PART TWO - RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLAY**

Recreation Hockey Committee - The MAIHA - YD President shall establish and appoint a Recreation Hockey Committee chaired by the GRHL Commissioner, to grant franchises for the purpose of operating recreational hockey and to regulate Recreational Hockey with MAIHA – YD Executive Committee approval

### **SECTION A - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The MAIHA - YD has adopted the current (as revised every two years) USA Hockey Official Playing Rules to govern all hockey competition under its jurisdiction, with the exceptions and additions listed hereinafter. In case of a conflict between the USA Hockey and MAIHA - YD rules, the latter will prevail.

### **SECTION B - EXCEPTIONS TO THE USA HOCKEY OFFICIAL RULE BOOK**

#### **1. RULE 103 -108: RINK MARKINGS**

Rules governing outdoor rinks, USA Hockey required lines and other markings on the ice surface need not be present at all. There shall be markings vertically up the boards on such rinks for the two blue lines, the center red line, and the two goal lines.

#### **2. RULE 109(a): PLAYERS BENCH**

Dimensions of seats or benches, as required by the USA Hockey rules, for the use of the players is desirable, but not mandatory.

#### **3. RULE 110: PENALTY BENCH**



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Dimensions of seats or benches, as required by the USA Hockey rules, for the use of penalized players is desirable, but not mandatory. In rink facilities in which the penalty bench is located on the same side of the rink as the players' benches, a mechanism or technique shall be provided to aid the referees in determining, at a quick glance, the status of each team regarding their penalized players. The use of cellular phones and/or pagers shall not be allowed by any person occupying the penalty timekeeper's bench unless use of the devices is mandated by the on-ice officials.

#### **4. RULE 111: SIGNAL & TIMING DEVICES**

Provisions of an electric clock as required by the USA Hockey rules is highly desirable, but not mandatory. In rink facilities where an electric clock is unavailable for use, the home team shall provide a minimum of two stop watches for the game and penalty timekeepers. Provision for electric goal lights is desirable, but not mandatory. The use of cellular phones and/or pagers shall not be allowed by any person occupying the goal judge position unless use of the devices is mandated by the on-ice officials.

#### **5. RULE 207: UNIFORMS**

The MAIHA - YD Executive Board reserves the right to approve the official colors of all teams playing in the League. All players, on a team, must be dressed in similar color and design jerseys and socks. Goalies may wear sweat pants of a similar color to the team socks. Failure to have proper uniforms, during a league game, will result in a minor penalty being assessed against the offending team and the offending player will be removed from the ice and not allowed to return to the game until the infraction is corrected.

Each player will have a light uniform and a dark uniform with the players number clearly printed or sewn on the back of the uniform. Numbers made of or affixed by tape will not be allowed. No duplication of numbers shall be allowed by different players on the same team. Any player in violation of the rules regarding numbers will not be allowed to participate in a league game until the infraction is corrected.

Home teams shall wear light jerseys and socks and visiting teams shall wear dark jerseys and socks. Any deviation of a team's use of light and dark jerseys and sock shall be agreed to by both coaches and reported to the referee prior to the start of the game. The team failing to wear the proper uniform shall be assessed a minor penalty at the start of the game. Home and away jersey rules shall not apply to house teams. Color similarities are bound to occur. Accordingly, home teams are required to have available pullovers of a color which contrasts with that of their regular jerseys, which must be worn at the direction of the referee(s), if they deem that the similarity of uniform colors would lead to errors in officiating. Players numbers should be visible somewhere on the uniform (helmet, sleeve or elsewhere), despite the wearing of the pullover. The penalty for failure of the home team to observe these rules shall be an automatic bench minor assessed the offending team at the start of the game.

#### **6. RULE 207(b): STOP SIGNS**

In a effort to prevent checking from behind which can result in serious injury, all Missouri Amateur Ice Hockey Youth Division players participating in Missouri Hockey YD Travel League games, practice games, GRHL games, house games, spring games, summer games shall be required to wear a stop sign affixed to the rear of their jersey just below the collar line and above their number. Any MAIHA-YD player attempting to play in a YD travel league game, practice game, GRHL game or house game as described above without the aforementioned stop sign affixed to his or her jersey shall be assessed a minor penalty and thereafter shall not be allowed to participate in the game until such time as a stop sign is affixed to the rear of his jersey as prescribed above. Only players on AAA and CSDHL teams are exempt from this rule.

#### **7. RULE 304: FIRST AID KIT**

All teams participating in MAIHA - YD play must have a first aid kit available at all games. At the start of MAIHA - YD games, the referee(s) shall check each team for the first aid kit in their possession. The penalty for failure to observe this rule shall be an automatic bench minor assessed to the offending team at the start of the game.



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A complete set of signed USA Hockey Consent to Treat forms should be available at all games.

The first aid kit shall contain the following recommended items:

1. Band aids – 1 dozen of various shapes and sizes
2. White medical tape – At least 1 roll
3. Scissors
4. Cold packs. AT least 3
5. Gauze – 1 roll or 10 packs
6. Rubber/Surgical Gloves – at least 1 pair

## **8. RULE 304(b): HELMETS**

All Mini Mite coaches on the ice during a game must wear hockey gloves and an USA Hockey approved hockey helmet. (changed August, 2003)

## **9. RULE 304(c): MOUTHPIECES**

All players on all 8 & Under and 10 & Under level teams are required to wear an internal mouthpiece, following the same description of this USA Hockey rule. Any player who is in violation of this rule at any level shall be removed from the game until the player secures a mouthpiece.

A subsequent violation by a player shall result in the assessment of a misconduct penalty. A blanket warning to the entire team is not sufficient to satisfy this rule.

It is suggested that the on-ice officials have the game scorekeeper make a notation on the official score sheet when a player is removed from the ice for a violation of this rule.

## **10. RULE 402(a, b): MINOR and BENCH MINOR PENALTY**

For all games, a "minor" penalty shall be of two (2) minutes duration. For games with running time periods, no running time penalty shall expire until play is resumed.

## **11. RULE 403(a): MAJOR PENALTIES**

For all games a "major" penalty shall be of five (5) minutes duration. For games with running time periods, no running time penalty shall expire until play is resumed.

## **12. RULE 403(d): REPEATED OFFENSES**

When major penalties are incurred for three offenses in any combination during one season, the offender shall be immediately and automatically suspended from any further play until such time as he has had a mandatory hearing by the MAIHA Rules and Disciplinary Committee. A decision as to any further disciplinary action, and/or approval to be reinstated will be made by the R&D Committee.

## **13. RULE 404(a): MISCONDUCT PENALTIES**

For all games a "Misconduct" penalty shall be of ten (10) minutes duration. For games with running time periods, no running time penalty shall expire until play is resumed.

## **14. RULE 404(g): MISCONDUCT PENALTIES**

Any misconduct before or after an MAIHA - YD sanctioned game, on the premises of the rink, under the jurisdiction of the MAIHA - YD. Such matters will be referred to the appropriate Commissioner (AA, A, B, GRHL) for consideration and possible disciplinary action.

## **15. RULE 501(b): APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS (Referee System)**



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Officials for MAIHA - YD games shall operate under the following systems:  
Division – System

- 18 or under – 2 or 3 man
- 16 or under – 2 or 3 man
- 14 or under - 2 man
- 12 or under - 2 man
- 10 or under - 2 man
- 8 or under - 2 man

## 16. RULE 502: REFEREE'S DUTIES

The referee shall check for the presence of a score sheet, and if no official score sheet is available, he shall not officiate until such time as a suitable substitute is present. The substitute score sheet must contain the following information:

1. Name of home and visiting teams.
2. Level of play
3. Date, time, and game number of game.
4. Room to list penalties completely.
5. Room to list score by periods.
6. Coaches printed name and signature.

If there are any penalties of a serious nature that call for suspension of any disciplinary action, the referee shall complete an Incident Report within 48 hours.

## 17. RULE 502(i): ABSENCE OF OFFICIALS (addition)

A) Failure of assigned officials to show up for a MAIHA - YD League Game shall be handled as follows:

- 1) 8 & Under and 10 & Under Divisions:
  - a) if one properly rated official is available, the game will be played.
  - b) If no properly rated official is available, the procedures in subsections 2 through 4 below shall be followed;
- 2) 12 & Under, 14 & Under, and 17 & Under divisions:
  - a) if two properly rated officials are not available, it shall be the option of either coach to decline to play the game.
  - b) If either coach declines to play the game, the matter shall be referred to the appropriate level Commissioner for rescheduling.
  - c) The Commissioner shall determine who shall furnish the ice and officials.
- 3) Properly rated officials may be appointed by the agreement of the coaches. Per USA Hockey rule 502(j), if the regularly scheduled officials appear during the progress of the game, they shall at once replace the temporary officials.
- 4) If neither coach declines to play the game, it shall be played and becomes a bona fide League game, no matter what its outcome.

B) The official(s) failing to show up shall not be paid, and will be fined per MIHOA policies and procedures.

C) For purposes of this rule, a "properly rated" official is described as:

- 1) Completely USA Hockey registered.
- 2) The official should be wearing the current USA Hockey officiating crest, and have a USA Hockey official's registration card. The registration for officials lasts until November 30 of the next season
- 3) Be at least one playing level higher than that of the scheduled game. (For instance, a 14 & Under-aged official is not a properly rated official for a 14 & Under scheduled game).



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## **18. RULE 601(c): ABUSE OF OFFICIALS AND OTHER MISCONDUCT – BENCH MINOR PENALTY**

If any player is guilty of any one of the following, his team shall be assessed a bench minor penalty:

Anywhere on the playing surface, players' bench or penalty box, using obscene, profane or abusive language to any person or using the name of any Official coupled with any vociferous remarks.

## **19. RULE 601(d): ABUSE OF OFFICIALS AND OTHER MISCONDUCT – MISCONDUCT PENALTY**

If any player is guilty of any one of the following, he shall be assessed a misconduct penalty:

Using obscene, profane or abusive language to any person on the ice or anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.

## **20. RULE 601(i): ABUSE OF OFFICIALS AND OTHER MISCONDUCT – COACH GAME MISCONDUCT**

Any coach or team official receiving a game misconduct penalty shall automatically be assessed an additional 1 game suspension. The coach or team official shall be assessed 1 additional game suspension which shall be served in accordance with the existing game suspension rules and policies. Additional game misconduct does not apply to 15 penalties in a game. **(Additional game misconduct is effective 9/1/2009)**

## **21. RULE 613(e): Fisticuffs (Fighting) Effective 9/1/2009**

Any player receiving a major penalty for fisticuffs shall automatically also be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

In addition to the required 1 game suspension, the player shall be assessed 1 additional game suspension which shall be served in accordance with the existing game suspension rules and policies.

## **22. RULE 635(c): START OF GAME AND PERIODS**

The following shall be observed in reference to MAIHA - YD League games.

- A) When the ice is clean and ready for use, the officials shall signal teams on to the ice and have the scorekeeper note on the score sheet the time at which the ice must be vacated.
- B) At the same time, the referee shall notify the timekeeper to start the clock with five (5) minutes showing.
- C) When the clock reaches the two minute mark, the referee is to blow the whistle notifying each bench to start preparing their teams for play.
- D) When the clock has reached zero, the timekeeper shall be instructed to reset the clock for the length of the first period, and the referee is to drop the puck as soon as the clock has been set.

## **23. RULE 637(a): TIME OF MATCH**

- A) The regulation length of MAIHA - YD League games, except Midget and Bantam divisions, shall be three twelve (12) minute, stop time periods, with a one (1) minute intermissions between periods.
- B) Midget AA league games shall be three seventeen (17) minute, stop time periods, with a one (1) minute intermissions between periods.
- C) Midget A and Bantam league games will be three (3) twelve minute periods with the first period being running time and the second and third periods being stop time. During the running clock period, the clock shall stop on goals, injuries, assessment of penalties and during uneven-strength play.
- D) Unless otherwise designated, all league games, except Midget AA, shall be 60 minutes in duration, no exception.
- E) Midget AA, shall be 90 minutes in duration, no exception.
- F) In the event the home team has more than 60 minutes or 90 minutes for Midget AA, in which to play the game, the starting and ending time shall be designated on the score sheet and the referee(s) and visiting coach shall be informed of the ending time prior to the start of the game. Having more than 60 minutes or 90 minutes (Midget AA) of ice available, does not increase the duration of the game. Games will be only allowed 60 minutes or 90 minutes for Midget AA.



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- G) Even though additional ice time may be available, only 60 minutes or 90 minutes for Midget AA is allowed.
- H) For the playing of the third period: At the first stoppage of play, when the wall clock shows five minutes of play remaining, the game (scoreboard)clock will be reset to two (2) minute stop time **at the referee(s) direction** and the game shall be concluded.

## **24. RULE 637: TIME OUTS**

There shall be one 15 second time-out permitted during MAIHA - YD sanctioned games. The number of Time Outs (and their length) for tournament games shall be left up to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

## **25. RULE 637(g): RUNNING CLOCK**

- A) If anytime after the completion of the second period of play, a team attains a seven goal lead over an opposing team, the game will proceed from that point as a running time game. During the running clock, the clock shall stop on goals, injuries, assessment of penalties and during uneven-strength play.
- B) After the seven goal differential is reached, goals scored by the team with the lesser score shall be recorded on the scoreboard but, the seven goal differential shall be maintained on the scoreboard so long as it exists. (Note: All goals shall be recorded on the official MAIHA - YD score sheet.)
- C) If the goal differential returns to less than seven (7) goals, the game shall return to stop time.
- D) Any penalties incurred during the running time shall be served in the same time duration as in stop time.

Example: Team A leads Team B by a score of 7 to 0; Team A scores again making the score 8 to 0 on the score sheet, however; the scoreboard will still reflect a 7 to 0 score. If Team B then scores a goal, then the scoreboard will reflect an 8 to 1 score, thereby maintaining the seven goal differential. If the score carries into the third period, then running time will be instituted. However, if Team B scores another goal in the third period making the score 8 to 2 then the game will return to stop time because the score differential is less than 7.

## **26. RULE 637(h): CONCLUSION OF GAME**

- A) At the conclusion of the game, League or otherwise, the sportsmanlike display of players shaking hands at center ice is not necessarily required. However, this gesture is representative of good sportsmanship and is encouraged.
- B) At the conclusion of any MAIHA-YD game, the home team shall remain at their bench until the entire visiting team has left the ice surface.
- C) The penalty for failure to observe this rule when an altercation ensues (after completion of the game) shall be a game misconduct penalty assessed on the head coach of the home team.

## **27. RULE 638(a): TIED GAMES**

Overtime shall not be played for regular league games which end in a tie. The results of such games shall be recorded as a tie.

## **28. RULE 701: EXHIBITION GAMES**

- A) Any games played between two teams other than league games shall be considered exhibition games, and shall be played in strict accordance with all of the rules contained herein, except as noted in section 28 rule 701 c below
- B) Any serious penalties calling for suspensions or disciplinary action that occur during an exhibition game shall be referred to the Rules and Disciplinary Committee of the MAIHA - YD.
- C) Exhibition games are not required to follow the Missouri Hockey Youth Division league game Time of Match rules in section 23. RULE 637(a): TIME OF MATCH.



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## SECTION C - ADDITIONAL MAIHA - YD RULES

### 1. POINTS AND LEAGUE STANDINGS

A) Points in league standings for regular league games:

- 1) WIN: 2 POINTS
- 2) TIE: 1 POINT
- 3) LOSS: 0 POINTS

B) Final League standings in the Event of a Tie:

- 1) If the final league standings result in two or more having an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tie-breaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes the higher seed for one team, the team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tie-breaking process over again at section a below.

a) The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:

1. Has acquired the most points in head-to-head play
2. Has acquired the most wins in head-to-head league play
3. Has acquired the greatest surplus difference of "goals-for" minus "goals-against" in their head-to-head competition
4. Has acquired the higher quotient by dividing the goals scored by goals scored against in their head-to-head competition.
5. Has acquired the highest point total as determined by periods won in their head-to-head competition. Points awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point)

b) If after applying the formulas of section a above, a tie still exists, the results of all the league games played by the teams tied in the following order.

- Has acquired the most wins in league play
- Has acquired the greatest surplus difference of "goals-for" minus "goals-against" in league competition
- Has acquired the higher quotient by dividing the goals scored by goals scored against in league competition.
- Has acquired the highest point total as determined by periods won in league competition. Points awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point)

c) If USA Hockey is holding a Central District Tournament the following tie breaker will apply for Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget Minor or Midget Major Missouri Hockey AA league standings which result in a tie for the league champion (1<sup>st</sup> place), the league champion shall be determined by playing a one game playoff. If more than 2 teams finish in a tie for first place the tie-breaking rules from B are applied until only 2 teams remain, those 2 teams will play a one game playoff to determine the league champion

2) Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget Minor or Midget Major Missouri Hockey AA league playoff game. The following shall apply:



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- a) The game must be played prior to the End of Season tournament
- b) Clock runs in the first period.
- c) When there are five (5) minutes left in the regulation game time, the time clock is dropped to two (2) minutes of stop time
- d) If the score is tied at the end of regulation time
  - Prior to the beginning of the game, coaches will list all players in the order the players will shoot in the event a shootout is warranted to break a tied score. Players will be listed on the back of the top (white copy) of the score sheet.
  - A one-minute intermission will be put on the clock and teams will remain on/near their bench.
  - The teams will then play an additional stop time overtime period of not more than four (4) minutes, with the team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper. Penalties shall be assessed consistent with the rules in regulation time. See Overtime Notes below for further overtime penalty situations.
  - If the score is tied at the end of overtime, a three (3) player shootout will take place. Players in the penalty box at the expiration of overtime play for any infraction other than two (2) minute penalties are ineligible for the shootout. The three (3) different players (in the order listed) will rotate going in on goal with the Visiting team shooting first. All three players will have an opportunity to shoot.
  - At the conclusion of the three (3) player shootout round, if the score is still tied, players will continue in a sudden death shootout in which no player from a team may shoot again until all available players on the player's team have shot. The Visiting team shoots first. If any team scores a goal in the sudden death shootout round in which the opposing team fails to score a goal, play ends and the scoring team wins, (e.g., Shooter #4 or beyond for Visiting team does not score a goal and shooter #4 or beyond for Home team scores a goal. Play ends at that point, before any other shooters shoot, and Home team wins). When all players on one team have shot, that team starts over in the same order the team shot during the first round of the shootout, regardless of the number of shooters on the opposing team.

## 2. INELIGIBLE COACH

There shall be no participation of an ineligible coach with his team or any members thereof, in the locker room, on the bench, or any area on the premises of the rink, before, during, or after a League game. If an ineligible coach is in the presence of a player or players, it shall be considered to be participation. Violation of this rule shall cause forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible coach participates. Discovery of the violation may be made by anyone at any time during the course of the season. Such discovery, along with substantiating evidence, shall be reported to the Rules and Disciplinary Committee, and the Penalties shall be retroactive.

## 3. WALK-OFFS

Any team which chooses to discontinue play without the express direction of the referee, causes the suspension of the game, and a gross misconduct penalty assessed to the head coach. The matter will then be referred to the Commissioner of that game's level for a decision regarding how the outcome of the game should be recorded, whether or not it should be continued or whether the entire game should be replayed.

## 4. PLAYER MOVES



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A) Within an organization at the same age level:

- 1) During the first few weeks of League play, when it may be difficult for coaches to determine in which Division to place individual players, and how best to balance teams entered in the same Age level, team rosters will not be fixed. However, during this trial period, a free shuttle of players between teams might conceivably be used by an unscrupulous coach to produce an unfairly good early record for certain of his teams by the unrestricted use of his best players. Consequently:
  - a) Through December 31, a player may be moved to a different team, but once a player has participated in a League game (with that team), the player will not be allowed to move to a team in a lower division without first having been rostered on the same team for three (3) consecutive league games.
  - b) No player may play for a team on which he is not rostered and no player may be rostered with more than one team at the same time without permission of the MAIHA - YD Board.
- 2) From January 1 to the end of the season (considered as the USA National Tournaments), all team rosters will be fixed.

B) Within an organization at different age levels:

- 1) A player may play on a team in an age level higher than the one for which he normally qualifies.
- 2) A player may not play on a team in an age level lower than the one for which he normally qualifies.
- 3) If a player plays with a team of an older classification for one league game in a given season, he shall be ineligible to participate in League games with a team of a lower classification.

## 5. GAME CANCELLATIONS

Regular League games may only be canceled for the following reasons:

- A) When rink facilities become unavailable through breakdown of ice-making equipment, power failures, weather (warm weather or rain, in the case of outdoor rinks), etc.
- B) Hazardous driving conditions, as determined by mutual agreement between the league commissioner or MAIHA – YD President and the coaches of the involved teams. In case of disagreement, the league commissioner or MAIHA – YD President shall have the final decision.
- C) Bad weather or cold temperatures per se, are not a valid reason for cancellation of a scheduled game.
- D) Out of town tournaments or exhibition games should ideally be scheduled prior to the establishment of the regular League schedule, so that scheduling can be adjusted to accommodate them.

## 6. RESCHEDULING PROCEDURE

Once the regular schedule for the MAIHA - YD League Program has been completed, a regular league game cannot be rescheduled to accommodate a team who wishes to engage in a non-league tournament or exhibition game without the prior approval of the of the League Commissioner.

- A) It is the responsibility of the team requesting the change in schedule, or in the case of a game cancellation, it shall be the responsibility of the Home team, to carry out the rescheduling procedure.
- B) The following officials must receive written notice using Rescheduling Form B of the change in schedule:
  - 1) MAIHA - YD Treasurer (If Applicable)
  - 2) MAIHA - YD League Commissioner



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- 3) MIHOA (referess) – representative
- C) A rescheduling fee must accompany the written notice to the MAIHA - YD Treasurer:
- D) Notices postmarked after the League schedules have been proofread by the clubs for accuracy shall include a rescheduling fee of \$100. This fee may only be waived by the appropriate League Commissioner.
- E) Failure to comply with these procedures may cause the rescheduled game to be forfeited, and the offending team's organization to be fined an amount deemed appropriate by the MAIHA - YD Executive Board.
- F) If a canceled game is not rescheduled, (and the time and date of the rescheduled game not reported to the appropriate Division Statistician) the game will be declared a "wash-out", and neither team will receive a point.

## 7. UNFINISHED GAME

The results of a game which is not allowed to run to its regulation length due to the need to vacate the ice playing surface, shall be recorded as follows:

- A) The score of an unfinished game shall be recorded as it stands at the moment of its interruption, provided that at least two complete regulation length periods have been played.
- B) However, if less than one hour has been played, the game must be completed at a later date, if the then trailing team provides notice to the opposing team and the Commissioner within 48 hours of the unfinished game. If such be the case, it shall be the trailing team's responsibility to supply the ice time and officials, at the convenience of the leading team. The term "convenience" means at a time that does not conflict with a prior scheduled game, (League or otherwise). The leading team must accept the offer or make a counter-offer to supply the ice time and officials, at the convenience of the trailing team. Failure of either team to comply with these arrangements, in the opinion of the Commissioner, shall constitute automatic forfeiture of the game.

## 8. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PLAYOFFS

### A) State Championships

1. State Championship Tournament format, rules, and procedures will be determined annually, prior to the regular season, by the MAIHA - YD Executive Board.
2. State Championship Tournament games will be considered Missouri Hockey Youth Division league games and the serving of all suspension and game misconducts for Missouri Hockey Youth Division league games will apply.
3. Ice time submitted for State Championship games must conform to the following:
  7. Monday thru Thursday
    - Earliest start time can not be before 6:30pm
    - Latest start time for Mites and Squirts can not be after 8:00pm
    - Latest start time for Pee Wee and Bantams can not be after 8:45pm
  8. Friday
    - Earliest start time can not be before 6:30pm
    - Latest start time for Mites and Squirts can not be after 8:30pm
    - Latest start time for Pee Wee and Bantams can not be after 9:30pm
  9. Saturday
    - Earliest start time can not be before 8:30am



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- Latest start time for Mites and Squirts can not be after 8:30pm
  - Latest start time for Pee Wee and Bantams can not be after 9:30pm
10. Sunday
- Earliest start time can not be before 8:30am
  - Latest start time for Mites and Squirts can not be after 8:00pm
  - Latest start time for Pee Wee and Bantams can not be after 8:45pm
11. Minimum of 4 hours between end of one game and start of next game as scheduled
12. All games would preferably be played in an indoor rink.
13. No games for national bound teams would be played in an outdoor rink.

## B) Playoffs

1. Playoff format, rules, and procedures will be determined annually, prior to the regular season, by the MAIHA - YD Executive Board.
2. Playoff games will be considered Missouri Hockey Youth Division league games and the serving of all suspension and game misconducts for Missouri Hockey Youth Division league games will apply.

## 9. PENALTIES INVOLVING SUSPENSIONS

- A) A hearing must be held by the Rules and Disciplinary Committee regarding any Match Penalty, or Penalty involving more than a 30 day suspension, unless the person against whom the penalty has been assigned submits a written statement to the Committee that he does not choose to contest the decision or unless he fails to answer the notification letter within ten days. The person against whom the penalty was assessed may request the hearing be formal and/or closed to the public.
- B) The Rules and Disciplinary Committee shall meet twice a month. A player or coach receiving a Match Penalty will be suspended from all USA Hockey activity until the next scheduled hearing.
- C) Only the Rules and Disciplinary Committee may stay, revoke, or lengthen any suspensions, whether they are covered under the USA Hockey Rules, or the MAIHA - YD policies and procedures.
- D) No member of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee shall vote on a matter involving the member's organization.
- E) Unfulfilled year-end game suspension penalties will carry over and be served, or completed, at the beginning of the following season. Match penalties against individuals other than players will be handled similarly.
- F) The Rules and Disciplinary Committee and the Executive Board of the MAIHA - YD reserve the right to assess penalties, of whatever degree of severity they deem to be appropriate, for misconduct not specifically covered by either the USA Hockey Rule Book of the MAIHA - YD Rules, Regulations, and Procedures.
- G) All suspensions shall be as follows:
- 1) Suspensions at the end of a season shall be served in the first league game(s) of the following season.
  - 2) If a player or coach receives a game misconduct or suspension during a league game, he must sit the next already scheduled league game. If there is an already scheduled practice game or tournament game at the time of the suspension, he must sit the practice game or tournament game and the next league game (2 games). If a game is scheduled after the game misconduct or suspension, he must still sit the already scheduled games as indicated above.



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- 3) If a player or coach receives a game misconduct or suspension during a tournament game, he must sit the next already scheduled league or tournament game which ever comes first. If there is an already scheduled practice game at the time of the suspension, he must sit the practice game and the next tournament or next league game which ever comes first (2 games). If a game is scheduled after the game misconduct or suspension, he must still sit the already scheduled games as indicated above.
- 4) If a player or coach receives a game misconduct or suspension during a practice game or he must sit the next already scheduled league, tournament or practice game at the time of the suspension. If a game is scheduled after the game misconduct or suspension, he must still sit the already scheduled game as indicated above.
- 5) Teams may not schedule a game after a game misconduct or suspension and have it count toward the game(s) a player is required sit out.

## 10. PROTESTS REGARDING GAMES

All protests regarding regular Leagues and play-off game shall be submitted to the Commissioner within 48 hours of the completion of the game in question. The protest must be in written form, and it must contain all of the pertinent details of the case. The protest must be accompanied by a fee of \$100, which will be refunded only in the event that the protest is upheld.

The Organization Representative to the MAIHA - YD, Organization President, and the Coach of the Team involved are the only officials authorized to lodge a protest, and that protest may not be lodged with any League Official other than the Commissioner or MAIHA - YD President.

A protest involving the judgment call of a referee will not be considered!

## 11. SCORE SHEETS AND ENTERING SCORES

- A) Before the season begins, each Organization will be supplied with score sheets for each home game played by each of their teams in League play.
- B) Score sheets (original copy) are to be mailed to the Missouri Hockey Office within two days of the day the game was played. The Home team has the responsibility of mailing the score sheet. The score sheet shall be furnished by the home team. The score sheet should be received at the Missouri Hockey Office within 7 days of the date of the game. Failure to mail the score sheet by the set timeframes could result it disciplinary action and or financial assessment to the offending club at the discretion of the MAIHA – YD Executive Committee or President. Financial assessment shall be \$10 per incident and may be increased without notice at the discretion of the MAIHA – YD Executive Committee or President.
- C) All information on the game score sheets are required to be completed and legible. Score sheets arriving at the Missouri Hockey Office which are incomplete and not legible will result it disciplinary action and or financial assessment to the offending club at the discretion of the MAIHA – YD Executive Committee or President. Financial assessment shall be \$10 per incident and may be increased without notice at the discretion of the MAIHA – YD Executive Committee or President.
- D) The home team will be responsible for entering the final game score into the MAIHA – YD electronic game scheduling system. The final game score should be entered within 48 hours of the game. Failure to enter the score by the set timeframe could result it disciplinary action and or financial assessment to the offending club at the discretion of the MAIHA – YD Executive Committee or President. Financial assessment shall be \$10 per



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incident and may be increased without notice at the discretion of the MAIHA – YD Executive Committee or President.

- E) The names of all players rostered on a team, including those absent, must be listed on every score sheet. A single line shall then be drawn through the name of any absent player (except those absent due to hockey related injury) so as not to make the name illegible. Players sitting out due to penalties or suspensions must be noted in the space provided.
- F) It is the responsibility of the referee(s) to be sure that any penalties involving suspensions of players for subsequent games (game misconduct, match, fighting penalties, etc.) be clearly recorded on the score sheet, with as many particulars as feasible. This information shall then be relayed to the Rules and Disciplinary Committee for any possible actions to be taken. The Statistician shall check the score sheets covering the succeeding games of teams from which players have been suspended, to rule out any possible violations. If violations are found, they shall be reported to the Commissioner.
- G) It is the responsibility of the referee(s) to verify the completeness of the score sheet after every MAIHA - YD game with an emphasis placed on the presence of a game ID, date played, division/level of play and coaches signatures.
- H) Altering a score sheet without permission of the game officials or MAIHA – YD will result in the immediate suspension of the offending individual or team head coach if an individual is not identified from all USA Hockey activities. The MAIHA – YD Rules and Ethics committee will conduct a hearing to determine further action. During the suspension, the offending individual or head coach may not participate in any USA Hockey activities. This includes games, practices, team or board meetings or other functions.

NOTE: Referees must submit an incident report to the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.

## 12. COACHES

- A) Clinics - All coaches at all levels of play will be required to participate in the USA Hockey Coaching Clinics as conducted in the St. Louis Area based on the requirements that have been established by the MAIHA - YD Executive Board. Notification shall be given to each Organization at least 30 days in advance through its MAIHA (YD) Representative, and it shall be his responsibility to see that his Organization's Coaches are informed.
- B) Coaching Cards - All coaches are required to have a USA Hockey coaching card and the Missouri Hockey coaching ID on their person during games and practices.
- C) MAIHA - YD Coaching Achievement Requirements - All coaches on a team must meet the coaching requirements listed below:

- LEVEL 1 Initiation
- LEVEL 2 Associate
- LEVEL 3 Intermediate
- LEVEL 4 Advanced
- LEVEL 5 Master



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8-and-Under Mite	Level 1
10-and-Under Squirt	Level 2 Prerequisite Level
12-and-Under Pee Wee	Level 3 Prerequisite Level 1 and 2
14-and-Under Bantam	Level 3 Prerequisite Level 1 and 2
16-and-Under Midget	Level 3 Prerequisite Level 1 and 2
17-and-Under Midget	Level 3 Prerequisite Level 1 and 2
Midget Tier I and Tier II National Tournament Bound	Level 4 Prerequisite Level 1, 2 and 3
Girls/Women 10-and-Under	Level 1
Girls/Women 12-and-Under	Level 2 Prerequisite Level 1
Girls/Women 14-and-Under	Level 3 Prerequisite Level 1 and 2
Girls/Women 16-and-Under	Level 3 Prerequisite Level 1 and 2
Girls/Women 19-and-Under	Level 3 Prerequisite Level 1 and 2

- D) The requirements for achievement include attendance at the clinic as well as successful completion of the corresponding exam, and USA Hockey Certification. Coaches shall have the Certification renewed at least once every three years.
- E) Eligibility - Coaches shall not be considered eligible to coach a MAIHA - YD team unless they have been properly certified by the USA Hockey District Coaching Director according to the requirements in (c) above unless otherwise approved by the MAIHA - YD Board.

### 13. MINI MITE LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Cross ice play will be primary governed by the club. Missouri Hockey Youth Division has implemented the following rules which all clubs must comply with:



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- A) No score shall be kept during games
- B) A maximum of 5 full ice games are allowed. Per USA Hockey rule helmets are required and per Missouri Hockey rule gloves are required for all coaches on the ice.
- C) No full-ice games prior to December 15<sup>th</sup>
- D) Full ice games MUST use MIHOA officials. Failure to follow this rule will result in a \$100.00 per incident assessment

## **PART THREE - SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

### **SECTION A - DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

- A) Violations of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of MAIHA -YD and/or USA Hockey constitutes conduct detrimental to hockey and makes the player, coach, manager, minor official, referee, linesman, parent or spectator subject to a hearing with possible suspensions by the MAIHA - YD Board or the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.
- B) Any person or organization who is aware of a violation of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of MAIHA - YD should report the violation to the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.
- C) Organizations are encouraged to maintain discipline within the membership of its organization and during the games which it hosts. Failure to do so may cause the organization to be disciplined.
  - 1) Organizations may suspend a parent or spectator from attending any game, practice or other organization or team event for conduct detrimental to hockey or for violation of Section E of Part one of these Rules and Regulations.
  - 2) Organizations may suspend a player for conduct detrimental to hockey or for repeated violations by a parent or other related person of these rules or for a parent's failure to comply with any suspension imposed pursuant to subparagraph (a). However, no player may be suspended for more than twelve calendar months, without the suspension be approved by the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.
  - 3) Suspensions which exceed thirty (30) days may be appealed to the Rules and Disciplinary Committee. The suspended individual may agree in writing to waive any right to appeal. There shall be no appeal of suspensions of thirty days or less.
  - 4) Organizations must establish guidelines for proper behavior and procedures for dealing with persons who violate the guidelines or whose conduct is detrimental to youth hockey.
- D) The MAIHA-YD shall have the authority to implement fines to compliment the existing rules as deemed necessary. The voting member body of the MAIHA-YD will vote on the fine. These fines can be imposed to any member organization of MAIHA-YD as well as an individual member of a member organization for violations of the rules and by-laws of Missouri Hockey, Inc.

### **SECTION B - APPEALS**



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The following appeal procedure shall be followed:

## 1. APPEALS OF COMMISSIONER'S DECISIONS OR OTHER APPEALS

- A) All original appeals, appeals of an individual suspended by an organization or an appeal of a Commissioner's decision must be filed with the Chairman of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.
  - 1) If an Organization feels strongly that the decision of a Commissioner is in error, the Organization Representative to the MAIHA -YD or the Organization President (and only these officials) may lodge a formal appeal in writing.
  - 2) An individual appealing an Organization suspension may also file a written appeal. A written appeal shall contain all the pertinent details of the case and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100. and must be filed with seven days of the date of the decision being appealed.
- B) The Rules and Disciplinary Committee shall review the information presented and either decline to hear the matter, investigate it further, or decide the appeal on the facts contained in the appeal and evidence available according to the merits of the case.
  - 1) If further study is needed, the Rules and Disciplinary Committee shall hold a formal hearing, with all participants in the dispute present, including the Commissioner or Organization Representative.
  - 2) A written response shall be given within 14 days of the receipt of the appeal or the appeal shall be considered valid and won by the appellant.

## 2. APPEALS OF RULES AN DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE DECISIONS

- A) An appeal of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee's or Rules and Ethics Committee's decision must be filed with the President of MAIHA - YD Board.
  - 1) If an individual feels strongly that the decision of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee's or Rules and Ethics Committee's is in error, the individual may lodge a formal appeal in writing.
  - 2) If an Organization feels strongly that the decision of the Disciplinary Committee's or Rules and Ethics Committee's is in error, Organization representative to the MAIHA -YD or the Organization President (and only these officials) regarding an appeal involving a team or organization matter) may lodge a formal appeal in writing. Organizations may not lodge a formal appeal on behalf of individuals.
  - 3) Notice of Appeal/Failure to Appeal - The appealing individual or organization must notify President of MAIHA - YD Board in writing within ten (10) days from receipt of the decision from the Rules and Disciplinary Committee's or Rules and Ethics Committee's. If the notice of appeal is not delivered to President of MAIHA - YD Board within the ten (10) day period, the suspension, discipline or Administrative Action shall be final.
  - 4) Reasons for Appeal/Notice - The appealing individual or organization shall submit, at a minimum, a written statement of why the suspension, discipline or Administrative Action should be overruled or reversed, ("Statement of Appeal") which shall be delivered to the President of MAIHA - YD Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision appealed from. The Statement of Appeal shall also include the written record (if it was requested by any party) and decision of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee's or Rules and Ethics Committee's and any other information as may be requested by the President of MAIHA - YD Board.



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- B) A copy of the Statement of Appeal shall be delivered to the MAIHA - YD Board.
  - 1) The MAIHA -YD Board shall review the information presented and either decline to review the matter, investigate it further, or decide the appeal on the facts contained in the appeal and evidence available according to the merits of the case.
  - 2) If further study is needed, the MAIHA - YD Board will hold a formal hearing, with all participants in the dispute present, including the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.
  - 3) A written response shall be given with 20 days of receipt of the appeal, or the appeal shall be considered valid and won by the appellant.
- C) Suspension or Discipline Remains in Force and Effect - Any suspension, discipline or Administrative Action shall be in force and effect until it expires or the Rules and Disciplinary Committee's or Rules and Ethics Committee's modifies it.

### 3. APPEALS OF MAIHA - YD BOARD DECISIONS

- A) An appeal of a decision of the MAIHA - YD Board must be filed with the President of the Missouri Hockey, Inc. Board.
- B)
  - 1) If an individual or organization feels strongly that the decision of the MAIHA - YD Board is in error, the individual or organization president (and only those officials regarding an appeal involving a team or organization matter) may lodge a formal appeal in writing.
  - 2) This written appeal shall contain all the pertinent details of the case, and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100 and must be filed within 7 days of the date of the written decision being appealed.
- C) The Missouri Hockey, Inc. Board shall review the information presented and either decline to review the matter, investigate it further, or decide the appeal on the facts contained in the appeal and evidence available according to the merits of the case.
  - 1) If further study is needed, the Missouri Hockey, Inc. Board will hold a formal hearing, with all participants in the dispute present, including representatives from the MAIHA - YD Board.
- D) If an organization or individual feels strongly that the decision of the Missouri Hockey, Inc. Board is in error, the individual or the organization representative to the MAIHA - YD or the organization president (and only these officials regarding an appeal involving a team or organization matter) may appeal the decision by following the Appeal Procedures specified in the Current Annual USA Hockey Guide pursuant to Article VII of the By-Laws of MAIHA - YD.

### 4. FORMAL HEARINGS

Should any of the appeals outlined above be determined to call for a formal hearing, the following procedure shall apply:

- A) The organization or individual filing the appeal shall be notified by the appropriate authorities of the date and time of the hearing.



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- B) The individuals involved in the matter being heard, the organization representative to the MAIHA - YD and/or the organization president (and only those individuals) shall be permitted to be in attendance at the hearing.
- C) It shall be the responsibility of the appealing party to notify the appropriate individuals of the hearing time and place, and should anyone authorized to be in attendance fail to attend, the hearing shall be conducted without them unless there is a legitimate reason cited prior to the hearing.

## SECTION C - DISPUTES

The By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of MAIHA - YD and USA Hockey provide for a procedure and forum for the settlement of all disputes and present the opportunity to be heard. No one (including member and/or their agent, player, parent, guardian or any other person) shall resort to court action or the threat thereof unless all other avenues of administrative relief through MAIHA - YD and USA Hockey have been fully and completely exhausted and foreclosed. A waiver of, or decision not to exercise any right is not an exhaustion or foreclosure of an avenue of administrative relief. It is contrary to the purpose of MAIHA - YD and detrimental to hockey and the youth which MAIHA - YD and USA Hockey serves to not comply with this By-Law. Accordingly, any recourse to the courts of any jurisdiction by any member or individual (including member and/or their agent, player, parent, guardian or any other person) before all of the rights and remedies provide by the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of MAIHA - YD and USA Hockey shall have been exhausted and foreclosed shall be "conduct detrimental to hockey" within the meaning of these Rules and Regulations and a violation thereof and shall require the immediate suspension of any person of persons participating in or responsible for seeking such recourse.

In the event of recourse to the courts:

1. The decision of MAIHA - YD and /or USA Hockey shall be presumed to be valid and correct; and
2. Any court shall give due deference to the rulings and opinions of MAIHA - YD and/or USA Hockey as being the product of its expert judgment in hockey; and
3. If there is any rational basis for the decision of MAIHA - YD and/or USA Hockey, it shall be upheld and the only questions shall be, did MAIHA - YD and/or USA Hockey act within its authority and not contrary to the Constitution of the United States of America or the Laws and Constitution of the state of Missouri; and
4. Except for determining whether the decision of MAIHA - YD and/or USA Hockey complied with the Constitutions and Laws set out in sub-paragraph (3) above, only the evidence and theories presented to MAIHA - YD and/or USA Hockey may be considered; and
5. The fact that another reasonable inference, or interpretation could have been made will not be grounds to overrule a decision of MAIHA - YD and/or USA Hockey; and
6. The burden on the party attempting to have a decision of MAIHA - YD and/or USA Hockey overruled shall be that of "beyond a reasonable doubt".
7. Unfinished Game - The result of a game that is not allowed to run to its regulation length due to the need to vacate the playing surface shall be recorded as follows:
  - a) The score of an unfinished game shall be recorded as it stands at the moment of its interruption, provided that all of the curfew time was used and at least two complete regulation length periods have



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- been played.
- b) If more than two and less than three regulation periods have been played and there is still curfew time remaining when the teams are required to vacate the ice, the game may be completed at a later date provided:
- (i) The team that was trailing in score at the time the ice was vacated, or the visiting team if the score was tied at the time the ice was vacated, provides notice to the opposing team and the Commissioner within 48 hours of the end of the unfinished game.
  - (ii) The team trailing in score, or the visiting team if the score was tied at the time the ice was vacated provides officials and sufficient ice team to complete the game.
  - (iii) The ice time provided does not conflict with a game already scheduled (league or otherwise) by either team.
  - (iv) The opposing team accepts the offer or makes a counter offer to supply officials and sufficient ice team to complete the game.
  - (v) Only the unfinished time remaining in the game is played
  - (vi) Only the unfinished curfew time is allowed for the remainder of the game to be played if there was curfew time remaining.
  - (vii) The rosters of both teams for the make-up game are identical to the rosters at the time the game was originally played (i.e. suspended players or coaches may not participate)
  - (viii) Original game conditions are restored (i.e. penalized players who's penalties had not terminated when the teams were forced to vacate the ice remain penalized).
- c) Failure by either team to comply with these arrangements, in the opinion of the Commissioner, after step (i) of section (b) above has been initiated shall constitute forfeiture of the game by the non-compliant team.
- d) If less than two periods have been played and all of the curfew time has been used when the teams are required to vacate the ice, the game may be replayed at a later date provided.
- (i) The home team provides notice to the opposing team and the Commissioner within 48 hours of the end of the unfinished game.
  - (ii) The home team provides officials and sufficient ice team to play the game.
  - (iii) The ice time provided does not conflict with a game already scheduled (league or otherwise) by either team.
  - (iv) The opposing team accepts the offer or makes a counter offer to supply officials and sufficient ice time to play the game.
  - (v) The game is restarted as though the original game was never played.
- e) Failure by either team to comply with these arrangements, in the opinion of the Commissioner, after step (i) of sub-section © above has been initiated shall constitute forfeiture of the game by the non-compliant team.



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## SECTION D - RESPONSIBILITY FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A) It shall be the duty of MAIHA - YD Secretary to maintain a complete and accurate set of these Rules and Regulations and all changes thereto:
- B) Affiliate clubs can (and are encouraged) to submit changes to the Rules & Regulations on an annual basis. The time period to remit any rules and regulations to the Rules and Regulation sub-committee chairman (Secretary of the MAIHA-YD) shall be after the conclusion of the MAIHA - YD league season and before the "Annual Presidents Meeting" See Calendar of Events for dates. Procedures as outlined in subsection G) must be followed.
- C) At the beginning of each playing season a complete set of the current Rules and Regulations shall be available on the MAIHA-YD web site. [www.mohockeyyd.org](http://www.mohockeyyd.org)
- D) Each affiliate organization shall have a copy of the Rules and Regulations and MAIHA - YD By-Laws displayed in a prominent location and make copies of Rules and Regulations and By-Laws available upon request.
- E) MAIHA - YD reserves the right to amend or modify these rules (with or without prior notice to the affiliate organizations) and the organizations and their members agree to be bound by any such amendment or modification. Procedures as outlined in subsection G) must be followed.
- F) All Tier II or recreational players within MAIHA - YD have the right to exercise "One Choice" during the course of their youth division hockey career. More specifically, it is the ability of players to transfer to another affiliate member (club) other than the club that they became districted to at the "start" of their youth division hockey career.
- G) The following procedure will be followed for adoption of Rules and Regulations;
  - 1) Proposed Rules and Regulations, and all changes or modifications thereof, must be submitted in writing to the MAIHA-YD President seventy-two (72) hours prior to the next scheduled monthly meeting at which a quorum is present.
  - 2) Proposals must be published on the agenda and read into the minutes at that meeting.
  - 3) Proposals will then be held over to the next scheduled monthly meeting at which a quorum is present and presented to the youth board where they may be adopted by a simple majority of the MAIHA-YD voting members represented at the meeting.
  - 4) Exceptions to the above procedure can be approved by a two thirds majority of the MAIHA-YD voting members, when proposed Rules and Regulations, and changes or modifications thereof, or to comply with a directive of USA Hockey or Missouri Hockey.
    - a. Exceptions can only be considered if procedures set out in G. (1) & G. (2) are completed.