

1 Minutes of Mid West Amateur Hockey Association
2 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
3 April 21st, 2013
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5 **Call to Order.** Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on
6 the affiliate web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to
7 order by President Les Teplicky at 9 am at the West Des Moines Marriott, West
8 Des Moines IA and submitted the agenda for approval which was forthcoming by
9 acclamation. (See Agenda, attached.)
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11 **Opening Remarks.**

12 President Les introduced the guests of the affiliate: Ashley Bevan, USAH Director
13 of Adult Hockey, and Bob Cunningham, USAH Central District Referee in Chief.
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15 **Roll Call.**

16 In lieu of a call of the roll, President Les asked for each around the table to
17 introduce. Answering were:
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19 **Iowa (12y+1a)**

20 IAH0117 Mason City	Ken Hanus*.
21 IAH0118Sioux Center	Gary De Young# + Jeff Koops.
22 IAH0119 Cedar Rapids	Tim Frazee*.
23 IH0120 Lakes Area	John Burns*.
24 IAH0126 Dubuque	David Zillig#.
25 IAH0135 Des Moines Adult	Shawn Peterson#.
26 IAH0136 Des Moines Youth	Scott Long#.
27 IAH0138 Waterloo	Brent Westphal# + Todd Burch.
28 IAH0139 Siouxland (S. City)	Brett Austin#.
29 IAH0141 Waterloo Adult	Mike Wirtjes
30 IAH0143 Ames	Chris Schmale#.
31 IAH0160 Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	(absent).
32 IAH0162 Quad Cities	Michael Hurd*.

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34 **Kansas/Missouri (8y+3a)**

35 KSH0121 MidAm (Independence)	Mike King#.
36 KSH0122 High Plains	Johnson#.
37 KSH0123 Carriage Club	Kevin Connor#.
38 KSH0124 St Joseph	Kevin Freese# + Rich Deka.
39 KSH0127 Russell Stover AAA	(merged with MidAm 0121)
40 KSH0128 KC Stars	Mike Jones# + Robert Collier.
41 KSH0131 Topeka	Chris Romine#.
42 KSH0132 Wichita Youth	Bill Rhinesmith# + Sean Oreilly
43 KS0133 Independence Adult	(absent).
44 KSH0135 Wichita Adult	(absent).
45 KSH0137 Kansas City (Saints)	Hector Luevano#.
46 KSH0138 KCIC Adult	Mary Helmick#.

47 **Nebraska (4y+1a)**
 48 NEH0002 Lincoln Bruce Hiller# + Frank Schmal.
 49 NEH0004 Tri City Youth (absent, excused by President Les).
 50 NEH0005 Fremont Evan Schinasi# + Steve Thompson.
 51 NEH0006 Tri City Senior (absent)
 52 NEH0134 Omaha Neal Krauss#.

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 54 **Officers & Staff**

55 **Voting:**

56 President Les Teplicky.
 57 VP Brad Parker.
 58 VP & Player Devt (absent).
 59 VP & Compliance Shawn Spencer.
 60 Treasurer Joe Strako.
 61 Secretary John Shelton
 62 MWHSL President Todd Scebold

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 64 **Non Voting:**

65 Past President Ted Ohmart.
 66 ACHA Al Murdoch
 67 Adult Shawn Peterson
 68 Coaching Nick Cecere
 69 Registrar Eric Herr
 70 Referee-in-Chief Kyle Larson
 71 Rink Liaison open
 72 Risk Manager Pat Frost
 73 Special Needs Brendan Sheehan
 74 Web & Tournaments Jena Cuozzo
 75 Women's Andy Ketterson

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 77 **Guests**

78 USAH Director of Adult Hockey Ashley Bevan
 79 Central District RIC Bob Cunningham
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82 The Secretary reported that 23 of 24 youth associations and six voting officers
 83 answered the role call. A quorum (viz., in excess of the minimum 40% or ten
 84 youth associations) is present.

85 The Secretary noted that the weighting for votes, when called for, would be
 86 based on "total players" in *USA Hockey Member Counts By Program*, as
 87 provided by the Registrar.

88 President Les advised for the record that all youth associations are compliant
 89 and thus eligible to vote. He also attested that all the youth associations present
 90 are represented by their Affiliate Representative or substitute certified in
 91 accordance with the MWAHA ByLaws.

92 **Minutes.**

93 Minutes of the May 5th Annual Meeting, previously distributed electronically and
94 posted on the website were approved by acclamation.

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96 The Secretary reminded all herein gathered that they are invited. to ensure
97 accurate recording in the minutes, to submit in writing subsequent to the meeting
98 any comments they may have made during the meeting.

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100 **Treasurer.**

101 Treasurer Joe Strako reviewed the treasurer report showing April 30, 2013, to
102 year end last year and the 2013-2014 budget. The 2013-2014 budget was also
103 compared to April 30th and last year actual.

104 He noted that administratively MWL has been folded into the Affiliate. He noted
105 cash on hand of \$42K.

106 Referee registration is now a line item for Affiliate income which largely balances
107 administrative costs of referee management and screening.

108 Motion to reduce to \$13 referee registration within the affiliate fails for lack of
109 second.

110 Motion to accept budget as proposed.

111 Past President Ted Ohmart noted that proposals have been made to put a line
112 item for grants into the budget. President Les noted that the thread of
113 conversation to this point has been to have a grant committee to review requests.
114 Ted observed that carving some money for grants could be smart.

115 Motion to amend budget to provide \$10K for grants to be applied in a
116 process to be determined.

117 In discussion, note was made that money for grants derives from the portion of
118 dues of members that register within the affiliate. Registrants from other than
119 MO, KS, IA who register with affiliate associations must specify their association
120 for the affiliate to benefit through the USAH grant money program. The \$16.5K
121 which is expected to come to the affiliate is available to the affiliate only upon
122 submission of specific requests that are consistent with the aims of the
123 organization. After discussion,

124 Motion to table the amendment for grants to the next meeting, passed
125 24/0/3.

126 Discussion resumed on the motion to approve the budget. In response to a query
127 President Les noted that the USAH grant money uses a different process than
128 would grants made by the affiliate. President Les noted that the line item for the
129 Omaha national HS sponsorship is a set aside for potential use and does not
130 constitute an appropriation. He also expressed his intent to appoint an Omaha
131 High School National Tournament Committee. Treasurer Joe noted that many
132 tournaments make money so this may not be needed.

133 Motion to approve budget. Passed 17/0/0

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135 **Elections.**

136 President Les called on Past President Ted Ohmart to serve as commissioner of
137 the election of officers. Past President Les commented that, as announced in

138 advance of the meeting, three offices were to be filled by election: two of the
139 three Vice Presidents at Large and Treasurer. He passed out blank ballots.
140 Nominated for the posts are the incumbents: Shawn Spencer for Vice President,
141 Brad Parker for Vice President, and Joe Strako for Treasurer. Ted solicited
142 nominations from the floor. There were none. Upon motion duly made and
143 seconded the nominees were elected by acclamation. x voting cards were
144 catapulted in the air.

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146 **Reports.**

147 **VP (Growth).** VP Brad Parker described progress over the past year, with
148 special emphasis on the USAH goals for 'acquisition & retention', targeting
149 especially 8U. USAH considers this level to be the foundation for the future of the
150 game. He shared the exhibits from the USA Hockey Growth Leader Meetings
151 held in Chicago this past March 15th & 16th.

152 **USAH Adult Hockey.** USAH Adult Director Ashley Bevan noted nine
153 consecutive season of growth in adult hockey. Adult hockey has a variation of the
154 youth one goal program ('First Goal'). It provides an opportunity for grow the
155 game in the adult segment. Depending on the program, it's either free equipment
156 or very inexpensive. See the USAH site.

157 President Les notes that any youth association can register adult teams.
158 Nonetheless Adult Director Shawn is researching a way to do it in a streamlined
159 fashion.

160 **ADM.** In the absence of Doug Dietz, Coaching Director Nick Cecere reported on
161 the ADM emphasis being brought to the clinics. President Les noted USAH offers
162 guidance for any association which desires to become a 'model association', a
163 designation driven by the American Development Model (ADM), the principles of
164 which are posted on the affiliate site. This is a rigorous process but it may be of
165 interest to associations with the necessary resources. The annual deadline for
166 filing for the designation is May 1st. Annual renewal is necessary. He encouraged
167 associations to review the process. In response to queries, President Les noted
168 that we'll request of USA Hockey that a presenter attend the August Special
169 Meeting of the Affiliate to have a dialogue with the board. Past President Ted
170 mentioned a couple of the requirements of to be a model association, to which
171 the assemblage responded with a collective 'wow'.

172 **Compliance.** Shawn Spencer noted that with respect to the items for emphasis
173 established by the executive committee for the year, associations were 100% in
174 compliance. This required major effort by many at the association level and all
175 are to be congratulations on the perseverance demonstrated. He noted that
176 outstanding fines were waived during this transitional period but, from this point
177 forward, fines will be a compliance element.

178 President Les noted that in our recent audit by USAH we received strong
179 guidance that screening is of major emphasis. The list of specific examples (not
180 to be construed

181 **Coaching Clinics.** Coaching Director Nick Cecere refers associations to the
182 USAH site for the discussion on the coaching education program (CEP) and the
183 contribution made by coaching clinics. He reviewed the effort of this hockey year.

184 (See MWAHA CEP Clinics 2012, appended.). He noted the progress toward the
185 goal of getting most of the clinics done by the end of December each year and
186 front loading the schedule to pre-season. The goal is to have at least ten
187 participants at each clinic. He, Dietz, and David Wilkie attended the Level 5 clinic
188 and found it powerful. The Level 5 is held every two years. Expect next seasons
189 MWAHA clinic schedule to be published mid August. President Les reviewed the
190 USAH coaching progress structure.

191 **ACHA.** USAH Director Al Murdoch spoke to the success of collegiate hockey.
192 ACHA is not 'club' but, rather, simply non-scholarship. Club is about beer and
193 random uniforms; non-scholarship is about education and follows NCAA rules.
194 It's grown from 20 schools to 450 schools in 20 years. He applauded ACHA
195 Division Three Coach of the Year Brendan Sheehan.

196 **Organization of the Board.** President Les reviewed the handout on contacts
197 and responsibilities within the Affiliate.

198 **Special Needs Hockey.** ACHA Coach of the Year and MWAHA SNH Director
199 Brendan Sheehan reviewed activities within the Affiliate.

200 **Discipline, Rules, and Ethics (DRE).** Past President and DRE Chair Ted
201 Ohmart described the process as used within the affiliate and posted on the web
202 site. Diligence is necessary on the part of referees and associations in handling
203 game and match penalties so that hearings may be held in a timely manner. The
204 affiliate holds hearings for penalties that didn't occur within an affiliate sanctioned
205 league. Associations have the authority to impose additional suspensions when a
206 player has a game misconduct. Going forward, MWAHA R-I-C Kyle Larson will
207 send all game reports to the Association President and R-I-C, President Les will
208 do the same with Incident Reports, In both cases they will provide any
209 recommendations regarding the game or Incident Report

210 **Midwest High School Hockey League (MWHSHL).** League President Todd
211 Scebold reviewed the successes of the past year. He noted that the high school
212 national tournament will be held in Omaha next spring; this is a big event.

213 **Midwest Hockey League.** Rick Murcek covered the activities of the Select
214 program. They revised the rules and procedures to reflect the evolving needs of
215 the program. President Les noted how the landscape has changed in the past
216 decade. The plethora of tournaments has resulted in lower interest in district wide
217 competitions to advance at end of season.

218 **Player Development.** Doug Dietz' report was presented by Nick Cecere. 139
219 boys participated in this month's select camp. A Des Moines player was selected
220 for the national team development program. President Les noted in his travels in
221 2012 that the player development process is one of the most poorly understood
222 elements of affiliate activities. He reviewed how affiliate program feeds into
223 district and national camps..

224 **Risk Management.** Pat Frost discussed progress in screening. In response to a
225 query, Pat noted that off ice officials do not need to be screened though team
226 managers, representatives, locker room monitors, and transporters do. The rule
227 is to screen anyone that has routine access to the players

228 **Referee-in-Chief.** Kyle Larson discussed activities affecting referees. For the
229 2013 – 2014 season all scheduling is required to be done using Ref-Ranger.

230 Officials will be required to fill out their Consent to Screen Disclosure prior to
231 attending a Seminar and will be screened by the Affiliate.
232 **Registrar.** Eric Herr reviewed his exhibit. (See Registrar Discussion, attached.).
233 He also discussed SafeSport, the USAH institutionalization of your protection
234 strategies. Refer to the USAH site for details The policy is articulated in the
235 Annual Guide and is implemented by a coordinator in the affiliate and each
236 association. This extensive work in progress is supported by a powerpoint
237 presentation and other media.
238 **Web.** Jena Cuzo reviewed operation of the affiliates site. She is the point of
239 contact for all web access and operational issues..The affiliate transitioned to
240 Ngin as the web host two years ago. It is now also a USAH partner.

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Old Business.

243 **Concussion.** Continuing the work started over a year ago to further the affiliate's
244 response to player concussions, a draft proposal was presented by ad hoc chair
245 Mike Jones.

246 **Motion:**

MIDWEST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SPORTS HEAD INJURY PREVENTION POLICY1

249 **Purpose of Policy:** Any youth ice hockey player who exhibits signs,
250 symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of
251 consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems)
252 shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to
253 play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional.

Policy

- 255 1. A youth ice hockey player may not participate in any game or practice
256 session unless such player and the player's parent or guardian have
257 signed, and returned to the player's USA Hockey association, a
258 concussion and head injury information form. Such information form shall
259 be signed and returned each hockey season that the player participates
260 in hockey games or practice sessions.
- 261 2. If a youth ice hockey player suffers, or is suspected of having suffered
262 a concussion or head injury during a game or practice session, the player:
263 (1) must be immediately removed from the game or practice and (2) may
264 not again participate in practices or games until a health care provider
265 has evaluated the player and provided a written clearance for the player
266 to return to practices and games. The MWAHA recommends that the
267 player should not be cleared to practice or play games the same day the
268 concussion consistent sign, symptom or behavior was observed.
- 269 3. All MWAHA associations are strongly encouraged to implement a
270 baseline testing program to establish a benchmark for a player's normally
271 functioning pre-injury brain activities to assist health care providers in
272 assessing when a player may be cleared to return to games or practices.

273 Motion to adopt.

274 Motion to amend 'strongly' to 'recommend', fails 2/20/1.

275 Motion passed 24/2/1.

276 **National Bound Teams.** Ad hoc chair Jena Cuzo presented the product of her
277 working group. (See MWAHA Affiliate Championships, attached.) This provides a
278 protocol for determining eligible teams and for selecting those teams which will

279 represent the affiliate at various levels. Primary discussion was to reconsider that
280 the MWHSHL could nominate their top regular season team, by state, as the
281 possible National bound team, a playoff would be required if any Non-MWHSHL
282 team was also interested

283 Motion to approve.

284 Motion to amend ice cost to 225; passed.

285 Motion passed 17/7/5.

286 **Tier 1 Hockey.** President Les reviewed the framework of this ongoing
287 discussion. (See Tier 1 Discussion, attached.) He asked that volunteers to serve
288 on a committee to refine our policies and procedures contact him.

289 Who wants to be on committee speak to PL.

290 **Player Movement.** Gary De Young presented a refinement of a player
291 movement proposal. (See Player Movement Proposal, attached.) Discussion
292 ensued.

293 **Motion:**

294 **Player Movement Policy**

295 Applies to all Youth hockey.

296 It is the receiving association responsibility to request a letter of release.

297 Players must in good financial standings with their prior association.

298 Players cannot move between associations more than twice during their
299 youth hockey career.

300 The following player moves do not count towards the 2 move rule and
301 automatically qualify a player for release overriding any association's
302 local policy if the reason for the player movement is:

303 _ to play on a Tier 1 team or Junior Hockey team

304 _ to play on only a House League team

305 _ no League team is available at the association they are leaving*

306 _ they have not played on a League team the previous year*

307 _ cut from a League team at the association they are leaving*

308 _ a change in Residency that is closer to the receiving association

309 MWAHA Sanctioned Leagues may have restrictions for player movement
310 as long as those restrictions are approved by the MWAHA.

311 All players will automatically be released unless the releasing association
312 has a policy, adopted according to a bylaw that has been in effect for at

313 least 4 months, governing when players are released or not released. The

314 release policy must be applied uniformly to all players in similar situations.

315 Appeals of a denied release request may be made to and decided by the
316 MWAHA.

317 * A league team is any team that plays in a league with other hockey
318 association's teams. It does not include a house team or teams that
319 only play within an association that enters an occasional tournament.

320 Motion to adopt.

321 Wide ranging discussion ensued as members of the board worked through
322 the ramifications of the proposal.

323 A point of clarification was made that the motion was to include all players that
324 play in a league. This includes those on normal travel and select rosters as those
325 players are in the Midwest League. Players playing strictly in house within an
326 association are omitted. Some board member did not realize that the motion

327 included select rosters. Discussion ensued that further time to process
328 ramifications of the proposal would be beneficial.

329 Motion to table the motion for player movement, passed 19/3/4.

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331 **Roster on Multiple Teams.** Registrar Eric Herr presented a proposal to resolve
332 certain complications that occur when a player is rostered on multiple teams, one
333 or more of which are national bound. USA Hockey allows players to play on
334 multiple teams but only one National Bound Team after December 31st. One
335 exception is that a player can play on a Youth National Bound Team and also on
336 a High School National Bound Team. A player can continue to play on multiple
337 teams. If a player has been playing on multiple teams which are National Bound
338 the MWAHA Registrar needs to know what team the player will continue to play
339 on after December 31st.

340 **Motion**

341 A player can only play on one Youth National Bound Team after 31
342 December and must notify the MWAHA Registrar regarding his / her
343 intent by 31 December. Any failure to notify the MWAHA Registrar will
344 result in the player being automatically assigned to first roster submitted
345 for approval.

346 Motion to adopt. Passed 24/0/1

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348 **Policies & Procedures.** President Les reviewed recent history of the affiliate as
349 the board attempted to rationalize the administration of 'policies' and
350 'procedures'. (See MWAHA Policies & Procedures, attached.)

351 **Motion**

352 The Mid-West Amateur Hockey Association (MWAHA) policies require 2/3
353 majority approval of the MWAHA Board of Directors at an Annual or
354 Special meeting. Policies will be broad in nature and provide direction for
355 the Affiliate. Policy changes must be submitted to the MWAHA Secretary
356 at least 60 days in advance of an overall board meeting and distributed to
357 the overall board at least 30 days in advance of an overall board meeting.

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359 Procedures for the MWAHA will provide the specifics and details for
360 operation of the Affiliate. Procedures must be approved by a majority vote
361 of the MWAHA Executive Board. Association MWAHA Representatives
362 can request a change in Procedure by submitting their change to the
363 MWAHA Secretary at least 60 days in advance of an overall board
364 meeting, the change request will be distributed to the overall board at
365 least 30 days in advance of an overall board meeting. Any change in
366 procedure will require a 2/3 majority vote for the change to be made.

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368 Motion to adopt. Passed 27/0/0.

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370 **New Business.**

371 **High School Nationals.** Preliminary views were discussed on how the affiliate
372 can best support Omaha's hosting of next spring's High School National
373 Tournament. President Les reiterated that he would appoint an Affiliate
374 committee to work with the Omaha organization.

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376 **8U Policy.** Brad Parker discussed USAH 2013-2014 acquisition & retention plan,
377 of which a major part is to leverage the next
378 Winter Olympics. USAH has experienced significant growth in prior Olympic
379 years.

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381 **Next meeting.** A Special Meeting of the board is scheduled for August 18th,
382 2013.

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384 **Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned.

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387 Respectfully submitted,

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390 John Shelton

391 Secretary

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AGENDA - MWAHA Board Meeting – 21 April 2013

- Welcome, Introductions & Agenda – Les Teplicky
 - Guests; USA Hockey Adult Hockey - Ashley Bevan and Bob Cunningham – Central District Referee-In-Chief
- **Meeting etiquette**
 - Raise your hand to ask questions or to provide input
 - Request Motions and seconds, discussion limited two times per person
- Minutes – John Shelton
- Treasurer – Joe Strako
- Elections for VP (incumbent Parker), VP (incumbent Spencer), Treasurer (incumbent Strako)
- Reports
 - Acquisition & Growth – Brad Parker
 - Adult Hockey – Shawn Peterson
 - ADM – Nick Cecere / Doug Deitz
 - Compliance - Shawn Spencer
 - Coaching – Nick Cecere
 - College Liaison – Al Murdock
 - Disabled Hockey – Brendan Sheehan
 - Discipline, Rules & Ethics Committee – Ted Ohmart
 - Mid-West Hockey League – Rick Murcek
 - Mid-West High School League – Todd Scebold
 - National Bound Chair – Jena Cuozzo
 - Player Development Boys – Doug Dietz
 - Risk Manager – Pat Frost
 - Referee-In-Chief – Kyle Larson
 - Registrar – Eric Herr
 - SafeSport Coordinator – Pat Frost
 - Webmaster – Jena Cuozzo
 - Women's Hockey – Andy Ketterson
- Old Business
 - a) Concussion Policy – Todd Scebold / Mike Jones
 - b) National Bound Teams – Jena Cuozzo / Les Teplicky
 - c) Tier 1 – Les Teplicky / Jena Cuozzo / Eric Herr
 - d) Investigators – Les Teplicky
 - e) Bylaws, Policies & Procedures – John Shelton / Les Teplicky
 - f) Player movement between associations – Gary De Young
 - g) National Bound Tournament Rules – Jena Cuozzo / Les Teplicky
 - h) USAH SafeSport Program – Pat Frost / Les Teplicky
- New Business
 - a) Motion for Player Movement (will handle under Old Business) – Gary De Young
 - b) Impact of Junior Tier III teams on our MWAHA Youth teams, discussion – Les Teplicky
 - c) 2014 High School Nationals – discuss offer of support – Les Teplicky
 - d) U8 USA Hockey Policy – discuss Mites playing up on Squirt teams – Les Teplicky
 - e) Motion Players on Multiple Teams – Eric Herr
 - f) Officials – plan for 2013-2014 – Kyle Larson
 - g) Mid-West Hockey League – Rick Murcek

MWAHA Reg Summary 2012-13

affiliate	assn_code	assn_name	assntotal	playfree	playpaid	playprereg	p_under19	playtotal	coafree	coapaid	coaprereg	coatotal	pc_total
IA	IA	IOWA	3924	478	2912	64	2178	3390	0	382	6	382	3772
KS	KS	KANSAS	2498	119	2071	101	1361	2190	0	178	4	178	2368
NE	NE	NEBRASKA	1893	269	1376	16	1416	1645	0	179	1	179	1824
US	US	USA HOCKEY NATIONAL	121	0	95	0	44	95	0	26	0	26	121
IA	IAH0000	IOWA AHA	6	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
IA	IAH0117	MASON CITY YOUTH HOCKEY	210	36	150	0	184	186	0	22	1	22	208
IA	IAH0118	SIOUX CENTER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	161	13	126	0	127	139	0	21	0	21	160
IA	IAH0119	CEDAR RAPIDS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	190	4	137	16	153	141	0	30	2	30	171
IA	IAH0120	LAKES AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	68	9	45	0	54	54	0	13	0	13	67
IA	IAH0126	DUBUQUE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	273	49	171	1	220	220	0	46	0	46	266
IA	IAH0135	DES MOINES ADULT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC	375	0	373	1	2	373	0	0	0	0	373
IA	IAH0136	DES MOINES YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	629	70	476	6	551	546	0	76	0	76	622
IA	IAH0138	WATERLOO YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	241	51	158	3	205	209	0	25	0	25	234
IA	IAH0139	SIOUXLAND YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	176	1	149	1	151	150	0	23	0	23	173
IA	IAH0141	WATERLOO ADULT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IA	IAH0143	AMES MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	173	26	110	3	138	136	0	25	1	25	161
IA	IAH0160	IOWA CITY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	180	12	141	3	85	153	0	20	0	20	173
IA	IAH0162	QUAD CITY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	408	55	211	26	291	266	0	64	2	64	330
IA	IAH9999	ACHA	189	0	168	4	17	168	0	17	0	17	185
IA	IAHUNCL	UNCLAIMED	644	152	492	0	0	644	0	0	0	0	644
KS	KSH0000	KANSAS AHA	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
KS	KSH0121	MID AMERICA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	205	7	181	6	194	188	0	10	0	10	198
KS	KSH0122	HIGH PLAINS YOUTH HOCKEY	68	16	37	1	53	53	0	13	0	13	66
KS	KSH0123	CARRIAGE CLUB	133	16	97	4	117	113	0	15	0	15	128
KS	KSH0124	ST JOSEPH YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	117	3	79	19	101	82	0	13	1	13	95
KS	KSH0127	RUSSELL STOVER TIER 1 HOCKEY	132	0	107	6	113	107	0	17	0	17	124
KS	KSH0128	KANSAS CITY STARS HOCKEY	506	22	374	33	429	396	0	69	0	69	465
KS	KSH0131	TOPEKA JR ROADRUNNERS	120	24	72	4	100	96	0	16	0	16	112
KS	KSH0132	WICHITA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	174	8	150	0	156	158	0	14	1	14	172
KS	KSH0133	INDEPENDENCE ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	246	0	242	2	0	242	0	1	0	1	243
KS	KSH0135	WICHITA ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	355	0	340	4	1	340	0	7	2	7	347
KS	KSH0137	KANSAS CITY FIGHTING SAINTS	101	12	73	12	97	85	0	3	0	3	88
KS	KSH0138	KCIC ADULT LEAGUE	168	0	157	10	0	157	0	0	0	0	157
KS	KSHUNCL	UNCLAIMED	170	11	159	0	0	170	0	0	0	0	170
NE	NEH0000	NEBRASKA AHA	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NE	NEH0002	LINCOLN ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	404	62	277	3	276	339	0	44	0	44	383
NE	NEH0004	TRI-CITY YOUTH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	182	53	110	0	149	163	0	15	0	15	178
NE	NEH0005	FREMONT ICE ASSOCIATION	75	8	50	4	62	58	0	10	0	10	68
NE	NEH0006	TRI-CITY SENIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE	NEH0134	OMAHA HOCKEY CLUB	1057	111	806	9	924	917	0	104	1	104	1021
NE	NEH9999	ACHA	45	0	39	0	5	39	0	6	0	6	45
NE	NEHUNCL	UNCLAIMED	128	35	93	0	0	128	0	0	0	0	128
US	USH0100	JUNIOR PROGRAM	121	0	95	0	44	95	0	26	0	26	121



Changes for 2013-2014

Roster Signatures

- Signatures will no longer be required by players at any playing level

Team Managers and Volunteers

- Managers and Volunteers **must** register online this year. They will need the confirmation number for the safe sport videos which are free to view but must have a confirmation number to access them. Cyber sport will no longer allow you to just add these members.



E-mailed Roster Certification Guidelines

- Send in an unlocked PDF, Please not jpeg or any other format.
- Save each roster as Association, Team name, Playing Age, Playing Level (i.e. ABC Hockey Club Squirt AA Roster).
- I work on as quick a turn as possible anywhere from a minute to a week. If needed quickly, please just remind me via email.



Registration-Team Rosters

TEAM SIZE

A limit of twenty (20) players at any one time may be registered per team except for **high school**, girls' high school, college and women's college who may roster 30 players and may dress 20 players and junior, adult and women's teams who may roster 25 players and may dress 20 players.

A player may be registered in only one (1) national ice hockey federation.

TEAMS

Local associations register teams with USA Hockey using the Official Team Roster form, 1-T. Local associations sponsoring teams to compete in District Playoffs and National Championships should review the information on the Credentials web page. USA Hockey has multiple categories and classifications that identify each team's competitive level and participation grouping. Local associations determine the level and grouping for all teams being sponsored by electing each team's **category** and **classification**. Detailed descriptions are provided next.



Registration-Team Classifications

1. ADULT

2. YOUTH (6 Age Classifications)

- Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18) (Midget)
- Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16) (Midget)
- Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) (Bantam)
- Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) (Pee Wee)
- Nine (9) and Ten (10) (Squirt)
- Eight (8) & Under (Mite)

3. GIRLS

- Seventeen (17) through Nineteen (19)
- Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16)
- Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14)
- Eleven (11) and Twelve (12)
- Nine (9) and Ten (10)
- Eight (8) & Under

4. WOMEN'S

5. DISABLED

6. JUNIOR

7. HIGH SCHOOL (See following page)



Classifications (High School)

7. HIGH SCHOOL (continued)

Varsity Division (Male and Female teams) Participation is restricted to amateurs who are **full time students (grades 9-12), and 19 years old or under as of December 31st** of the Playing Season. Eligibility is not to exceed eight (8) consecutive \semesters starting with a player's freshman year. (Clarification: Those High School students graduating midyear, are no longer full time students and therefore, are not eligible to play on a Varsity High School hockey team, effective on their last day of attending classes full time).

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS:

High School/Prep School Division 1 Formal high school and prep school teams or non-varsity teams Consisting of full-time students attending high school/prep school.

High School/Prep School Division 2 Formal high school and prep school teams or non-varsity teams consisting of full-time students attending the **SAME** high school or prep school or full-time students that are eligible to play sanctioned varsity high school sports at that school.



High School Roster Guidelines

With the High School Nationals coming to Omaha this upcoming season, I want to make sure the affiliate is properly registering our High School teams. To summarize:

High School Rosters need to show:

- Association Name and Association USAH Number
- **TEAM NAME** - Name of High School Team (ie Des Moines Oak Leafs High School)
- **CLASS** - Varsity or JV (Only Varsity eligible for Nationals)
- **DIV/CAT** - 1 or Division 1 (unless Pure, then 2)

High School Rosters (Publications and Websites) **SHOULD NOT INFER THAT YOUR ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS ARE:**

- Midget
- A or AA
- Tier II or Tier I

If you want to play pre/post season Midget, that is a different team, with different roster size and age requirements. Please treat independently, roster and advertise separately.



Mid-West Amateur Hockey Association (MWAHA) Affiliate Nationals

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1. Introduction

The following process will be used to determine which teams represent MWAHA at the USA Hockey National Championships. The MWAHA area includes teams from Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

Tier I – One team at each age level, from the affiliate will have the opportunity to advance to the National Championship. The teams selected from MWAHA championship will compete in the Central District tournament to determine what teams advance to the National Championship.

Tier II – One team from each state will have the opportunity to advance directly to the National Championship. (Playoffs only if needed to determine state representative.)

High School - One team from each state will have the opportunity to advance directly to the National Championship. (Playoffs only if needed to determine state representative.)

2. Governance

The MWAHA Affiliate will identify the governing committee at the spring meeting.

The committee will be comprised of Nationals Chair, one representative from MWAHA, and MWAHA Registrar.

3. Qualifying Teams and Players

Any MWAHA Affiliate Tier I, Tier II or High School team that wants to have an opportunity to advance towards the National Championship has the option to do so. The team has to file the MWAHA application, pay the deposit, and will be allowed to participate.

All teams must belong to an association that is in good standing with the MWAHA Affiliate.

No member shall permit any player or coach suspended by USA Hockey to participate.

All coaches must meet the minimum certification requirements or have obtained a waiver.

No team may use any illegally or non-rostered player.

All players must have played 10 (5 for High School) officially sanctioned USA Hockey games with the team prior to the Championship.

The team must have played 20 (10 for High School) officially sanctioned USA Hockey games at their level or higher prior to the Championship – Tier I –vs- Tier II games count, 16U versus 18U only count for the 16U, 16U or 18U playing a High School team only counts if a Varsity team (if only one High School team registered it will be considered Varsity unless specifically identified as JV)

A forfeit game does not count as a played game.

Documentation of all requirements will need to be reviewed by tournament directors or the MWAHA Registrar.

4. Registration

Any team wishing to participate will send their application form and payment to the MWAHA Registrar to qualify the team to advance towards a National Championship.

Application forms must be post-marked by November 15th. Check payable to the MWAHA Affiliate, in the amount of \$600.00, must be post-marked by December 31st.

Refunds will only be honored for situations that are totally outside of the control of the team involved.

Along with a check to participate the teams need to complete the application form, which requires the names, phone numbers, email addresses, of the head coach and manager. The head coach will also need to provide CEP number, year and coach level attained.

Each team will be responsible to send their games scores to the MWAHA Registrar for all games played during the season. Information must be received by the Registrar at least **three weeks** prior to the finals weekend. All games played prior to the tournament weekend will count and

the 20/10 (10/5 for High School) requirements will be verified at the finals tournament. Any preliminary games played the weekend before the tournament would also count for 20/10(10/5 for High School).

5. Game Dates

Tier I & Tier II - The 1st or 2nd weekend in March will be used to determine what teams advance, with no playoffs later than 3rd weekend in March.

High School – Once all teams have committed, the nationals committee will set up a schedule that will not conflict with the MSHSL. Date no later than 1st weekend in March.

6. Game Times

Game starting times: Friday – Not before 7pm and not after 9:30pm, Saturday – Not before 7am and not after 10pm, Sunday – Not before 8am and not after 3pm.

No team shall play more than 2 games in one day. If needed any team playing two games in one day must have a minimum of 4 hours between their games start times.

7. Game length

All Levels

- Warm Up – 5 Minutes
- Breaks – 1 Minute

Bantam game times will be approximately 1 hour 45 minutes

- All three periods will be 16 minute stop clock
- Ice resurface between the second and third period

Midget & High School game times will be approximately 1 hour 45 minutes

- All three periods will be 17 minute stop clock
- Ice resurface between the second and third period

Overtime

- Break – 1 minute (after the 3rd period)
- First Overtime – 5 minutes stop clock
- Break 1 minute
- Continue with overtime periods until a goal is scored

*Note: Running Clock – The clock will continue to run except for goals, penalties, injuries and time outs. If there is a 5-goal lead at the beginning of or during the 3rd period, time will shift to running clock and remain so as long as there is a 5-goal lead.

The hosting association must allow an additional 15 minutes to ensure the games can be completed as scheduled.

8. Qualifier Format

Seeding

Tier I, Tier II & High School

- Team seeding will be used to determine what teams play each other.
- The initial seeding of teams will be based on the teams that have played each other during the season.
- Highest seeding is one.
- Seeding of other teams will be based on all official USA Hockey sanctioned games where teams may have played a mutual opponent.
- If no games were played to directly evaluate the other teams then their overall record will be used to arrive at a seeding position.
- The other teams should not be seeded in the top 25 percentile
- If game sheets are not provided to the Registrar by 15 February the offending team will be seeded last. If more than one team fails to submit their game sheets on time, seeding will be determined based on when the game sheets are ultimately turned in.
- A Committee designee will be responsible for the preliminary seeding and obtain final approval from the MWAHA Registrar

9. Rules

Single elimination tournament

Penalties

- Minors – 2 minutes, Majors – 5 minutes, Misconducts – 10 minutes
- If a player or team official receives a Game Misconduct penalty in a USA Hockey sanctioned game that player or team official must sit out the next USA Hockey game.

Timeouts

- One timeout allowed per team during the regular game
- One timeout allowed per team in each overtime period

Overtime sudden death period

- Stop clock will be used
- All penalties carry over from the previous period.

Forfeit during Tournament

- All teams must dress a minimum 6 players and 1 goaltender at all times during the game.
- Any team unable to ice the proper number of players after 2 minutes receives a 2-minute minor penalty, after 4 minutes an additional 2 minutes and after 6 minutes the game is forfeited.
- All Forfeited Games will result in a 3 - 0 win for the team with the required minimum number of players.

10. Officials

Three-member officiating teams are required for Bantam, High School and Midget games. All referees must be minimum Level 3. All linesmen - minimum Level 2. All officials must be at least 18 years of age as of the tournament date.

Adult goal judges are required for all games.

11. Hosting Association

Associations interested in hosting will present their plan to the MWAHA Board during the Fall meeting. The hosting association will be selected at the same meeting by majority vote of the associations eligible to vote at that time.

The hosting association will select a Tournament Director who will answer to the Governance Committee.

The hosting association will be reimbursed by the MWAHA registrar based on the local association's normal ice and referee fees not to exceed the following limits. One overall check will be made payable to the Hosting Association and forwarded to the local registrar unless directed otherwise.

- Ice \$180 per hour
- Referees Bantam, High School & Midget - \$60
- Linesmen Bantam, High School and Midget - \$35

The hosting association will be responsible for any expenses above the amounts specified.

An admission fee **cannot** be charged

Score sheets must be sent to the MWAHA registrar within 48 hours of final game.

Before the team plays their first game, check the team roster, verify team eligibility and verify player eligibility. The team must present the following documents; valid roster signed by the MWAHA Registrar and showing all eligible players (birth certificate and waiver verification on official roster), required number of score sheets from Official USA Hockey Sanctioned games, score sheets reflecting that each player participated in the minimum number of games, Consent to Treat forms as these will be required as the team advances.

In the event of any questions not covered by these procedures, contact President MWAHA Affiliate.

Provide a medical person, recommended EMT, B or above. Teams should be advised who the medical personnel are and they will be readily available to get on the ice as soon as possible when needed. The hosting association should try to have these services donated. In the event that this is not possible contact the MWAHA Affiliate President for possible reimbursement of services.

TOURNAMENT CHECKLIST

- Send hotel information to all out-of-town teams in a timely manner. Include directions to the ice rink(s).

- Secure appropriate ice time for established game pairings.

- Schedule appropriate number of current USA Hockey game officials for all games.

- Schedule two off-ice officials for each game, one to operate the game clock and one to keep score.

- Appropriate First Aid should be available.

- Provide approximately 20 game pucks for the weekend.

- Assign a person to check team roster, team eligibility, player eligibility, and players before each team's first game.
- Post Procedures in a prominent location for any attendee to review as needed.
- Post game schedules and locker room assignments in a prominent location and provide a copy to each team coach/manager.
- Mail signed, original copy of all game score sheets to the Registrar within 48 hours immediately following the final game. Include any official reports on major penalties and game misconducts.
- Report major penalties / game misconducts to the MWAHA Affiliate President.
- Provide the winning team with a copy of the Central District or National Tournament information that was provided by the Central District Registrar

MWAHA Application Form to Advance Towards National Championship

This form must be sent to the MWAHA Registrar and post marked no later than **November 15th**. A check in the amount of \$600.00 must be sent to the MWAHA registrar and post marked no later than **December 31st**.

Local Association Name: _____

Local Association City: _____

Level of Play: (circle one) Bantam High School 16U Midget 18U Midget

TIER Level (circle one) Tier 1 Tier 2 High School

Team Name: _____

Manager Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____

Manager Phone Numbers:

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Manager email address: _____

Head Coach Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____

Head Coach Phone Numbers

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Head Coach Email address: _____

Head Coach: CEP Number _____ Level Attained _____ Year Attained _____

Form Submitted by: (Name)_(Date completed) ____

Tier 1 Talk Sheet

In 2008 we passed the following Team Classification Policy - For National tournament bound teams: Any affiliate team made up only of players in the affiliate may register as "Tier 1" and "Tier 2". Any affiliate team with player(s) registered in another affiliate must register as "Tier 1".

In 2012 the MWAHA Executive Board changed the policy that grandfathered the existing teams and indicated new teams required approval. This change was ruled unconstitutional and at the August 2012 meeting we reverted back to the 2008 policy.

It was left in August that we would form a committee; Jena Cuozzo has agreed to chair the committee.

In 2012 Eric Herr met with some interested parties and reviewed what other Affiliates have in place. Two Affiliates that provided insight were Illinois and Texas; both have a policy and procedure that does limit the teams based on overall player numbers.

We need overall board approval so we will seek to have a recommendation at the August Board meeting that would be put in place for 2014-2015 season, assuming there is a change from the current policy.

Some things to consider

1. We should be guided by providing the best coaches and best programs that will develop the best players from Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.
2. We are limited by the total number of elite players so we need to provide the right number of Tier 1 teams that match the available players from our three states.
3. We need to make sure we do have high performing Tier 1 teams to keep our best players wanting to stay in the MWAHA.
4. Need to clarify the current policy statement regarding registered in another Affiliate.
5. Given players will come from major distances the Tier 1 program should focus on the older age groups as it's probably not appropriate for young players to be removed from their families.

Proposed Player Movement Policy between Associations

Player Movement Policy

Applies to all Youth hockey.

It is the receiving association responsibility to request a letter of release.

Players must in good financial standings with their prior association.

Players cannot move between associations more than twice during their youth hockey career.

The following player moves do not count towards the 2 move rule and automatically qualify a player for release overriding any association's local policy if the reason for the player movement is:

- *to play on a Tier 1 team or Junior Hockey team*
- *to play on only a House League team*
- *no League team is available at the association they are leaving**
- *they have not played on a League team the previous year**
- *cut from a League team at the association they are leaving**
- *a change in Residency that is closer to the receiving association*

MWAHA Sanctioned Leagues may have restrictions for player movement as long as those restrictions are approved by the MWAHA.

All players will automatically be released unless the releasing association has a policy, adopted according to a bylaw that has been in effect for at least 4 months, governing when players are released or not released. The release policy must be applied uniformly to all players in similar situations.

Appeals of a denied release request may be made to and decided by the MWAHA.

** A league team is any team that plays in a league with other hockey association's teams. It does not include a house team or teams that only play within an association that enters an occasional tournament.*

Current Player Movement Policy

18 May 2008 - Players are allowed to switch between associations twice during their youth career to play on a Tier 2 team. Requests for exceptions to this process must be appealed to the affiliate.

25 April 2009 - A player moving from one Tier 2 program to another requires a letter signed letter by the former association for delivery to the new association saying that he has met all financial obligations and is in good standing. The new association should not roster without that letter.

Rationale for the change

1. The current policy is very weak. The policy, by definition of tier 2, only covers only Pee Wee and Bantam players on traveling teams. There is no policy for players older than Bantam, not even a financial clause.
2. The essence of non-tier 1 teams is that they should be community based. This insures that this is the case.
3. To add uniformity to the MWAHA region for player transfers. The current Midwest High School Hockey League policy is more restrictive (player must sit 50% of the season games) when transferring between high school within the league, without a recognized valid reason, (i.e., player residence etc.), but has no policy for players transfer from or to a non-league team. Example: Players from Sioux City could transfer to Sioux Center to play in South Dakota or Omaha to play on a non-Midwest High School Hockey League team such as a future “Nebraska High School League”
4. The 4 month period provides for insurance that the policies are not written at the last minute and targeted at specific players.
5. Development of local association policy on releasing players provides flexibility need for planning and can balance the need of the association to maintain a program with the individuals rights to transfer.

Example Association Policy

All player requests to be released to play with another association will be approved, unless in the judgment of the board, the releasing of player(s) jeopardizes the existence of a team or the player is not in good financial standing. All requests for release must be made prior to Aug 1.

Motion – Policy for Approval of Policies and Procedures for the MWAHA

Discussion – Last year we updated our bylaws. During our USA Hockey Audit last year we added a number of new policies that were approved by the overall MWAHA Board.

Most Affiliates have a guide with all their policies, procedures and other important information. The MWAHA relies on our website which has a mixture of rules, processes, procedures and policies.

The project, over the next few years is to clean up all various documents into one document that would separate “Policies” from “Procedures”

By definition, policies should be broad in nature, describe the “WHAT”, and provide the direction for an organization. Procedures are more detail and describe the “HOW” for an organization

The motion is that the overall board should approve the Policies during our meetings when everyone is together. The procedures would be developed by committees, groups or individuals and for sake of expediency, approved by the MWAHA Executive Board.

Any policy change must be distributed to the associations at least 30 days in advance of any Spring, Fall or Special meeting. Discussion and voting at the meeting would be in accordance of Roberts Rules of Order.

Procedure changes would be approved by a majority vote of the MWAHA Executive Board. Any association MWAHA Representative could call for a change in Procedure by submitting their change request at least 60 days prior to the next scheduled Spring or Fall meeting.

The policies and procedures would form the basis for a MWAHA Guide.

The policies are not intended to change the Bylaws but rather be an official supplement to the bylaws.

Motion

The Mid-West Amateur Hockey Association (MWAHA) policies require 2/3 majority approval of the MWAHA Board of Directors at a Spring, Fall or Special meeting. Policies will be broad in nature and provide direction for the Affiliate. Policy changes must be submitted to the MWAHA Secretary at least 60 days in advance of an overall board meeting and distributed to the overall board at least 30 days in advance of an overall board meeting.

Procedures for the MWAHA will provide the specifics and details for operation of the Affiliate. Procedures must be approved by a majority vote of the MWAHA Executive Board. Association MWAHA Representatives can request a change in Procedure by submitting their change to the MWAHA Secretary at least 60 days in advance of an overall board meeting, the change request will be distributed to the overall board at least 30 days in advance of an overall board meeting. Any change in procedure will require a 2/3 majority vote for the change to be made.

Presented by;

Les Teplicky – President MWAHA on 21 April 2013