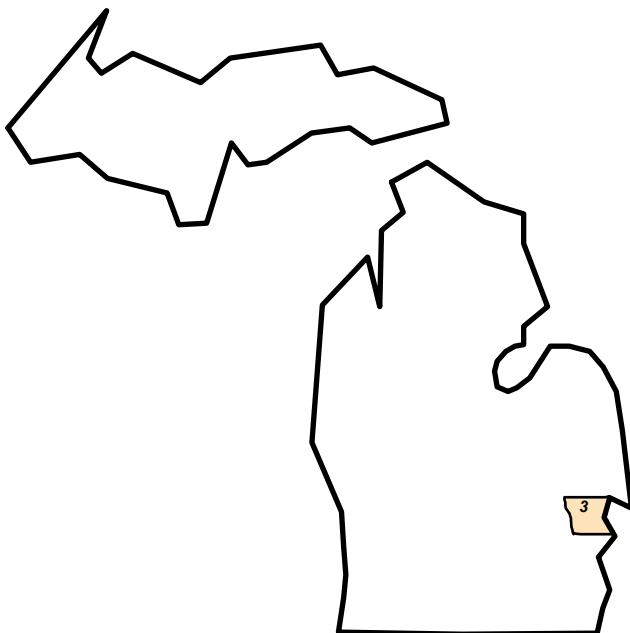


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M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

PREFACE

August, 2016

This 21st M.A.H.A. District #3 Handbook is issued to all teams registered within the District.

The Handbook is intended as an aid in making the rules, regulations and procedures involved in amateur hockey easier to understand and follow. Included is information in the more common areas where questions arise. It is not intended to be all inclusive in that this District follows the rules, regulations and by-laws of both the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association and U.S.A. Hockey.

Order of Precedence of rulebooks (current editions):

- 1. U.S.A. Hockey Annual Guide & Playing Rules***
- 2. M.A.H.A. Annual Guide***
- 3. M.A.H.A. District #3 Handbook***

Each succeeding organization's rules/policys can be more restrictive than the rules listed by the organizations above it. When researching a question, start with the District #3 Handbook and work up the list.

Please take the time to read and become familiar with the material in this handbook as well as the M.A.H.A. and U.S.A. Hockey Guides and Rules.

All of the above rules take precedence over the rules of any league in which your team may be participating. It is your responsibility to know and understand the rules of M.A.H.A. and U.S.A. Hockey. Do not rely on league personnel to answer M.A.H.A. and U.S.A. Hockey questions.

The District #3 Council is here to serve as volunteers to administrate and to assist all players, coaches, teams, associations, officials and parents within the District. Contact any Council member as the need arises.

Joe Barone

***Joe Barone
District #3 Chairperson***



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

ABOUT DISTRICT 3

- **MISSION STATEMENT**

- M.A.H.A. District #3 is the local governing body for the sport of ice hockey within the district boundaries as defined by the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, an Affiliate of USA Hockey, Inc.
- As such, the mission is identical within the District, M.A.H.A. and USA Hockey: *To promote the growth of ice hockey in America and to provide the best possible experience for all participants by encouraging, developing, advancing and administering the sport.*

- **PURPOSE**

The purposes of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association are:

- To develop and encourage sportsmanship between all players for the betterment of their physical and social well-being.
- To encourage and improve the standard of ice hockey within the State of Michigan.
- To affiliate with USA Hockey and other IIHF hockey associations.
- To conduct ice hockey tournaments and to select representatives for other tournaments.
- To do any and all acts desirable in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes.

- **DISTRICT #3 COUNCIL**

- The District Council works closely with the U.S.A. Hockey Associate Registrars and the District Referee-In-Chief in administering hockey within the District. A contact listing as well as the Council meeting schedule is shown on succeeding pages.
- In addition, District #3 meets with the other Districts within M.A.H.A., the M.A.H.A. Executive Board, and works on assigned statewide committees to discuss and develop concepts for the betterment of hockey throughout the State.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

ABOUT DISTRICT #3

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
JOE BARONE	(248) 568-4389	4773 Tilch Rd. Macomb 48044	Chairperson/Director
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JOE PROVENZANO	(313) 805-3833	24821 Cottage Lane Warren 48089	Council Member / Coaching Director
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RAY KRAEMER	(810) 938-2111	35342 Blairmoor Clinton Twp. 48035	District Playoff Coord. / Treasurer*

* non-voting

DISTRICT #3 REFEREE-IN-CHIEF

Justin Broski

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USAH ASSOCIATE REGISTRARS

Each Associate Registrar covers registration for all hockey at each facility listed unless noted.

USAH Registrar, Dan Jaroshewich covers: Fraser Associations, Grosse Pte., Rochester, Macomb, Oakland Jr. Grizzlies, All St. Clair Shores, All MSE Adults
USAH Registrar, Kathy Jaroshewich covers: Berkley, Hazel Park, Mt. Clemens Youth, Royal Oak, All Troy



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	PURPOSE
Monday	July 25, 2016	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Tuesday	Aug. 9, 2016	Fraser Hockeyland	General Meeting
Monday	Aug. 22, 2016	Fraser Hockeyland	General Meeting
Monday	Sept. 12, 2016	Troy Sports Center	Association Presidents Meeting
Monday	Sept. 26, 2016	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Monday	Oct. 10, 2016	Troy Sports Center	Districts Entry Review
Monday	Oct. 24, 2016	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Monday	Nov. 7, 2016	Troy Sports Center	District Exceptions Review
Monday	Nov. 21, 2016	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Monday	Dec. 5, 2016	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Monday	Dec. 19, 2016	Suburban Ice Macomb	District Draw
Sunday	Jan. 8, 2017	St. Clair Shores Civic Arena 10:00 am – 6:00 pm	District Credentials Review
Monday	Jan. 9, 2017	Fraser Hockeyland	Rule Change Prop. Discussion
Monday	Jan. 16, 2017	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting & Nominations
Monday	Feb. 20, 2017	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Monday	Mar. 6, 2017	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Monday	Mar. 20, 2017	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Monday	Apr. 17, 2017	Fraser Hockeyland	General Meeting
Monday	May 8, 2017	Fraser Hockeyland	Rule Change Prop. Discussion
Monday	June 5, 2017	Fraser Hockeyland	General Meeting

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:10 pm unless otherwise noted above. Meetings are subject to change. Contact any Council member for verification of meetings. Additional meetings will be scheduled on an “as needed” basis.

2016-2017 DISTRICT #3 PLAYOFFS:

All Divisions: January 24 - February 6, 2017



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DISTRICT #3 BOUNDARIES

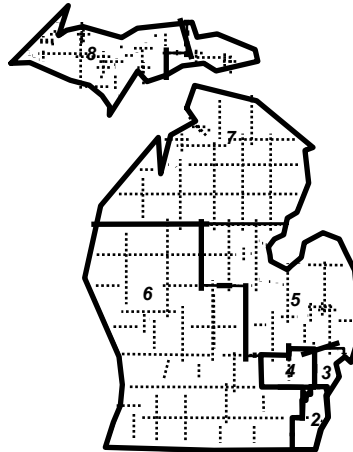
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District #3: All residents of Macomb County, and:

- those residents of Oakland County in cities / townships east of the north/south vertical line formed by Greenfield, Adams, Kern and Barr Roads from the Wayne County line to the Lapeer County line except residents of the city of Birmingham.
- residents of Harper Woods and all Grosse Pointes.

NOTES:

1. The vertical line formed by Greenfield, Adams, Kern and Barr roads does NOT follow the "jog" in Adams Road. example: The "vertical line" falls at the western border of Rochester Hills. All of Rochester Hills is in District #3.
2. The intent is to NOT split cities / communities between Districts. The "Listing of Cities" shown below lists the major communities within District #3. If a community is not shown, call MAHA for an answer. Do not assume that you know the answer.
3. There are NO Swing Districts. If a player lives outside of the District border, he/she is an out of District player. (Also reference current residency rules for players of divorced parents.)
4. A "mailing address" in a community different than where the player lives is NOT acceptable.



Listing of Major Communities Within District 3

ADDISON TWP.	GROSSE POINTE	MACOMB TWP	ROCHESTER HILLS
ARMADA	GROSSE PTE FARMS	MADISON HEIGHTS	ROMEO
BERKLEY	GROSSE PTE PARK	MEMPHIS	ROSEVILLE
BRUCE TWP.	GROSSE PTE SHORES	MT CLEMENS	ROYAL OAK
CENTER LINE	GROSSE PTE WOODS	NEW BALTIMORE	SAINT CLAIR SHORES
CHESTERFIELD TWP	HARPER WOODS	NEW HAVEN	SELFRIDGE ANGB
CLAWSON	HARRISON TWP	OAK PARK	SHELBY TOWNSHIP
CLINTON TWP	HAZEL PARK	OAKLAND TWP.	STERLING HEIGHTS
EASTPOINTE	HUNTINGTON WOODS	PLEASANT RIDGE	TROY
FERNDAL	LAKEVILLE	RAY TWP.	UTICA
FRASER	LENOX TWP	RICHMOND	WARREN
GOODISON	LEONARD	ROCHESTER	WASHINGTON TWP



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

REGULAR SEASON REGISTRATION: YOUTH

REMEMBER: All coaches, managers and/or team officials shall have the sole responsibility for making sure that their team meets all requirements for its classification and meets all the criteria for eligibility for district and state playoffs.

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION:

- All participants are required to register on line at www.usahockey.com
- Every program in District #3 is registered in USA Hockey software.
- Rosters will be generated by computer.

THE FOLLOWING PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION:

Team registration materials submitted to your D3 Registrar for certification must include the following documents:

- 1) **Consent to Treat** – every player, coach, and manager¹
- 2) **Participant Code of Conduct** – every player, coach, and manager¹
- 3) **STAR Parental Code of Conduct** – both parents of every player need to sign this form¹
- 4) **Birth Certificate/Passport** – some players only. Registrar will inform you who requires a birth certificate. Foreign born players consult D3 registrar
- 5) **IIHF Written Transfer** – required for non-citizens. Contact USA Hockey International Department at 800-566-3288. Needs to be completed before you give your paperwork to your sub registrar and NO games/scrimmages allowed for the player until he/she is cleared to play by USA Hockey.
- 6) **Background Check Confirmation** – (must be renewed every 2 years) All coaches/managers and team helpers go to www.maha.org to fill out and submit. Completion will be indicated on your team roster automatically.
- 7) **Safe Sport Certification** - (must be renewed every 2 years) All coaches/managers and team helpers go to www.usahockey.com to fill out and submit. Completion will be indicated on your team roster automatically.
- 8) **All team must produce legal guardianship papers for any player under 18 years of age living in Michigan without a parent**

¹ Available on www.maha.org when doing your background check on line.

Summary of documents required:

Players need:

- Consent to Treat
- Participant Code of Conduct
- STAR Parent
- Birth Certificate/passport (some players)
- IIHF (Written Transfer) for non-citizens

Coaches/Managers need:

- Consent to Treat
- Participant Code of Conduct
- Background Check
- Safe Sport



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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES (cont.)

REGISTRATION HIGHLIGHTS

General Information:

- All participants in Michigan are required to register online at www.usahockey.com
- Only two (2) non-U.S. Citizens are permitted per team.
- Rosters are computer generated for the Fall/Winter Season.
- Name on roster must match name on proof of age document (eg: birth certificate, passport)
- Registration fees are waived for 6 and under age players
- For players, youth and adults, the registration fee is paid only once and is good from September 1st through August 31 of the following year. (Good for the winter, spring, and summer season.)
- For coaches, the registration fee is paid only once.
If you coach more than one team and/or also are registered as a player, you do not pay again. Submit additional copies of your USA confirmation page to any additional teams you are joining.
- If you are USA Hockey registered as a referee, that membership does not transfer as registration for a player or coach.
- Once you are registered and have turned in a copy of your Registration Confirmation to your Association or Adult League, it is up to them to claim you as a player or coach in the USA registration system. USA Hockey no longer issues "Registration Cards". Your electronic registration confirmation form is your registration proof. Also, USA Hockey no longer issues "Coaching Cards". They can be printed electronically from the USA Hockey website.
- **Your insurance through USA Hockey is not valid if you are injured while participating in an event that is not USA Hockey sanctioned.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 1st**
 - USA Hockey registrations for the upcoming season start.
- **August 15th**
 - YOUTH: Teams can sign players, but winter season roster cannot be certified until September 1st.
- **September 1st**
 - All teams can roster players.
- **November 15th**
 - YOUTH: Final date to submit Request for Exception, in writing, to the District Council for District and State Playoffs.
- **November 30th**
 - YOUTH: Last day for team initiated player releases.
- **December 23rd**
 - Final date to add players to be eligible for District & State Playoffs (all indoor teams).
- **December 31st**
 - All coaches must have attained the required CEP level.
- **March 15th**
 - YOUTH: Teams can sign players, but post season roster cannot be certified until April 1st.
- **April 1st**
 - YOUTH: First day of post season roster certification.
- **April 30th**
 - End of winter season; unless a team disbands at an earlier date.
- **August 31st**
 - All USA Hockey registrations expire.



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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES (cont.)

PLAYER RELEASE

This Form is now available On Line at www.maha.org. The distribution of the form is the responsibility of the Releasing Team, and distribution instructions can be found at the bottom of the form.

COMPLETION/DISTRIBUTION OF RELEASE FORMS

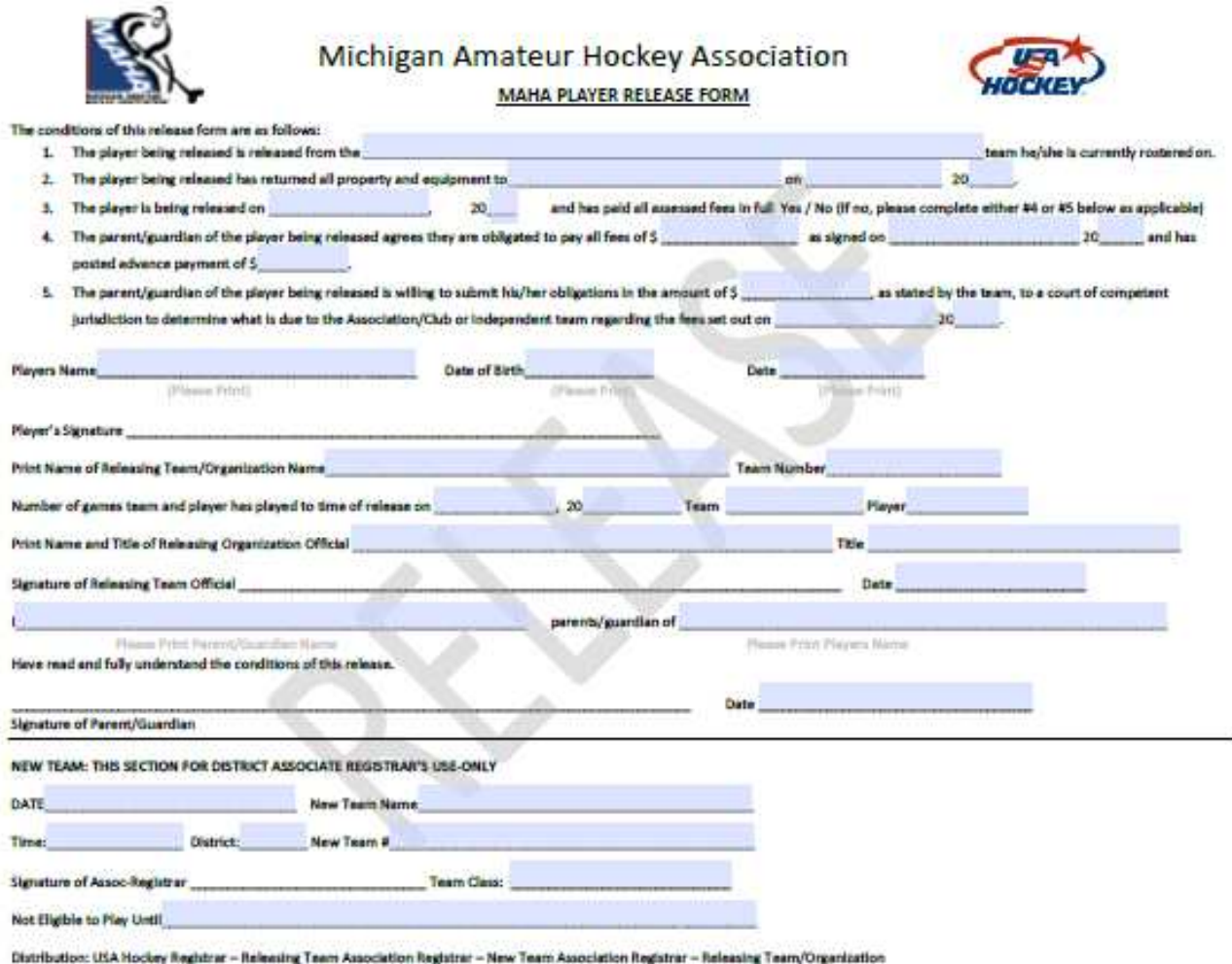
- 1) Top section – Must be filled in completely and signed by the releasing team, releasing organization, player and parent/guardian)
- 2) Bottom section – the USA Associate Registrar will complete this portion when player rosters on new team.

RELEASE DETAILS

- A player requesting a release must be granted that release if he/she does not owe any fees and/or equipment to the team.
- Release must be signed and dated by both the player and an official (head coach, assistant coach, or manager) of the releasing team.
- A player receiving a release must be signed to the new team roster, as certified by the USA Hockey Associate Registrar, at least 72 hours in advance of playing in a game. The release will note the date/time the player may play in a game as a member of the new team.

REMEMBER:

- November 30 – Last day for team initiated release of players
- **December 23** – Last day for roster changes to be eligible for Districts/States (all classifications)



The conditions of this release form are as follows:

1. The player being released is released from the _____ team he/she is currently rostered on.
2. The player being released has returned all property and equipment to _____ on _____ 20____.
3. The player is being released on _____ 20____ and has paid all assessed fees in full. Yes / No (If no, please complete either #4 or #5 below as applicable)
4. The parent/guardian of the player being released agrees they are obligated to pay all fees of \$ _____ as signed on _____ 20____ and has posted advance payment of \$ _____.
5. The parent/guardian of the player being released is willing to submit his/her obligations in the amount of \$ _____ as stated by the team, to a court of competent jurisdiction to determine what is due to the Association/Club or independent team regarding the fees set out on _____ 20____.

Players Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print) (Please Print) (Please Print)

Player's Signature: _____

Print Name of Releasing Team/Organization Name: _____ Team Number: _____

Number of games team and player has played to time of release on _____ 20____ Team: _____ Player: _____

Print Name and Title of Releasing Organization Official: _____ Title: _____

Signature of Releasing Team Official: _____ Date: _____

I, _____ parent/guardian of _____
(Please Print Parent/Guardian Name) (Please Print Player's Name)

Have read and fully understand the conditions of this release.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

NEW TEAM: THIS SECTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATE REGISTRAR'S USE-ONLY

DATE: _____ New Team Name: _____

Time: _____ District: _____ New Team #: _____

Signature of Assoc-Registrar: _____ Team Class: _____

Not Eligible to Play Until: _____

Distribution: USA Hockey Registrar – Releasing Team Association Registrar – New Team Association Registrar – Releasing Team/Organization



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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES (cont.)

POST SEASON REGISTRATION: Youth & Girls

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Players need:

- Consent to Treat
- Participant Code of Conduct
- STAR Parent
- Birth Certificate/passport (some players)
- IIHF (Written Transfer) for non-citizens

Coaches/Managers need:

- Consent to Treat
- Participant Code of Conduct
- Background Check
- Safe Sport

→ The above documents need to be collected and retained by each team manager/coach. Proof of USA Hockey membership is required for roster certification which includes one of the following for each member of the team:

- 1) USA Hockey confirmation page
- 2) copy of previous certified roster

- During the Post Season, a player may be registered with and play on a maximum of two youth teams at a time. If a player, who is already rostered on two teams, decides to change teams during the Post Season, a player release form is required and the player cannot play with the new team for 72 hours after the new roster has been sealed by the Associate Registrar, unless the team he is leaving has ended its Post Season and there are no more scheduled practices, games, and/or scrimmages.
- All of the same documentation required for rostering in the Fall season is required to be collected and maintained by the Post Season team's manager. If the player's forms from the Fall season are available, they may be used for rostering in the Post Season, otherwise new forms will need to be completed.
- All Post Season teams must be rostered and cannot play any scrimmages or games prior to having the team roster sealed by the Associate Registrar.
- You must reroster your winter team for Post Season league play.

ADULT DIVISION REGISTRATION

• ELECTRONIC PLAYER REGISTRATION

- MAHA requires OnLine Player Registration.

Go to www.usahockeyregistration.com for details. Each player will receive a confirming registration e-mail that can be given to each league that he/she plays in. See Online Registration Procedures at the end of this section.

- If you have already registered for this season as a coach, you do not need to register again. You pay only once per year.

• ELECTRONIC TEAM REGISTRATION

- Each Adult team in District #3 is electronically registered by the league / league registrar.
- Rosters will be generated by computer.



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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES (cont.)

• ONLINE PLAYER/COACH REGISTRATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- MAHA requires that all registrations be completed online at www.usahockey.com. Each player/coach will receive a confirming registration e-mail that must be given to the team league that he/she plays on.
- ***Please note:*** *You must be at least 18 years old to complete online registration. A parent or legal guardian must register any players younger than 18 years old.*
- Go to www.usahockeyregistration.com
 - Pay online with Visa or MasterCard
 - Credit or debit cards accepted
 - Make sure cardholder's name is typed exactly as it appears on the card
 - Enter credit card number with no dashes or spaces
 - Verify that person completing registration is at least 18 years old
 - Click box to agree that you understand that USA Hockey has a **no refund** policy.
 - Select member type to begin (Ice Player/Coaches of participating programs)
 - Verify age (You must be 18 years old to continue registration)
 - Enter personal information of the participant being registered:
 - Please make sure to use the participant's legal name as it appears on their birth certificate.
 - **An email address is required for confirmation.**
 - The confirmation page will be e-mailed to the e-mail address provided during registration or you can print the page immediately after registering.
 - Accept waiver of liability by checking the "I agree" box and enter your initials in the space provided.
- *****At this point, you can register someone else or you can continue to checkout*****

Note: Your insurance through USA Hockey is not valid if you are injured while participating in an event that is not USA Hockey sanctioned.

• REGISTRATION FEES: ALL DIVISIONS

- **Each PLAYER: \$45.00* (USA Hockey & Affiliate)**
- **Each COACH: \$45.00 (USA Hockey & Affiliate)**
- * Registration fees are waived for 6 and under age players.
- Note: For **Players & Coaches**, Youth or Adults, the \$45 fee is paid only once and is good from September 1st through August 31 of the following year. (Good for the winter, spring, summer season.) Pay \$45 only once per season.

• POST SEASON REGISTRATION FEES: ALL DIVISIONS

- **Each PLAYER: \$00.00 (if they were registered for the regular season)**
- **Each COACH: \$00.00 (if they were registered for the regular season)**
- **New PLAYER or COACH: \$45.00***



MAHA DISTRICT #3

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES (cont.)

Background Screening: WHO MUST BE SCREENED

MAHA and USA Hockey require that **any adult** (18 years and older) that is associated with a youth team must submit a background check. Each Coach and Manager must complete the MAHA / USA Hockey Background Check in order to get rostered.

Any regularly assigned locker room monitor parents need to also complete the form, although this is not needed for rostering and these forms do not need to be turned into the Registrars or MAHA.

Go to MAHA.org and click on “Forms and Info.” Click on “Background Check.” Complete the form.

If you are a coach, the Coaching Ethics Code portion must be completed on-line. No paper Coaching Ethics forms will be accepted.

Note the “YOUR position” area. It is imperative that you check the appropriate box. If you are a coach, you need to check a coach box so that you will be directed to the Coaching Ethics Code portion of the screen.

Your e-mail receipt will indicate whether you have completed the Background Check portion and the Coaching Ethics portion.

If you fail to check the YOUR position coach box and do not have both on your e-mail receipt, you will need to go back into the MAHA website and redo the certification. If the system does not allow you to go back and redo the certification, then you will need to contact the MAHA VP of Appeals to have your prior entry deleted and then you will need to recertify.

The general rule is that if a person has the occasion to interact with any youth member of a team, a Background Check Form must be completed. This includes Coaches, Managers, Regular Team Helpers, Association Boards Members, MAHA Board Members, etc. who may be alone with players. Error on the side of caution. **PROTECT YOUR PLAYERS.**

Locker Room Monitoring Requirements

At least one responsible adult (two recommended) (see MAHA Background Check form above) must be present and directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants – coaches and players – approved team personnel, and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room.

Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult be with the coach.

This is to protect:

The players from any non-team persons

The players from any inappropriate conduct from other players

The coaches from any allegations of inappropriate conduct

Cell phones are not allowed in any locker room.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

M.A.H.A. DIVISION AGES - REQUIREMENTS

1. AGE CLASSIFICATIONS:

For **2016-2017 Regular Season:**

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Adult-eighteen (18) or older at date of registration & play	
Junior-twenty (20) or under as of December 31 2015	
Youth-eighteen (18 or under)	1998 & 1999 Midget 17-18
Youth-sixteen (16 or under)	2000 & 2001 Midget 15-16
Youth-fourteen (14 or under)	2002 Bantam
Youth-thirteen (13 or under)	2003 Bantam
Youth-twelve (12 or under)	2004 Pee Wee
Youth-eleven (11 or under)	2005 Pee Wee
Youth-ten (10 or under)	2006 Squirt
Youth-nine (9 or under)	2007 Squirt
Youth-eight (8 or under)	2008 Mite
Youth-six (6 or under)	2010 & later MiniMite
USA Hockey Initiation Program (any age)	
Women's – eighteen (18) and older	
Girls - nineteen (19) or under (born during or after 1997)	
Girls - sixteen (16) or under (born during or after 2000)	
Girls – fourteen (14) or under (born during or after 2002)	
Girls - twelve (12) or under (born during or after 2004)	
Girls - ten (10) or under (born during or after 2006)	
Girls – eight (8) or under (born during or after 2008)	

2. YOUTH DIVISION CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

"AAA" (Pee Wee thru Midget)	No limitation on out of district players.
"AA" (Mite thru Bantam)	Maximum of three (3) out of district players.
"AA" (Midget)	Maximum of six (6) out of district players.
"A" (Squirt thru Bantam "Travel")	Maximum of three (3) out of district players. No second year players (players in their last year of eligibility) allowed.
"A" (Midget 15/16 "Travel")	Maximum of six (6) out of district players. No (17 & up) players allowed in this division classification
"BB" (17/18) and under "House"	Maximum of six (6) out of district players. No limit on the number of (17) year old players.
"B" (Mite thru Bantam House)	Maximum of three (3) out of district players. Governed by Sliding Scale shown below.
"B" (Midget 15/16 and under "House")	Maximum of six (6) out of district players. No (17 & up) players allowed in this division classification

Sliding Scale: (for "B" Divisions. Not required for Midgets)

# of players on team:	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
Maximum # of 2nd yr. players:	13	12	11	10	10	9	9	8	8	7	6



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

M.A.H.A. DIVISION AGES – REQUIREMENTS (continued)

3. GAME COUNT LIMITATIONS:

P. Game Count Table

- The following game counts shall be adhered to by teams in these classifications. The maximum shall not apply to games played in District, State and National tournaments, in classifications where these are held.

MAHA Game Count Allowances:

Category	Ages	Tier I AAA	Tier II AA & A	House Rec B and BB	Rec. C
Youth	8U	N/A	N/A	No Full Ice Games	N/A
	10U	50	45	40	24
	12U	55	55	40	24
	14U	60	60	45	24
	15	65	N/A	N/A	N/A
	16U	65	65	50	24
	18U	65	65	55	24
Girls	8U	N/A	N/A	No Full Ice Games	N/A
	10U	50	45	40	N/A
	12U	55	55	40	N/A
	14U	60	60	45	N/A
	16U	65	65	50	N/A
	19U	65	65	55	N/A

- For Ages 10U and older, all tournaments shall count for 4 games maximum regardless of the actual number of games played.



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REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHING

III. COACHING REQUIREMENTS

D. By December 31 of the calendar year, all youth/girl's team personnel on the bench in a game must hold Coaching Education Program (CEP) certification ratings as listed below:

1. Required Coaching Education Program Levels (for all coaches (head and assistant)).
 - (a). All coaches must enter USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program at Level 1, and must continue their education with a coaching clinic each year until, at a minimum, they achieve Level 3, **except that Coaches of only 8U or younger players may remain at Level 1 or their current level or other certification level, even if expired, until such time as they are coaching any older age level of play.** A coach may attend only one (1) certification clinic per year (not including age- specific requirements). Coaches who do not coach in continuous years must re- enter the program at the next level when they resume coaching responsibilities. Once Level 3 is achieved, periodic renewal [as outlined in Paragraph (c) below] is required for coaches who have not achieved Level 4. Coaches of national tournament bound teams (Tier I 14U, 16U and 18/19U and Tier II 16U and 18/19U) must complete Level 4 in their fourth season of coaching **or first season of eligibility regardless of expiration date.** Coaches who attain Level 4 certification are not required to attend any further certification clinics but must adhere to the age-specific requirement as outlined in Paragraph (b) below.
 - (b). In addition to the training in paragraph (a) above, coaches must also complete online age-specific training modules specific to the level of play they are coaching, if they have not already taken that module. This requirement applies to all coaches at all levels, 1 through 5. Coaches may complete more than one age-specific module in any given season.
 - (c). Coaching certification at Level 3 is valid for two (2) seasons, as indicated by the expiration date. A coach whose Level 3 is due to expire must take the online Level 3 Recertification Track 1 curriculum or they may move up to Level 4. Level 3 Track 1 Recertification is valid for two (2) seasons. A coach whose Track 1 Level 3 recertification is due to expire must take the online Level 3 Recertification Track 2 curriculum or move up to Level 4. Level 3 Track 2 Recertification is valid for two (2) seasons. Coaches whose Track 2 Level 3 Recertification is due to expire must attend a Level 4 clinic prior to the expiration of their Level 3 Recertification. Coaches must complete the online recertification program in order to recertify their Level 3 certifications. Attending a clinic or workshop is no longer valid for recertifying any certification level.
 - (d). Grandfather Clause For coaches who enrolled in the Coaching Education Program prior to May 1, 2011, their entry into the above program will be at their current certification level. Level 1 and 2 coaches must adhere to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, effective May 1, 2011. Current Level 3 coaches must adhere to paragraph (b) and (c) above; effective with the season their Level 3 expires. **Any previous Level 3 certifications in excess of one will count toward the maximum of two Level 3 recertifications.**



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REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHING (cont.)

- **WINTER SEASON**

- By December 31 of the current playing season, youth team coaches must hold Coaching Education Program (CEP) certification ratings as listed in the MAHA Annual Guide and on the MAHA web site: **www.maha.org**
- This season, coaches are required to have their required certification level and are also required to take an age specific module on line for the age group(s) that they are coaching.
- For a schedule of clinics and/or to register for a coaching clinic go to usahockey.com, coaches section.

- **PROOF OF COMPLIANCE**

- Compliance with the certification requirements must be shown at all games. This can be done by presenting your Coaching Certification as shown on your team roster or certificate of completion certificate.
- Prior to a review of team credentials in January, a new roster can be printed. This roster will show the level of CEP completion to date and the completed age specific module(s).

- **POST SEASON**

- Coaches must attain the level shown in the above scale by December 31 of the current playing season.

- **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULE**

- If the coach/team personnel fails to obtain the appropriate USA Hockey/MAHA CEP certification level by December 31 of the current playing season, they shall be removed from that team roster and thus be unable to participate in any coaching activities with that team for the remainder of the season.

- **COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY**

- It is the responsibility of each coach to become familiar with the requirements for obtaining and maintaining the proper level of coaching certification by December 31st.

- **COACHES SIGNING GAME SCORESHEET**

Evidence of Level (applies to all team personnel on the bench during a game)

- a. Prior to the start of the game, all coaches (Head and Assistant) present, from each team, are required to sign the designated area of the scoresheet in order to verify the accuracy of the playing roster, as it appears on the scoresheet, for that game. In addition, all coaches (Head and Assistant) must include their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) number, their CEP level (1-Initiation, 2-Associate, 3-Intermediate, 4-Advanced, 5-Master), and the year their CEP level was attained. The CEP level, and year attained shall be printed legibly next to the signature of each coach. The Scorekeeper shall be responsible to make sure both teams have filled in the CEP information and signed the scoresheet prior to the game. Failure of any of the bench personnel to cooperate can lead to a suspension by the appropriate District Council of not longer than 90 days.
- b. A team manager who is not registered as a coach may not participate in on ice activities or be on the bench during games.



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REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATIONS

MAHA Rule I B. Definition of an Association

1. To be an Association within MAHA, all Associations must receive approval and recognition from the affected District Council and MAHA Executive Board. An association must meet all the requirements of the MAHA Affiliate Agreement and execute the agreement with MAHA prior to their recognition as an association.
2. On an Annual basis, all Associations must resubmit their By-Laws to their respective District Chairperson by August 1st* each year and receive approval by the District Council on any revisions. If the Association By-laws have not changed since the previous season, the Association need only submit an Affiliate Agreement completed and signed as well as a letter stating that their By Laws are the same as approved the previous season. This and a list of all Officers of the Association, including the Coaching Director, with names, addresses, phone number and e mail addresses would satisfy the requirements.
3. An Association must allow open registration to all geographic residents within the Association's local boundaries.
4. An Association must have a demographic large enough to support it.
The Association shall have:
 - a. An USA Hockey approved Skills Development Program with a minimum of 6 players the first year and a minimum of 15 players by the third year of existence and continue to support its existence to nurture the game of youth hockey.
 - b. A house program with a minimum of three drafted B teams. Only Association based B/BB teams are eligible for leagues, invitational tournaments, District and State Playoffs play.
 - b. **Effective 2017-2018 Season:**
Associations must be self-supporting. A minimum of 30% of their Youth membership shall be ages 10 or under. Non-compliance requires review of the Association by the respective District Council in which the Association must submit an action plan to meet the 30% of membership at 10 or under and may subject the Association to disciplinary action. Only Association based B/BB teams are eligible for leagues, invitational tournaments, District and State Playoffs play. (Editor's Note: An Association may also form teams in other MAHA age/division classifications that are eligible for leagues, invitational tournaments, District and State Playoffs play.)
 - c. An Association may also form teams in other MAHA age/division Classifications.
 - d. The Association must demonstrate to the District Council that the Association has sufficient ice contracted for each team / program that is age appropriate for its players.
5. All new associations will operate under a three-year probationary period. If prior to the end of the three-year period the association does not meet all the requirements and follow all MAHA rules and regulations their affiliation can be revoked.

As District 3 announced in August, 2012, beginning with the 2013-2014 season, all teams in District 3 must be a full active member of an Association (not an Association member in name only).

No Independent Teams or Clubs are allowed in District 3.

In addition, no Affiliate or Club shall sponsor a team(s) in another Affiliate in District 3.

* In District 3, the Affiliate Agreement for each new Association applicant is required to be submitted to the District 3 Chairperson by January 1st prior to their proposed first season of operation.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS DRAFTS

- **ASSOCIATION 'B/BB' LEAGUE DRAFTS**

- Association 'B/BB' league drafts must comply with M.A.H.A. rules paragraphs VI, M, 4, 5 & 6.
 - Note that all players registered for the draft must be placed on a team.
 - Associations may end their pre-draft registration process when the number of registrants exceeds the limits of ice available. An Association waiting list can be created. However, no player from an Association "waiting list" can be placed on a team until all players in the draft pool of players have been drafted to a team.
 - **The main point of the draft is to insure balance among the 'B/BB' League recreation teams.** Selective choosing of which players will be on the list of registered players in the draft is not acceptable. Pre-Draft selection of which players will be on which team is not acceptable. Protecting more than the allowed (1) player per team is not acceptable.

- **DRAFT RULES SUBMISSION**

- All Associations must submit a copy of their draft rules to the District Chairperson by September 1st of each season (or a minimum of two weeks before the draft). The rules will be reviewed and approved or denied by the District Council.

- **CONDUCTING THE DRAFT**

- The District Chairperson is to be notified of the dates and times of all association drafts. This information is required a minimum of two weeks in advance of the draft.
- A member(s) of the District Council will be assigned to, and must be in attendance at, all drafts; this includes being in the room during selection of players.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

DISTRICT / STATE PLAYOFFS

2016-2017 District #3 Playoffs: Jan. 24 - Feb. 6, 2017

- **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Teams will only be eligible for the division/classification for which the team is properly registered. (See Team Classification section)

- **REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTION**

- **Exception requests for teams, players or coaches must be submitted in writing to the District #3 Chairman by November 15th.** The District Council will act to recommend or deny the exception request. The request will be forwarded to the respective M.A.H.A. State Playoff Committee for their action at the December meeting of that committee. Response from that committee (approval or denial) is final. **No exception requests will be reviewed that are submitted past the deadline.**

- **ENTRY INTO DISTRICT #3 PLAYOFFS**

- Each Association must notify the District #3 Council in writing of their intent to enter the playoffs by **October 15th.**
- Entries will be accepted based on the following criteria:

YOUTH DIVISIONS:

- Each Association will be permitted to enter (1) team for each of the thirteen “house & travel” division classifications and one additional team for a division classification with (10) or more teams.
- If your Association has (2) or more ‘B’ or ‘BB’ teams in a division, your Association may enter a 2nd ‘B’ or ‘BB’ team. This team will participate in a play-in for a spot in the District Playoffs.
- In the Midget ‘A’ & ‘AA’ classifications only, Associations may enter two teams.

ADULT DIVISIONS:

- Each League within the District will be permitted entries based on the number of teams within the league.

- **DISTRICT DRAW**

- A position draw for the District #3 Youth Division Playoffs will be held at the last scheduled meeting in the month of December. (See meeting schedule.)
- **One representative from each Association Board must be present at the meeting. No representation, no draw.** Individual teams do not need to send a representative to this meeting.

- **DISTRICT PLAYOFF CREDENTIALS REVIEW**

- A review of all paperwork required for the District playoffs will be conducted a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the playoffs. (See meeting schedule.)
- Any team that does not show up on the scheduled District 3 Credentials Review day must have its Head Coach sit their first District 3 Playoff game. This can be waived at the discretion of the District 3 Council. However, an exception and alternate credential date shall only be done due to dire circumstances.
- If it is determined at the credentials review that a player / coach has not sat a game misconduct(s), that person shall sit the next game already on the schedule of his/her team. The team head coach will be called in for a disciplinary hearing.

- **GIRLS DUAL REGISTRATION EXCEPTION**

- If a girl registers and plays for a Youth Division team, she can apply to play two tournaments with a Girls team during the season. All of the rules as stated in the MAHA Annual Guide under paragraph II, O, 3. must be followed.

- **ADULT MEN’S DIVISION REQUIREMENTS**

- In the Adult Men’s District Playoffs, a player may play on only one team entered in these playoffs. A player can be registered with and play for multiple teams for league play but must select only one of these teams to play for in the Districts.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following circumstances deal with the most common disciplinary actions that have come before our District # 3 Council in recent years. These are not inclusive and you should refer to Section XVI of the M.A.H.A. Annual Guide for the complete list.

- **PLAYERS, TEAM OFFICIALS, LEAGUES, OR OTHERS (EXCEPT REFEREES) : ALL DIVISIONS**
 1. **It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to review the game scoresheet, after signature by the game officials, for any game misconduct or match penalties. The Head Coach is responsible to take any necessary action based on the scoresheet review. (If the Head Coach is not at the game, the acting Head Coach is responsible.)**
 2. All Match penalties must be reported by the Head Coach (team staff member in his absence) as follows:
 - **The coach must report the penalty within (24) hours following the incident by phone to the District Council Chairperson in the District where the team is registered. If the District Chairperson is unavailable, it shall be reported to another District Council Director in the proper District. For Adult Leagues, the League Director must report as noted above.**
 - Violation of this rule may result in additional suspension of the offending player / team official.
 3. A player or team official receiving a Match Penalty is automatically suspended from **all** amateur hockey activities until a hearing is heard by the District Council.
 4. A coach or manager, upon the findings of the District Council, who knowingly allowed the participation of an ineligible player or coach in any game shall be automatically suspended for not less than one year.
 5. A player or coach, upon the findings of the District Council, who knowingly participated in a game as an ineligible player or coach, shall be suspended for not less than thirty (30) days.
 6. The head coach of a team participating in an unsanctioned tournament is subject to a suspension of one year.
 7. If, as the result of a hearing, the allegation of deliberate assault on a game official (referee, linesman, official scorekeepers, game timekeepers, penalty timekeepers, goal judges, statisticians, and public address announcers) is sustained, the player or team official shall be suspended for a minimum period of one (1) year, followed by probation for a period to be determined by the District Council. This is a mandatory USA Hockey rule.
 8. If a manager, coach or registered member of a team is put out of a game, he or she is automatically suspended for the next game(s) already on the teams' schedule.
 9. When a player is ejected for receiving a second major penalty in a game, he or she shall be suspended for the next two games.



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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (cont.)

10. The head coach (or acting head coach) of any team accumulating fifteen (15) or more penalties during the same game, will automatically be suspended for the next game his / her team plays. (USA HOCKEY - 404 misconduct penalties)
11. A player or coach who receives a game misconduct penalty will be suspended for one game. Upon receipt of a game misconduct, the player or coach must immediately proceed to the locker room and either: 1) remain in the locker room for the balance of the game, or 2) dress and leave the arena premises.
12. Any youth player who receives five (5) penalties during the same game, shall receive a game misconduct penalty. Any adult player who receives five (5) penalties during the same game, shall receive a game ejection penalty with no further penalties imposed. Suspension to be determined by the subsequent game misconduct rule - (USA HOCKEY - 404 misconduct penalties).
13. Conduct Detrimental to Hockey: Any other conduct that is not in the best interest of promoting the mission and purposes of amateur hockey, and that is brought to the attention of the District Council, will be investigated. A subsequent hearing, with potential suspension, will be conducted if warranted by the facts. (Reference M.A.H.A. Annual Guide: section XVII, suspensions.)

- **ADDITIONAL RULES: ADULT TEAMS & PLAYERS**

- If a player or team official receives a match penalty and the penalty is upheld at the District hearing, that player or team official will be assessed a “**Charity Fine**” as follows:
 - MATCH: \$60
 - This fine must be paid prior to again participating in a game.
 - The designated recipient of the fine will be the legitimate charity of choice of the offending party.
 - A money order, made out to the charity, is to be sent to the District #3 Chairperson. The fine payment will be recorded and the check forwarded to the charity.
 - If a player participates on more than one team, Game Misconducts are to be served with the team for which the player received the penalty.
 - If a player receives a Match penalty, he/she is suspended from all teams until a hearing is conducted. (See #1 through #13 above, which also apply to Adult players.)



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

TOURNAMENTS

• TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS

- All invitational and independent tournaments held in Michigan must secure a Sanction and Sanction Number from the M.A.H.A. President and USA Hockey Affiliate Registrar for Michigan before any tournament fees may be collected. To apply for a sanction, go to www.maha.org and complete the sanction form and pay the required fees.
- This may be accomplished by filing a copy of the rules and regulations for the event, along with the appropriate fee and tournament information with the USA Hockey Affiliate Registrar for Michigan. The tournament rules must comply with all USA Hockey Playing Rules and all MAHA Rules. No deviation from these rules is acceptable.
- If your team is planning to participate in a tournament, it is your responsibility to insure that the tournament has been sanctioned prior to playing your first game. Each tournament is to post a copy of the sanction at the tournament site headquarters.

• CONDUCTING TOURNAMENTS

- All tournament games must be scheduled following the requirements as specified with the MAHA Annual Guide, Section VIII. Highlights of these rules include:
- The number of games played by any player or team on one day shall not be more than two (2). There is no exception to this rule
 - Games shall be scheduled with a minimum of four (4) hours between the finish of the first game and the start of the second game.
 - Games shall be scheduled with a minimum of twelve (12) hours between games played on consecutive days.
 - No Youth Classification games may be scheduled to begin later than 10:30 pm or before 6:00 am.
- Tournament playing rules and tiebreaker rules are to be distributed to all entered teams prior to the start of the tournament.
- It is recommended that each tournament have an official knowledgeable in tiebreaker rules on site at the appropriate time. Tournament rules are not to be changed after start of play.
- Tournaments shall not request player birth certificates. The official sealed team roster shall be used to denote the players' birth dates.

• CANADIAN TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

- Any team planning to compete in Canadian Tournaments must complete the Canadian Tournament application form (for each tournament entered). Go to www.maha.org, complete the form and make payment of \$10.00 for each tournament.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

DISTRICT #3 ELECTIONS

- **ELECTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

- Term of office for all Directors is three years.
- The next election will be conducted in February, 2017.
 - Written and/or verbal nominations will be accepted at the last scheduled District meeting in January, 2017 (see meeting schedule).
 - The MAHA Secretary will conduct the election.
 - A ballot will be mailed to the Head Coach of each registered team within the District. (one vote per team).
 - Votes are certified and the results published by the MAHA Secretary.
 - Newly elected Directors take office following the conclusion of the M.A.H.A. annual meeting in July.

- **PROCESS FOR BECOMING A DISTRICT 3 COUNCIL MEMBER**

Periodically, openings for new members of the District 3 Council occur.

- Persons who would like to serve as a District 3 Council member shall submit their résumé to the District 3 Council Chairperson.
- The District 3 Council will review the résumé.
- If a District 3 Council Member nominates this person for a Council position, the Council shall vote, in closed session, to add or not add this person to the Council.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

SITUATIONS & COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- *Do I have to become an expert in all of the rules in order to coach and/or play hockey?*
 - No, but you should read and become familiar with them. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse for failure to abide by them. Every effort is made to distribute the rules to the staff of each team within the District. It is your responsibility to make the rules known to each of your players and staff.
 - MAHA and USA Hockey rules take precedence over league rules. Do not apply league rules to a MAHA/USA Hockey situation. If you have a MAHA question, call anyone on your District Council. If you have a league question call your league. The response “_____ from my league said that _____” is not an acceptable reason for not following the MAHA or USA Hockey rules.
 - MAHA rules are also shown on www.maha.org
 - USA Hockey Playing rules are also shown on www.usahockey.com
- *My player (or coach) received a Game Misconduct penalty. Does he/she have to sit out?*
 - M.A.H.A. rules state that the player (coach) sits out the next game of your team that is already on your schedule. You are not allowed to schedule an additional game after the penalty has been assessed and have the player sit that game. Many leagues specify that: if a player gets a game misconduct penalty in a league game, he/she sits the next league game. The player will get “double-dipped” if the team’s next game is not a league game. He/she sits the very next game for M.A.H.A. and the next league game for the league.
 - The same applies to District Playoffs. If a player receives a game misconduct in a District Playoff game, he / she will sit the next District playoff game, and, the first game after the game misconduct, if that game is not a District Playoff game.
 - Note that in the Adult Division, a player or coach receiving a game misconduct penalty(s) sits out with the team with which the penalty was incurred.
- *What happens at a disciplinary action hearing?*
 - If a player or coach receives a match penalty, a hearing is conducted to determine the length of the suspension; “zero to life”. (See Disciplinary Actions section.)
 - At the hearing both the suspended individual and the reporting referee testify as to the facts of the case. Additional personnel, who have direct relevant information to the incident may also attend and testify. A decision is made by the District Council, normally directly after the hearing conclusion.
 - If suspended, the player or team official has the right to appeal to the M.A.H.A. Appeals Committee. (See the M.A.H.A. and U.S.A. Hockey Annual Guides for procedures.)
 - All hearings are tape recorded so that the facts of the case can be reviewed by the M.A.H.A. / USA Appeals Committee, if necessary.
- *How can I get the M.A.H.A. rules changed?*
 - MAHA members may submit a rule change proposal in writing to the Chairperson of the M.A.H.A. Rules Committee. (See www.maha.org for the form.) Each proposed change must be submitted electronically to the MAHA Rules Committee Chairperson no later than Dec. 15th of odd-numbered years. The rules change proposal form is on www.maha.org. The MAHA Rules Committee will review each proposed change and make a recommendation to all of the M.A.H.A voting members at the M.A.H.A. Winter Meeting. If a proposed change receives a majority of the votes cast at that meeting, it is sent forward for final approval / denial at the M.A.H.A. Summer Meeting in July.
- *When does the Regular Season end and Post Season begin?*
 - The regular season runs from September 1st through April 30th. Post season runs from April 1st through August 31. However, before April 30, you must obtain written permission from the regular season coach to approach the player for your post season team unless the player’s regular season team has disbanded prior to April 30.



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SITUATIONS & COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (continued)

- ***Tampering With Rostered Players - What is legal / illegal?***
 - No coach, manager, or other team official, connected with a registered team may directly or indirectly entice, influence or contact a player registered on another registered team without the written approval of the coach or manager of that team. (Potential one year suspension.)
 - Reports of possible violation of this rule must be submitted in writing to the District Chairperson.
 - As post season nears, many teams desire to contact players on other teams to play for them during Post season. **Do not contact the player without first contacting the coach or manager. Get their permission in writing.**
 - A player's first obligation is to his / her regular season team; until that team disbands.
 - Ethically, it is wrong to have the player lose concentration on his winter team, typically during the team's league playoffs, because a spring league coach is trying to form a team. You want your players to complete their season with you; respect the interests and goals of other teams as well.
- ***Who handles complaints about officiating?***
 - All complaints / compliments about officiating should be handled through the District #3 Referee-In-Chief. The best way is to put the facts (not emotions) in writing, with copies to the M.A.H.A. Referees Committee and the U.S.A. Hockey Referee-In-Chief for Michigan. Their e-mail addresses are in the M.A.H.A. Annual Guide.
- ***How do I get awards patches for my players?***
 - Contact the Sub-Registrar for your Association. (Independents, contact the Registrar for your Club.)
- ***How do I report an injury sustained by one of my players or team officials?***
 - **ALL TEAMS: PLAYER / COACH EXCESS MEDICAL or CATASTROPHIC INJURY:**
 - Immediately telephone these cases to:
Grant Helms (989) 631-4507 - USA Hockey Risk Mgr. for Mich.
 - Provide the following information when leaving a message:
 - Name of Injured Person; Age; Date & Time of Accident; Team Name
 - Name of Hospital & City where person was taken for treatment
 - Type & Extent of Injuries sustained
 - Name & Phone Number (both Home & Work) of person making the report
- ***What is a USA Insurance covered event?***
 - A competition, game or event which is sponsored or sanctioned by USA Hockey and includes pre-competition activities and practice sessions which are authorized, organized, and supervised by the coach or other adult designated by the coach to supervise and coordinate such activities. "Father/Son games" are NOT sanctioned events.
 - M.A.H.A. & USA Hockey require that all teams schedule registered referees for all games (league, non-league, tournaments, etc.). Games that do not have a registered referee are not sanctioned.
- ***Who is an insured person?***
 - A registered player, coach or referee. The coverage also extends to volunteers of USA Hockey while acting within the scope of their responsibilities on behalf of USA Hockey.
- ***Do we have insurance coverage for games played in Canada during the Post Season?***
 - No, there is no reciprocal agreement with Canada for Post Season play.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

POLICIES HIGHLIGHTS

1. DISTRICT 3 POLICY (Approved by the MAHA Executive Board)

For any 14U, 16U, and 19U girls Tier II hockey team to be rostered in either the regular or post season, the association must have had a team at either the same or one age classification younger the previous season at the Tier I, Tier II, Tier III or the majority of girls playing on boys teams. For any 14U, 16U, and 19U girls Tier I hockey team to be rostered in either the regular or post season, the association must have had a team at either the same or one age classification younger the previous season at Tier I or Tier II level. An association that wants to form a Girls team, yet does not meet the previous year team requirement, can petition the MAHA District 3 Council for an exception and must demonstrate that the team formation is not creating negative consequences for Girls teams in other associations.

2. MAHA POLICY (Approved by the MAHA Executive Board 7/10/16)

Travel Team Tryout Policy **Dates for Tryouts for 2016 – 2017 Season** (September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017)

No Tier I or Tier II team may recruit or solicit players, offer contracts, hold try-outs, or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment or player evaluation until the specific date outlined below:

1. All teams in national bound categories – after 4 pm on the Wednesday after the completion of the National Tournament for their respective age classification.
2. All teams in non-national bound categories – after 4 pm on the Monday after the completion of the State Tournament for their respective age classification.

Based on the State Playoff Calendar Dates for 2017 (as of July 10, 2016)

Youth

Squirt & PeeWee A, AA – March 6, 2017
Squirt & PeeWee AAA – March 20, 2017
Bantam A – March 13, 2017
Bantam AAA 13U – March 20, 2017
Bantam AA & AAA 14U – April 12, 2017
Midget A, AA & AAA – April 12, 2017

Girls

Girls Tier 1 12U and Tier 2 10U & 12 U – March 6, 2017
Girls Tier 3 All Age Classifications – March 13, 2017
Girls 10U & 12U Tier 2 - March 13, 2017
Girls Tier 1 & Tier 2 14U, 16U & 19U – April 12, 2017

Note: any changes to State Playoff dates for a division or age classification will change the chart above.

To review all MAHA Policies, go www.maha.org. Under the “Rules Tab”, the policies are included in the MAHA Annual Guide book.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

HIGHLIGHTS OF MAHA

RULES CHANGES - July, 2016

MAHA RULE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS:

(See MAHA Annual Guide or www.maha.org)

Pay particular attention to changes that are shown in bold print

- Criteria for Girl's Tier 1 Associations approved.
To establish a competitive structure for girls' hockey to create an environment that places a priority on participation growth by providing an appropriate number of competitive teams and players. Additionally, it will be consistent with the MAHA Youth model and aligned with USA Hockey's initiative to define Tier I hockey.
- Girl's House/Rec division is now called Tier III.
- Added the following rule to Girl's teams to match the youth team rule.
Any Association or Club team with a head coach, assistant coach, or manager that formerly coached or managed in another Association or Club shall not have a team with more than 50% of its players who played on a team coached or managed by one or more of those individuals during the preceding regular or post season.
- Age 15 only added to Youth Tier 1 classification.
- Effective 2017-2018 Season:
Associations must be self-supporting. A minimum of 30% of their Youth membership shall be ages 10 or under. Non-compliance requires review of the Association by the respective District Council in which the Association must submit an action plan to meet the 30% of membership at 10 or under and may subject the Association to disciplinary action. Only Association based B/BB teams are eligible for leagues, invitational tournaments, District and State Playoffs play. *(Editor's Note: An Association may also form teams in other MAHA age/division classifications that are eligible for leagues, invitational tournaments, District and State Playoffs play.)*
- Effective 2017-2018 Season:
Michigan resident players of any age classification are permitted to play for an Association/Club that has the rink closet to their residence, based on Google maps point to point distance, and will not be counted as an out of District player if it is beyond District Boundaries. Player residence documentation must be provided at the time of team registration with MAHA/USA Hockey.



M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

HIGHLIGHTS OF USA HOCKEY RULES CHANGES - June, 2016

USA HOCKEY RULE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Financial Disputes
Provides a process whereby Associations can request that a player be suspended for failure to pay fees/dues.
- USA is removing the names Mini-Mite, Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam & Midget. The classifications will now go by 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U, 10U, 8U & 6U. The former names can be referenced in MAHA rules, etc.
- For teams in national bound divisions, prohibits tryouts until 48 hours after the National Championships are complete.
- Add for Tier 1 only the category of age 15.
- Age 12U players are not eligible to play up on an older team in Nationals.
- The next USA Hockey Playing Rules change year is 2017.
- Emphasis is placed on progressive penalties as shown below:

Game suspensions increase for a player who receives his / her third and subsequent major penalty for an "Aggressive Infraction" during the same calendar year.

See USA Hockey Playing Rules book Rules #411 & #615f.

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