

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING  
MINUTES**

Friday, January 11, 2008  
Hilton Hotel, Lake Buena Vista, FL

In attendance:

Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Lehto, Wayne	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
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Lewis, TC	District	Asst Coach-in Chief
Davern, Paul	District	Coach-in-Chief
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
		High School Section
Grover, Kelly	District	Risk Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
Cole, George	District	Webmaster
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Power, Tom	ID	President
Peterson, Melissa	NM	President
Fikes, Ken	NM	Director at Large
McCatherin, Jack	NM	Director at Large
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Servaes, Mark	TX	Travel Section
Lewis, Debra	TX	Registrar

Absent:

McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
Schwarz, Michael	District	ACE Administrator
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the District Council, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the August 18-19, 2007 meeting were reviewed. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes with noted corrections: page 1: change Council of Presidents to District Council, delete ... attend Junior Council meetings ... from TC Lewis report, change Nominating Council to Committee on Chris Kenney report; page 2: correct spelling of Tom Lampl in the President Reports; page 3: first sentence clarify the reason for the negative votes and correct Tim to Tom, correct the date of the Tier II tournament to 13-16 March; page 4: correct the date of the Tier II tournament to 13-16 March, correct the spelling of Anne Hetrick in the Disabled Hockey report; page 5: correct the date and location of the August 2008 meeting to Denver, CO August 22-24, 2008. Tom Power seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**District and Affiliate Reports**

Chris Kenney, Bryan Irey, and T C Lewis submitted written District Director reports. There are written reports from the ACE and CEP representatives. Wayne Lehto finalized the Policy and Procedure manual changes and emailed them to everyone. Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas submitted written reports.

**Hockey Weekend Across America**

TC Lewis would like to know what each affiliate is planning for this event. Please let him know ASAP so he can report back to the Youth Council. [www.hockeyweekendacrossamerica.com](http://www.hockeyweekendacrossamerica.com) He would also like to get a response from everyone that they will be participating in the 100 hour game that USA Hockey is putting together.

### **District Director Elections**

Bruce Karinen reported that the 3-year terms of Wayne Lehto and Chris Kenney are expiring. Wayne Lehto has stated that he will not run for another term as Director. Bruce presented the procedure for the elections. Nominations are open until March 15, 2008 and Bruce would like them in writing along with an acceptance by the nominated person. Ballots will be mailed to affiliates on April 1, 2008. Votes are based on last year's player count. There was a discussion on unclaimed registered players.

### **RMD Website**

George Cole attended the USAH training. USAH admitted that there are over 700 bugs in the system, and they are being corrected at a rate of 5-10 per week. The Event Manager module is the least mature of all modules. They recognize they are in competition with more mature software such as Point Street. USAH is very helpful and committed to helping anyone using it to be successful. Content and context is still a problem. Please visit the site regularly and make suggestions. George noted that Tier I and HS District Tournaments are planning to use Point Street and not USAH. A link to Point Street can be put on the RMD site but not embed into our site. Bryan Irely made a **MOTION** to make it the responsibility of the Tournament Director to report scores to the web master after every game and update status of teams moving on to semi and finals. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Section 6 Policy & Procedure Proposed Revision**

TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the proposed change to the RMD Tournament timeline with the change of RMD TD to RMD TS. Melissa Peterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Tournament Meeting Date minus 30 days will be replaced with:

**Tournament Meeting Date---minus 35 days** All tournament information for participating teams shall be submitted to the RMD TS (Tournament Supervisor) for review and approval, who shall then transmit the information to the RMD Webmaster for posting on the RMD website. The host association shall prepare and arrange the information using the RMD Sample Team Handbook as a guide.

As follows: (Required information, not necessarily all inclusive)

- General tournament information, coaches meeting, credentials review, etc.
- Tournament contacts
- Hotel information (Identify authorized tournament hotels)
- Team entry and roster forms
- Directions to hotels and rink
- Team Pre-Arrival time line

### **2008 District Volunteer Award**

Chris Kenney announced that he will ask for nominations in March closing around April 15, 2008. He would like to get at least one nomination from each affiliate.

### **RMD Girls' Showcase Team**

Donnalee Jerome was not present but discussions in the conference calls noted that the Chicago Showcase has discontinued the girls' tournament. Other suggested events are needed. Hockey Night in Boston is one, but being held in August, would make current seniors ineligible to participate. Kelly Grover mentioned to be careful of non-USAH sanctioned events for insurance coverage.

### **Disabled Hockey Update**

Anne Hetrick reported that a new poster is out and should be sent to affiliate presidents to put in the rinks in their areas. There is a spring tournament in Massachusetts. In the district, Utah has started a "special needs" program (a work in progress) and also has sled hockey. Austin, TX has started a sled hockey program also. There are other teams in San Antonio and Dallas that the affiliate is trying to get under the USAH umbrella. There is a city operated group in Colorado Springs.

### **RMD Player Development Camp**

Tom Lampl was absent, but had TC present his written report on the 2008 Player Development Camp. The committee is still concerned that we don't send more volunteers to the camp and to Nationals. Affiliate allocations will be issued next week. They have added 40 girls' allocations this year. Concern expressed on affiliates not being able to fill allocations before being taken back by the committee. Emphasis is still on sending qualified

players and not just filling allocations. Affiliates need feedback from the committee if there were unqualified players from their affiliates. The National boys camp is being reduced in size.

**Coaching Education**

Paul Davern reported that a Level 4 coaching clinic tentative date is September 15, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ

**RMD Grants for Recruitment and Player Development**

Chris Kenney reported that all but Utah and Idaho had submitted for the grant.

**2008 District Tournaments**

Tier I 13-16 March 2008 Littleton, Colorado

	AZ	CO	ID	NM	OK	TX	UT	HOST	Total	Team Format
Midget Major	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	6 add 1 from TX/CO
Midget Minor	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	6 add 1 from CO/TX
Bantam	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	4
Peewee	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	

Council representatives will be Al Bloomer and Bryan Irey. Credentials will be handled by Susan Cardasis and Kurt Peoples.

Girls/Women 6-9 March 2008 Scottsdale, Arizona

	AZ	CO	ID	NM	OK	TX	UT	HOST	Total	Team Format
Women C	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		2	2
19U	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	no playoff
16U	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	4
14U	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
12U	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

Council representatives will be Bruce Karinen and Chris Kenney. Credentials will be handled by Donnalee Jerome.

Tier II 13-16 March 2008 Provo, Utah

	AZ	CO	ID	NM	OK	TX	UT	HOST	Total	Team Format
Midget Minor	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	6	6
Peewee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8

Council representatives will be TC Lewis, Kelly Grover, and Bruce Karinen. Credentials will be handled by Cathy Anderson and Bruce Karinen.

Tier II 13-16 March 2008 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

	AZ	CO	ID	NM	OK	TX	UT	HOST	Total	Team Format
Midget Major	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	6
Bantam	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7	8 add 1

Council representatives will be Wayne Lehto and Chris Kenney. Credentials will be handled by Anne Hetrick.

High School 28-30 March 2008 Dallas, Texas

	AZ	CO	ID	NM	OK	TX	UT	HOST	Total	Team Format
HS	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	7	8 add 1

Council representatives will be Kelly Grover and TC Lewis. Credentials will be handled by Debra Lewis.

Girls/Women House/Rec 28-30 March 2008 Boise, Idaho

	AZ	CO	ID	NM	OK	TX	UT	HOST	Total	Team Format
19U	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	6	6
16U	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4
14U	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	6
12U	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4

Council representatives will be Wayne Lehto and Bruce Karinen. Credentials will be handled by Tom Lampl. Tom Power made a **MOTION** to set the tournament fee for this year at \$750. Bryan Irey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Wayne Lehto discussed the 3 vs 4 guaranteed games for the girls house/rec tournament. Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** for the district to subsidize the tournament with \$2500 to increase the tournament to a 4 game guarantee with part of the funds going to air fare for a competent female referee to train the other participating female referees. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was discussion about having enough participation to utilize the visiting female referee. The district wants a financial accounting of the subsidy.

Bryan would like to have another conference call with ALL participants in attendance. Budgets need to be done and submitted immediately.

Kelly Grover submitted the tournament logo to be used on all tournament information. Tiff jpeg eps formats available. Please make all tournament representatives aware that the district is providing one game puck for each period of each game, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies and medals, rink banner to host, and a banner to each division winner.

### **Girls House/Rec Tournament Administration and Rules**

Wayne Lehto presented a change in rules (see written reports). With proposed changes during discussion, the change will read as follows:

Playoff format shall offer a four game guarantee following the RMD game format.

Game format:

U-19- 1.5 hours/game with 15 minute stop time periods- 3 official referee system.

U-16- 1.5 hours/ game with 14 minute stop time periods- 2 official referee system.

U-14- 1.25 hours/game with 13 minute stop time periods- 2 official referee system.

U-12- 1.25 hours/game with 12 minute stop time periods- 2 official referee system.

No ice cut during game and/or before any overtime.

TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve this change as written above. Bryan Irey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Legislative Issues**

Chris Kenney requested that members listen closely to the proposals and give the directors input to take back to their respective councils. Tom Power asked for general feelings of the new tag up offside rules. USAH says direct off sides is what is required for qualifying for national game requirements. If a tournament is classified as high school they can use tag up.

### **NHL One Goal Program**

The only official market right now is Dallas. Colorado has gone after it on their own in conjunction with National Hockey Day. Jon Brooks suggested centering the equipment procurement in the RMD instead of just affiliates with NHL teams. This could help grow the game at the grass roots. Phil Paolilli will keep us informed of Colorado's progress.

### **Next Meetings**

The next meeting is the lunch meeting June 5, 2008 in Colorado Springs. The annual meeting will be August 22-24 in Denver, CO

Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. Bryan Irey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day  
RMD Secretary



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT  
WINTER MEETING  
Orlando, Florida  
January 11, 2008**

**Written Reports**



4 January, 2008

#### Pointstreak

This past spring CAHA embarked on an aggressive plan to implement the Pointstreak internet based scoring system for all CAHA youth and adult teams in Colorado. It was quite an undertaking and so far has been operating without any major glitches. We are now able to track all penalties, suspensions, and standings on a statewide basis. Up to this point in time the system has been operating up to our expectations. As part of this transition to electronic scorekeeping, we also changed our web hosting services and decided to contract with Pucksystems as opposed to using the USAH web service. This decision was not looked on favorably by the staff at USAH, but turned out to be the correct move for us.

#### Player numbers

Our youth player numbers continue to grow, although at a slower rate than in past seasons. We are still registering players so it is not possible to give an accurate count, but based on previous season comparisons, we will probably see a 3-4% growth by the end of the season. Adult numbers are up as well, although that is more of a reflection of teams switching to USAH as opposed to any real growth in the total number of adult players.

#### One Goal

We are in the midst of the introduction of a comprehensive intro-to-hockey program and have partnered with numerous organizations- A Large local Retailer, the National One Goal Committee, Colorado Avalanche, Qwest, RMD, and CAHA. We had originally intended have our marquee weekend follow the USAH "Hockey Weekend". The logistics of attempting to coordinate this while in the midst of the regular youth season has proved to be too much of a conflict so we are now going to move this program and anticipate a start in early spring, probably April and May.

#### Youth Leagues

We have seen an increase in the number of fighting penalties at the Midget level and have been discussing various ways of curbing this trend. This continues to be an ongoing issue. We are also starting to bring the various regional officiating "chapters" under one umbrella association so as to better coordinate game scheduling and help with standardizing the level of officials on a statewide basis. This is a political issue, not a logistical one.

CAHA representatives met with the Colorado state High School Hockey Administration officials for the first time so as to help coordinate the Midget/ HS season and attempt to avoid or at least minimize the inevitable conflicts. There appears to be a strong trend towards HS aged players moving to Federation HS teams and away from the traditional USAH midget programs so this is an issue which we will have to keep on our agenda.

Phil Paolilli

President, Colorado Amateur Hockey Association

January 6, 2008

## Idaho Amateur Hockey Interim Report

Initial reports indicate that registration is flat to last year for the 10 youth associations in Idaho. Preparations are underway for the State tournament to be held February 22-24<sup>th</sup> in Boise. It appears we will have 27 teams from 4 divisions participating. Tier II declarations this year have been reduced to 3 teams; Midget U18, U16 and Pee Wee. The Bantam team has opted out this year.

We are also preparing the Idaho State High School Tournament that will be held March 7-9 in Idaho Falls. Of the eight teams participating, 3 have made declarations for intent to participate in the RMD High School tournament.

The Idaho State development camp is scheduled to be held in Sun Valley from March 21-23, 2008.

At the state meeting held in September, the emphasis for this year is “Growing the Game”, primarily at the House/Recreational level. In order to help each local association, the IAHA has committed to providing matching grants up to \$1,750 for each association for the promotion and growth of youth hockey in their respective locals. If each association utilizes the grant monies to the full extent, this will be \$35,000 we will be putting towards the growth of the game.

Tom Power

**Land of Enchantment Amateur Hockey Association  
(New Mexico)  
Affiliate Report  
Winter Meeting 2008**

LOEAHA is suffering significant volunteer attrition both at the affiliate and local association level due in large part to volunteer fatigue with controversy and lack of cooperation. LOEAHA lacks a State ACE, State Head Coach, and Webmaster. As of January 1, some traditional statewide year-end festivals have not been scheduled due to lack of interest by local associations. A bid for the RMD Girls Rec Tournament was made, and then withdrawn due to lack of volunteer interest. Our challenge now is to stimulate greater volunteerism within our state.

Player numbers remain steady with the exception of Santa Fe Youth Hockey which has seen a significant drop-off in the number of new players at the Mite and Squirt level. The largest program as of mid-December was Los Alamos Hockey Association with a short outdoor ice season of December – mid-February and a low-cost program for beginners.

New Mexico ICE in Albuquerque is expecting significant future growth from the completion of a second sheet at its home rink in spring 2007. NMAHA in Rio Rancho is undertaking a special election in January in response to an objection to its last election by certain members of the association. LAHA has a new president and is adjusting to the loss of long-time volunteer coach and administrator Dash Weeks as a result of a January move to Colorado. Santa Fe's home rink finally has a new ice arena manager after operating with a series of interim managers for many years. Taos is welcoming the attention of the USA Hockey magazine article that appears in the January issue.

The NMRHL provides recreational hockey for Mites thru Bantams with 6-7 teams competing throughout the state at each age division. All Mite games are cross-ice with 4 teams competing at once. This has created exciting crowds of parents at the rinks. The NMIIHL (High School) continues to help with retention of players after Bantams. There are 10 teams – 5 pure and 5 composite competing this year and 5 teams in the JV division. Fighting has been greatly reduced this year as coaches and players have adjusted to the additional game suspension penalties imposed by the league for fighting. There are three active girls hockey programs, including one that participates in the JV division of the NMIIHL and two that participate in the MSGHL.

Adult hockey participation has increased with the return of the co-ed Adult League in Santa Fe this season and the additional ice availability in Albuquerque.

Melissa Peterson  
Affiliate President  
LOEAHA

## OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma is anxiously awaiting the completion of their new rink at Arctic Edge in Edmond, the site of the district Bantam and Midget Major tournaments in March. The new rink should be up and running within two-three weeks. They are putting in the parking lot this week, the locker rooms, bleachers, boards and glass, snack bar and offices are all in. Just waiting on some paint and chiller barrel. The plans for the tournament are coming along nicely as well... hotel rooms have been secured and volunteers to staff the event have committed their time. We are looking to Bob McMann for assistance in securing appropriate referees that could supplement a pool from Oklahoma and hopefully the Dallas area.

An outdoor rink has been a welcome addition to the Tulsa community and has brought many to open skate... and the weather has actually cooperated so far, however, it is expected to get into the 70's this weekend and may hamper keeping the surface hard. Media coverage was helpful in promoting the opening. Unfortunately, the pro shop has closed and will be missed not only for equipment, but those day to day needs like sharpening and tape.

Oklahoma will participate in the Hockey Across America event by participating in the 24 hour game as high school teams will play at 3:30am. The associations are planning additional activities to promote the sport along with this event.

Submitted by Anne Hetrick



AGENDA  
RMD Winter Meeting  
**TAHA Affiliate Report**  
January 11, 2008  
Orlando, Florida

- I. **New Associations** – McKinney Ice Hockey Club (Dallas HS) and NYTEX Sports Centre (former Blueline rink in Dallas) have been added as new associations. Efforts were made to bring other Dallas rinks (e.g. ITC, Addison) under USA Hockey for all their youth and adult programs. Significant progress was made, but timing for this season was unfavorable. A Registrars meeting was held in Dallas on 9/8 for all TAHA Registrars (~30 attendees), which was supported by Bruce Karinen and Rae Briggie (many thanks).
- II. **24-Hour Game** – A total of three 30-min games between “Stars and Stripes” teams are planned in Dallas and Tulsa at 2:30am and 3:00am on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the USA Hockey’s plan to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IIHF. TAHA will fund the purchase of the “Stars and Stripes” jerseys for each team for the “late night” efforts.
- III. **Hockey Weekend Across America** – Efforts to promote USA Hockey’s “Hockey Weekend Across America” has been spent on advertising and email blasts. Several associations are planning special events to help create public awareness of our great game and provide opportunities to those who haven’t played before.
- IV. **Association Grants** – TAHA issued a call for grants to be submitted by local associations as an incentive to foster new growth of members, youth to adult, across Texas and Oklahoma. Grants ranging from \$500-\$2000 will be used by associations to implement new ideas for this season.
- V. **Adult Tournament Grants** – A grant form was distributed to help support ice rinks who host adult tournaments during the season. Each grant amount is \$500, which can be used to purchase T-shirts, food, or beverages to help support adult hockey growth.
- VI. **Background Screenings** – TAHA distributed Guidelines in July for background screening of association coaches and volunteers. The new process entails each association president sending TAHA a list of all individuals successfully screened by reputable vendors. Once received, rosters with screened coaches are approved by our Registrar. Lessons learned will be adopted next season to streamline the process and avoid any unnecessary delays.
- VII. **Match Penalty Committees** – The cumulative match penalty count stands at 25 since a new policy was adopted at our Annual Meeting held June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The new policy puts in place a State Match Penalty Committee in addition to Local Match Penalty Committees, all of which are standing committees. Trends on penalties called to date include: a) 88% are in Dallas, b) 64% are HS/Youth (vs. Adult), c) 56% for abuse of officials (vs. kicking or intent to injure), and d) 80% of the 25 matches called were upheld with sanctions ranging from 1 game to 3 years.

- VIII. **Website** – TAHA launched its new website at [www.tahahockey.org](http://www.tahahockey.org) on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> after efforts to debug our USA Hockey website architecture failed to yield little progress since July.
- IX. **Nationals** – Alliance Youth Hockey Association was selected to host 2009 Nationals at the U14 Bantam division for both Tier I and Tier II at the DPSC Frisco, home of the Texas Tornados.
- X. **Chicago Showcase** – An application has been submitted for Team Texas/Oklahoma to play in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Showcase planned for April 16-20 in Bensenville, Illinois.
- XI. **Officials Shortage** – A shortage of on-ice officials has been experienced in Dallas on holiday tournament and special tournament weekends, especially those that begin on a Thursday or Friday or end on Monday. A 35% attrition of officials in the area is similar to statistics published by USA Hockey in 2004. Meanwhile, complaints come in about the quality of officiating as well as the costs of officials for games. At this point, no solutions are in sight of the “supply vs. demand” challenge.
- XII. **Sportsmanship** - Complaints of youth game scores such as 20-1 and 18-2 have been fielded this season. Many reasons can contribute to such lopsided scores, but a lack of sportsmanship and technology (i.e. PointStreak) appear to be the main reasons for such phenomena.
- XIII. **Player Releases** – Issues continue to persist with certain associations in Houston and Dallas regarding “blind faith” commitment deposits vs. full season fees, contracts, “good standing” criteria, and USA Hockey’s viewpoints on all of the above.
- XIV. **2008 Event Schedule** – TAHA’s planned event schedule is provided below:
- Feb 8-10: Tier I & II States (TAHA to host in Dallas)
  - Feb 15-17: ***Hockey Weekend Across America*** recognized by USA Hockey
  - Mar 1: ***24-hour Game*** recognized by the IIHF & USA Hockey (2:30am TX, 3:00am OK)
  - Mar 6-9: Girls/Womens Districts (hosted in Phoenix, AZ)
  - Mar 13-16: Tier I Districts (hosted in Denver, CO)
  - Mar 13-16: Tier II Districts (U12 & U16 hosted in Salt Lake City, UT)
  - Mar 13-16: Tier II Districts (U14 & U18 hosted in Oklahoma City, OK)
  - Mar 21-23: TAC Boys & Girls (TAHA to host in Dallas)
  - Mar 28-30: High School Districts (hosted in Dallas, TX)
  - Mar 28-30: Girls House/Rec Tournament (hosted in Boise, ID)
  - Mar 28-30: Womens Nationals (hosted in West Chester, PA)
  - Apr 2-6: Tier I & II Nationals (U12 & U14 hosted in Hackensack, NJ)
  - Apr 2-6: Tier I & II Nationals (U16 & U18 hosted in Buffalo, NY)
  - Apr 2-6; Girls Nationals (hosted in West Chester, PA)
  - Apr 11-13: Texas High School State Championships (TAHA to host in Houston)
  - Apr 23-27: Chicago Showcase (hosted in Chicago, IL, open to HS juniors & seniors)
  - Apr 30-May 4: RMD Player Development Camp (RMD to host in Salt Lake City, UT)

RMD Directors Report – January 11, 2008

I attended an Idaho Affiliate Meeting in September

Participated in numerous monthly RMD Conference Calls

Conducted 2 conferences call to organize RMD Tournaments

Worked with Utah to resolve affiliate issues as a Legal Council Representative

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Ireby – RMD Director



**USA Hockey  
Winter Meeting  
Orlando, Florida  
January, 2008  
District Director's Report**

Since our summer meeting in Salt Lake City I have done the following -

I. As the RMD representative on the Youth Council I attended the Youth Council Meeting in Chicago in September. Items discussed included:

1. Plans for the 100 hour hockey game, celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IIHF.
2. Plans for the National Hockey Weekend, February 15-17
3. Player Development Camps
4. National Tournaments
5. I will be a Tournament Director at the Nationals in April in New Jersey

II. Attended most of the Youth Council Conference calls. We continued discussing the same items that were discussed at the meeting in Chicago.

III. Attended most of the RMD conference calls for both the normal district meeting and the conference calls related to the district tournaments. Bryan is doing a great job with the District tournaments and things seem to be well in hand so far. All the conference calls seem to be quite valuable and worthwhile.

I will go into more at the meeting.

Submitted by,

T.C. Lewis

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT  
Mid Winter Meeting  
Orlando, FL  
January 11 -13, 2008**

**2007 District Director's Report**

During 2007, I was involved in the following tasks:

- January 19-21, 2007 - attended the USA Hockey Winter Meeting in Orlando, FL
- March 9-12, 2007 - helped supervised and supported the execution of the RMD Tier II Tournaments in Dallas, TX
- June 6-10, 2007- attended the USA Hockey Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- August 18-20, 2006 – attended the RMD Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT
- Became the Chairman of the Council of Presidents for the Rocky Mountain District
- Headed up the Rocky Mountain District - Volunteer Award – search committee
- Working with the New Mexico Affiliate on Affiliate and association issues
- Involved in monthly RMD conference calls focused on assisting the growth of the game within the District
- Involved in numerous calls with USA Hockey and the RMD Directors regarding District issues
- Attended State and Affiliate meetings throughout the year (Arizona and Oklahoma)

Respectfully Submitted by: Chris Kenney - RMD Director 1/11/08

# **Proposed Additions to Girls House/Rec Tournament Rules**

## **Background**

It has been proposed that the Girl's House/Rec Tournament be conducted so that each team be guaranteed four games in each division. This would depend on ice time charges, number of teams per division, and logistics. The main issue has to do with the cost of a 4 game guarantee vs the standard RMD 3 game guarantee. It can add as much as \$200 to the team entry fee.

### **Game requirements for four games/team:**

Eight team division requires 17 games vs. RMD P&P 15 games.

Six team division requires 14 games vs. RMD P&P 12 games.

Four team division requires 8 games vs. RMD P&P 7 games.

Three teams would play a double RR- 4 games per team with a Championship game.

Also we do not have at this time an established format for our Rec tournament as we do for other RMD events. We have game period stop time requirements for RMD and our HS tournaments; we should have similar guidance for the Girl's REC.

USAH stipulates a 12 minute stop time period for 12U.

Also, the suggested referee staffing is an attempt to keep costs in line and at the same time provide a reasonable level of control.

This is an attempt to provide some ground rules for all our tournaments; not just RMD Tier and HS.

### **Proposal:**

**Playoff format (3 vs. 4 game guarantee) would depend on cost considerations, ice time availability, number of teams/division, and travel logistics.**

**The Tournament Chairman would make a recommendation and the Tournament Director in conjunction with the Tournament Supervisor would have final approval.**

### **Game format:**

**U-19- 1.5 hours/game with 15 minute stop time periods - 3 man referee system.**

**U-16- 1.5 hours/ game with 14 minute stop time periods - 2 man referee system.**

**U-14- 1.25 hours/game with 13 minute stop time periods - 2 man referee system.**

**U-12- 1.25 hours/game with 12 minute stop time periods - 2 man referee system.**

**No ice cut during game and/or before any overtime.**

Above proposal (as is or amended) to be added to the RMD P&P pending approval of the District Council.



**Rocky Mountain District – Coaching Education Report  
USA Hockey Winter Meeting  
Lake Buena Vista, FL – 10-13 January 2008**

- As of September 1, 2007 we have completed and closed 76 clinics; total attendees were 2032. There are an additional 6 clinics (5 open and 1 locked) that have been completed and we are working to get these finished. Following is a recap of the number of clinics and their status per state:

State	Finished	Open	Locked	Total
Arizona	7			7
Colorado	29			29
Idaho	5	4	1	10
New Mexico	4			4
Oklahoma	2	1		3
Texas	16			16
Utah	13			13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>82</b>

- All clinics used online registration. We completed 33 Level 1, 29 Level 2, and 20 Level 3 clinics in the RMD from September through December 2008. Following is a recap of the levels held per state:

State	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Arizona	3	2	2	7
Colorado	10	10	9	29
Idaho	5	3	2	10
New Mexico	2	2		4
Oklahoma	1	1	1	3
Texas	5	6	5	16
Utah	7	5	1	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>82</b>

- We continue to get requests to have the ability to pre-register online by check. We have also processed some attendees as ‘pre-paid’ walk-ins if they were unable to attend a clinic and it was ‘finished’ before the attendee realized they could make a clinic at a later date. We processed these individuals as ‘pre-paid’ walk-ins because we were not able to move the attendee once the clinic was ‘finished’. Following is a recap of the attendees per level per state:

State	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Arizona	58	68	47	173
Colorado	368	308	307	983
Idaho	52	0	1	53
New Mexico	31	32	0	63
Oklahoma	48	14	0	62
Texas	183	165	174	522
Utah	87	53	36	176
<b>Totals</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>2032</b>

- 10 Temporary Cards have been processed to date. We expect additional applications will be submitted during January.

- We have a total 65 certified instructors in the district covering seven states.
- Michael Schwarz, the District ACE Director has made great strides in looking for committed Association ACE personnel. He continues to work hard toward full compliance.
- We are planning to schedule an Advanced Clinic mid-September 2008 in Phoenix, AZ. If the plans for Phoenix fall through, we will be looking at holding an Advanced Clinic in Colorado. Tom Lampl has taken the lead in organizing the Advanced Clinic.
- We have received requests for Goalie and Skills Workshops and plan to incorporate more of them in CEP program during 2008.

We continue to strive for CEP credibility. Without the experience and effort of Associate Coach in Chiefs Tom Lampl, T.C. Lewis and Michael Schwarz this would not have been the successful CEP year that it was.

Submitted by:  
Paul Davern  
RMD Coach in Chief

## REPORT FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ACE DIRECTOR

### Affiliate ACE Directors:

All affiliates within the Rocky Mountain District have affiliate ACE Directors with the exception of New Mexico (Land of Enchantment). Given its size (5 local associations) and constraints on a volunteer base, it was decided that the District ACE director would assist in the disseminating ACE materials.

### Local Association ACE Directors:

This continues to be a challenge with some affiliates. The underlying question seems to be whether ACE is needed at the local association level. It appears despite affiliate president support of ACE, there are several local associations who do not have ACE directors. This may be a function of volunteer base or not appreciating what ACE can do for that local association.

### Parent Awareness:

One of the primary duties of ACE directors is to present parent awareness. In Colorado, this responsibility is not necessary since the Colorado affiliate had contracted with a third party vendor to deliver these services. Other affiliates the response to parent awareness seems to be uneven. There was some delay in getting the ACE parent awareness materials down to the local association level in a timely manner. There also appears to be an issue of presentation given certain financial-technological limitations, e.g., no projectors.

### ACE Conference Call:

There was one ACE conference call which included Affiliate ACE directors and the affiliate presidents. Attendance was very good. We went through the duties and responsibilities of the local association ACE director and the requirement that each local association have in place a functional ACE director. Having someone to fill the spot that is not willing to take on the duties and responsibilities is unacceptable, and it would be better to leave the position vacant. The local association questionnaire was

discussed.

#### Assessment:

RMD has made strides in complying with the USA Hockey ACE mandate. More can be done to meet those expectations. The issue appears to be volunteer base and the appreciation of how ACE can make hockey more successful.

Some thoughts: Given we live in a technological age and that just about every one has access to the internet, I think:

- (a) Conducting ACE training and making all ACE materials on line. This would eliminate the need to disseminate materials by disk. Rather allow ACE and affiliate personnel to download as needed. It would also cut down on costs. Training on line would promote a consistent message throughout the US.
- (b) Conducting parent awareness mainly on line through some sort of interactive process where the participate views and answers questions on line. We do this for the Level 3 coaching re-certification. A similar approach could be taken in parent awareness. Then once completed, a certificate would be generated and turned into the local association / affiliate. This would also promote message consistency.

#### Local Association Questionnaire:

A local association questionnaire was formulated. It will be disseminated toward the end of January 08 with results to be provided within 30 days. The results will then be tabulated and submitted to the District and National ACE director.

Submitted: 16 December 2007

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007  
CONFERENCE CALL

Good afternoon, the following is a follow up to the RMD conference call on September 11

**Agenda Item**

- **Idaho to host the 2008 RMD Girls Rec tournament - do we still need a proposal?**
  - Idaho will be the that the 2008 RMD Girls House/Rec tournament will be held on March 28-30, 2008 at Idaho Ice World in Boise, Idaho. I understand that Wayne is the Tournament Director. Your local contacts will be Earl Killian and Kathy Vernon
  
- **Email from Al Bloomer on lack of ACE support from the Rocky Mountain District**
  - Al has been hosting calls with the ACE leaders for all of the Districts, the concern is that this is an important position within the District, Affiliate and should be at the Association level, please see notes below with Michael Schwartz.
  
- **ACE update from Michael Schwartz -**
  - Michael is following up with each of the Affiliate ACE leaders, the following is a recap of were Michael stand with his forms
    - NM – Only one gap and Melissa was following up on it
    - AZ – a few gaps but rick Van Fleet was working with each of the Assn to get all of the information
    - TX/OK – completed and up to date
    - UT – excellent, completed
    - CO – few gaps but following up on them with Michael
    - ID – open position but working to fill itMichael made the comment that is was better to have an open position rather than filling it with just a warm body. He also stated that USA Hockey is working on the ACE – DVD. Michael will follow up with us on next month's call as to the status the ACE positions within the RMD, this item should remain on each months agenda.
  
- **Update on the status of the RMD website**
  - Each Affiliate is having challenges working with the new USA Hockey platform, we are asking each of the Affiliate President to forward to a recap of their experience and where their Affiliate stand with their own website and any future plans to Chris Kenney by Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Chris Kenney and TC Lewis will take this information back to USA Hockey, Chris will work though Mike Birch and TC will work back through the Youth Council. We will take Al's suggestion to get feedback from George regarding the RMD site and we will work with USA Hockey in an effort to be partners.
  - Have received information from Melissa (NM) and Ted (TX), still looking for information.
  
- **Women's and Girls' Committee meeting next month in Utah - have all affiliates responded with their participants - any issues we need the committee to address**
  - Bruce is moving forward with the meeting and everyone is responding, right now the ball is in Bruce's court if he needs anything he will reach out to us. Both Jon and Ted did say they were going to follow up with Bruce.
  
- **Girls Chicago Showcase has been canceled - any recommendations for an alternate district girls event?**
  - Chicago Showcase has canceled the girls showcase, Donnalee is looking for other options.

- Options include – Hockey Night in Boston; from Ted Skinner an event in Blaine MN in July; from Melissa – North American Hockey Academy
- Donnalee to have information for the RMD to review at the January meeting.
- Any other open issues or follow up from the Rocky Mountain Annual meeting in August
  - Two open items
    1. RMD grants – each Affiliate President need to follow up with Bruce regarding the \$5,000 RMD grant to help grow the game
    2. Jeff (UT) needs to follow up with Bryan regarding the rinks for the RMD Tier II tournament in Utah, the goal of the District is to host the Tournament in one duel sheet building and only use a second rink for a single game or two.

Next - District Conference Call

When: Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup> 2007

Time: 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time

Future Conference Call dates and time – the call will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6pm mountain time. Please forward to either Phil or Chris any items you would like added to the call agenda.

October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Paolilli
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Power
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Peterson
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Hetrick
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Skinner
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Brooks

Thank you for your participation on the call, please let me know if I have missed anything. Thanks Chris

Christopher G Kenney  
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OCTOBER 9, 2007  
CONFERENCE CALL

Good afternoon, the following is a recap of the RMD conference call on October 9<sup>th</sup>, please let me know if I have missed anything

- Recap of Girls/Women SLC committee meeting
  - Bruce said they had a very good meeting and that he will follow up with the minutes from the meeting
  - Each affiliate had a representative at the meeting and were very engaged in the meeting
  - George will create a girls / women's page on the Districts website
  - Further update regarding the RMD Tournament
- USA Hockey 24 hr Hockey game-Feb 08
  - Each Affiliate will do their own activities independently, and each Affiliate has committed to cover their individual hour.
- USAH Winter meeting - January 11-13
  - Bruce will send out the details for the RMD meeting while we are Orlando for the USA Hockey winter meeting, we plan to start our meeting on Friday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am, Chris Kenney will get the first draft of the agenda out by November 10<sup>th</sup>, so that it can be review and finalized during the November monthly call. Please make your travel plan accordingly.
- USAH Annual guide- bylaw #10 – Resolutions of Disputes, Arbitration and Suspensions
  - Please review this bylaw, starting on pages 82 – for the next 20+ pages
  - Each Affiliate, Association, team and league needs to be aware of all of the details of this bylaw and how to apply it to any and all actions taken.
  - Al did say that this Bylaw is a major topic of conversation and we may hear more about it in the weeks to come
- One Goal Program
  - Phil will update us what they are doing in Colorado, they are working on a template and will forward to each of us once completed. Phil stated that this program is tied in with both the Colorado Avalanche and the University of Denver Pioneers with marketing promotions
- RMD Tier II Tournament in Salt Lake City
  - Geoff (UT) to follow up with Bryan regarding the rinks for the RMD Tier II tournament in Utah, the goal of the District is to host the Tournament in one duel sheet building and only use a second rink for a single game or two. Final detail by October 19<sup>th</sup>
- 2008 Level 4 Clinic – Arizona
  - Jon Brooks will get a proposal to Paul and Tom for Arizona to host a Level 4 Coaches Clinic by November 1<sup>st</sup>, more to follow regarding the fall dates.
- ACE update from Michael Schwartz -
  - Michael said that since our last call he has gotten great response from each of the Affiliates, the only items he is working on is
    - NM – Michael is filling the open position until a permanent person is identified

- CO – Phil is going to follow up with Michael to ensure that he has all of the needed information
  - This item will remain on each months agenda
- Update on the status of the RMD website
  - George is going to attend the website training at USA Hockey offices in Colorado Springs, George will follow up with all of us after his trip to Colorado.
  - Chris Kenney and TC Lewis will take this information back to USA Hockey, Chris will follow up again with Mike Birch and TC will work back through the Youth Council.
  - At this time a number of Affiliates have made the decision to not to migrate to the USA Hockey platform
  - George has requested that if any Affiliate that is not going to use the USA Hockey platform to please send him the link to your site and he will link it to the RMD site.
  - This will be an item we will have on our agenda at the mid winter meeting in Orlando
- RMD Camps
  - Al spoke to the fact that many of our district players are receiving unsolicited letters from organizations and groups running camps and programs, in the future at any RMD camps will limit the amount of player information given out
  - At RMD Camps all player and families will be give a letter from the District leaders letting them know this information.
- Al suggested that we have Paul Davern on all call to speak to the District Coaching needs and issues, so for future monthly calls we will have an open agenda item for the RMD Coach in Chief
- Any other open issues or follow up from the Rocky Mountain Annual meeting in August
  - Open items
    1. RMD grants – each Affiliate President need to follow up with Bruce regarding the \$5,000 RMD grant to help grow the game

Next - District Conference Call  
 When: Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2007  
 Time: 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time

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November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Power
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Peterson
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Hetrick
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Skinner
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Fisher
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Brooks
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Paolilli

Thank you for your participation on the call. Please let me know if I have missed anything.  
 Thanks Chris [Christopher G Kenney 480-317-1513](mailto:Christopher.G.Kenney@usa-hockey.org)

NOVEMBER 13, 2007  
CONFERENCE CALL

Good afternoon, the following is a recap of the RMD conference call on November 13<sup>th</sup>, please let me know if I have missed anything. I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

- Websites update – George
  - George attended the website training at USA Hockey offices in Colorado Springs, he said that they are very aware of the challenges that the Districts and Affiliates are having with the new platform
  - USA Hockey is working on a scoring tool, to make it easier to post scores
  - George is working on strategies to work with the individual RMD tournament sites for posting tournament scores, with a goal to be finalized by the end of January
  - George will follow up on his final recommendations at the Mid- Winter meeting
  - George has requested that if any Affiliate that is not going to use the USA Hockey platform to please send him the link to your site and he will link it to the RMD site, at this time he believes that he has all of the links working correctly but requests that each Affiliate check their links to the RMD website
  - This will be an item we will have on our agenda at the mid winter meeting in Orlando
- RMD Grants for each State
  - RMD grants – each Affiliate President to submit a grant request for the \$5,000 RMD grant to help grow the game
  - Each Affiliate President to forward the grant request to Chris Kenney by Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>, to be reviewed by the District Directors prior to the Mid-Winter meeting
- USAH/ RMD Winter meeting – Agenda – Friday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am
  - Chris Kenney to submit a first draft of the Mid-Winter meeting agenda, requesting any additions or changes to the agenda by Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>
- USAH Annual guide- bylaw #10 – Resolutions of Disputes, Arbitration and Suspensions – any district issues?
  - Comments regarding the bylaws but to date none have bubbled up

- Please email any discipline issues related to Bylaw #10 to Chris Kenney to be collected and forward collectively to everyone
- Please review this bylaw, starting on pages 82 – for the next 20+ pages, we will discuss further at the Mid-Winter meeting, we will ask AI to help address the issue
- ACE update
  - Michael said that he has been getting great response from each of the Affiliates
  - Michael to get updated information out to all Affiliate Presidents and District Directors from the past two ACE conference calls
  - This item will remain on each months agenda
- SLC Tier II tournament –
  - Geoff (UT) updated everyone that the Utah Affiliate would like to move the Tier II tournament to Provo, UT; the facilities is a double sheet rink that was used during the Olympic, this request was approved by the District
  - Geoff said that the same Association would be the host for the Tournament and games will start as planned on Thursday

Next : District Conference Call  
 When: Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2007  
 Time: 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time

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December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Peterson
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Hetrick
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Skinner
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Fisher
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Brooks
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Paolilli
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Power

Thank you for your participation on the call, please let me know if I have missed anything. Thanks Chris

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DECEMBER 11, 2007  
CONFERENCE CALL

Good afternoon, the following is a recap of the RMD conference call on December 11<sup>th</sup>, please let me know if I have missed anything. I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Years, look forward to seeing all of you in Orlando

- **RMD Grants for each State**

- RMD grants – each Affiliate President to submit a grant request for the \$5,000 RMD grant to help grow the game
- Each Affiliate President to forward the grant request to Chris Kenney by Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>, to be reviewed by the District Directors prior to the Mid-Winter meeting
- The following States & Affiliates said they expected to submit a grant request – NM, CO, OK, ID, TX, AZ. UT was not on the call, Chris Kenney will follow up with Geoff Fisher to ensure that they submit a request

- **USAH/ RMD Winter meeting – Agenda – Friday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

- Bruce Karnien will finalize the Winter meeting agenda and forward it to each of us by Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Please forward District reports to Jill Day as soon as possible - [jillv8@comcast.net](mailto:jillv8@comcast.net)

- **USA Hockey - Legislative items**

- Please review the Legislative items so that we can address an items during the Mid-Winter Meeting, Chris Kenney will contact Al Bloomer to see if he would be available to speak about the Legislative items during our meeting [http://www.usahockey.com/Template\\_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=AU\\_02\\_03&ID=210460](http://www.usahockey.com/Template_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=AU_02_03&ID=210460)

- **USAH Annual guide- bylaw #10 – Resolutions of Disputes, Arbitration and Suspensions – any district issues?**

- Comments regarding the bylaws but to date none have bubbled up
- Please email any discipline issues related to Bylaw #10 to Chris Kenney to be collected and forward collectively to everyone
- Please review this bylaw, starting on pages 82 – for the next 20+ pages, we will discuss further at the Mid-Winter meeting, we will ask AI to help address the issue

- **National Hockey Day –**

- What are each of the Affiliates doing to celebrate the weekend

- **ACE update**

- Michael said that he has been getting great response from each of the Affiliates
- Michael to get updated information out to all Affiliate Presidents and District Directors from the past two ACE conference calls – continue to focus on parent awareness
- Michael will have additional information for us at the winter meeting in Orlando

Next : District Conference Call  
When: Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Time: 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time

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January 8 <sup>th</sup>	We will skip this month
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Hetrick
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Skinner
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Fisher
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Brooks
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Paolilli
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Power
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Peterson

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