

District Director's Meeting
12/08/13

District Directors from the following Districts were in attendance:
D1, D2, D3, D5, D6, D8, D9, D10, D12

Also in attendance:

Representing D4, Todd Frankenhoff
District 5 Assistant DD, Steve Gapinski
District 10 Assistant DD, Colleen Donovan
MN Hockey Executive Director, Glen Andresen
MN Hockey President, Dave Margenau
MN Hockey Maroon Region VP, John Perry

Meeting called to order at 10:10am by Chairman Oleheiser

MDM Best Practices

Terry Evavold presented a report on the Minnesota Development Model best practices. (See Attached) Discussion among the Directors regarding verbiage of the document took place. The consensus of the Directors was to remove any verbiage about "recommending," and to stress that this document was to be a guideline for the Affiliates. Terry was to make appropriate changes to the document and give to Glen and Derek for proper marketing and distribution of this guideline.

MN Hockey CIC Committee Report

VP Perry provided the background of what this Committee was charged to accomplish. Discussion ensued about the past practices and the proposed new protocol. Director Timm discussed the background of the issue with District 10 and its CIC. VP Perry stressed that the Committee's recommendation was not centered around any discipline, but was to establish a protocol for CIC replacement for future issues. The consensus of the Directors was to request that Mike McMillan bring the proposed protocol document to the MN Hockey BOD to record in minutes for future reference. Director Timm stated that D10 was having communication issues with the new CIC. Chairman Oleheiser requested that Director Timm bring this information to the attention of the USA Hockey Directors.

Herb Brooks Foundation/AAU Hockey

Director Kephart shared with the Committee the announcement that the XL League would now be sanctioned by AAU Hockey. President Margenau gave a background of the discussions that took place with the XL League and with the HB Foundation. Director Timm brought forth a proposal regarding posting all MN Hockey sanctioned tournaments on the MN Hockey website. Discussion took place regarding this, and the Director's endorsed exploring this option for next season. Director Christenson, Kephart

and ED, Andresen are to prepare a report for the Tournament Committee on the feasibility of this option.

AA Region Ranking Process/Selection of Ranking Committee

Tournament Committee Chairman, Tim Timm handed out a summary of the process to be used for AA Region ranking. (See attached) Director Dornfeld, and Director Rakness were appointed to the Ranking Committee that will be chaired by Director Timm. Directors were asked to review the process, and submit potential members of the Ranking Committee to Director Timm as soon as possible. The group also requested that Bob Halverson facilitate the process and work directly with Director Tim to refine the listed protocol. A short discussion about the AA/A process took place.

Redistricting

The Directors discussed potential outcomes of a redistricting process. The Directors reviewed any Affiliates that wanted, or requested, a move from their current District. The outcomes were centered around the following:

- Provide competitive opportunities
- Be cognizant of travel requirements
- Establishment of viable leagues

Discussion also took place about existing problems within each District. The group heard from Director Kephart and Todd Frankenhoff (representing D4) about the issues in central and SW Minnesota. Director Kephart presented a letter from St. Cloud Youth Hockey discussing issues that they are dealing with in District 5. Kephart also reviewed correspondence from Becker/ Big Lake, STMA, Buffalo supporting a move/change with D5. Also in the information were letters of support for remaining in the current D5 from Willmar, River Lakes and Hutchinson. Chairman Oleheiser surveyed the attending Directors, and all Districts except for D4 and D5 were comfortable in their current setting.

EMT Discussion

Director Kephart asked President Margenau to research our current liability risks regarding our requirement of trained medical personnel at MN Hockey sanctioned tournaments. President Margenau will report to the Committee at the January meeting.

Northern Educate

President Margenau, VP Perry, and Director Reinseth lead a short discussion about Northern Educate and affect on MN Hockey.

Game Reporting System

Director Kephart stated that he was concerned about the new USAH game reporting system, and asked each DD to consult their RIC to see if they were experiencing any issues.

Electronic Waivers

Director Dornfeld informed the group that he has been working with an electronic waiver format thus far for this season, and that his registration coordinators are extremely happy with the results. Scott asked that MN Hockey research the potential for use statewide.

Team Rest

A short discussion regarding the definition of team rest took place. The question was regarding "on ice activities". Director Rakness informed the group that it had been the policy of MN Hockey that on ice activities were considered games and/or practices, and that any skill event or goalie specific practice would be exempt from and on ice activity.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm



Minnesota Development Model



Association "Best Practices"

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The Minnesota Development Model (MDM) is based on the principles of USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM). This involves the use of Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) training model. Minnesota Hockey is recommending the following guidelines and best practices, with the goal to assist associations in developing programming which supports LTAD. The guidelines will be different from association to association based on number of players, personnel and resources. The Minnesota Hockey ADM Committee, ACE Committee, USA Hockey CEP Staff and USA Hockey Regional ADM Manager are available to work with associations towards the implementation and support of these guidelines.

Minnesota Development Model Association "Best Practices"

The Following Association Guidelines Apply to Mini-Mites, Mites/8U Girls, Squirts/10U Girls and Peewees/12U Girls

- Utilize a 'Hockey Director' position to lead and be involved in everyday implementation of the LTAD, including planning of practices and off-ice training sessions.
- Utilize a Hockey Development Committee to assist Hockey Director and Administrative Board
- Utilize an age division coordinators for Mini-Mites, Mites/8U Girls, Squirts, 10U Girls, Peewees and 12U Girls to assist Hockey Director at their level . (move to Mini-Mite)
- Have access to designated off-ice training area, best if located at arena..
- Have access to a meeting room with video capability for chalk talk sessions.
- Team schedules (practice/game) should be reviewed and approved by the level coordinator or Hockey Director. Documented practice plans should be reviewed by the level coordinators or Hockey Director monthly.
- Provide player skill evaluations early and at the end of the season.
- Utilize a skating coach to work with Squirt/10U and Pee wee/12U teams and/or players periodically during the season. Utilize a puck handling/shooting coach to work with Squirt/10U and Pee wee/12U teams and/or players periodically during the season.
- Utilize a goaltending coach work with Squirt/10U and Pee wee/12U goaltenders regularly during the season.
- Conduct a coach's education session once per month specific to the Mite/8U, Squirt/10U and Pee wee/12U levels.
- Complete an association coaching competency review and develop a plan for future improvements, based on USA Hockey Skill Progression Guidelines outlined in Skill Progression Guide
- Begin development of players no earlier than Tuesday following Labor Day, form teams no earlier than October 15th, and end season no later than March 31st.
- Provide players with some time off during the season (No practices, games, etc)
- Provide hard board dividers for cross/half ice games

Peewee/12U Girls Hockey

- Practices follow Age Specific (ADM) practice guidelines
- 11-13 skaters and 2 goalies per team (recommended 12 skaters and 1-2 goalies)
- 5 to 6 on-ice sessions per week includes practices and games
- Body contact/body checking drills included in every practice or conducts two body contact/checking practices each month.
- 90 – 110 on ice days
- Recommend 3 to 1 practice to game day ratio
- Recommend 40 - 45 game days
- Pre-Season player development sessions count toward practice game ratio's
- 2-3 teams per on-ice practice session.
- 2 off-ice training sessions per week (30-40 minutes)
- 1 Chalk Talk/Video session per week
- Equal playing time for all players Rotating positions so that players experience playing both forward and defense positions.

Process For Ranking Pee wee AA and Bantam AA Teams

What the Handbook says:

"The (24) highest-ranked teams will be seeded to Regions by their rank, with the exception that each District's #1 seed is guaranteed to be in the 24. Any District's #1 seed that is below #24 will be pushed up to #24 (or #23, etc.). This would result in some teams ranked #24, #23, etc. being pushed out of the field. Each participating District Director will nominate (3) Pee wee coaches and (3) Bantam coaches to rank the teams. A Selection Committee comprised of (2) District Directors, (2) Tournament Committee members and a Chairman will pick (1) Pee wee and (1) Bantam coach from each District. The Selection Committee members and coaches doing the rankings will be made public."

- 1) There will be two selection committees – one for Pee wees and one for Bantams. The Tournaments Committee has discretion in choosing the participating District Directors, Tournament Committee members and Chairmen (may be the same or different between the two committees), and which committee members will be doing the rankings (all members, coaches and some other members, coaches only).
- 2) Selection committee members that will be ranking teams can view games and make preliminary evaluations on their own until the process officially starts.
- 3) Beginning Monday Jan 27th, the Selection Committee Chairman or his/her designee will provide the committee members with following information on a weekly basis:
 - Standings for Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10
 - Current Youth Hockey Hub "NOW" rankings
 - Current MyHockeyRankings.com rankings
 - Current Let's Play Hockey rankings

Using this info and their own observations, committee members that will be ranking teams will each (independently) put together interim rankings, which are **not** to be shared outside of the committee. (Remember that the interim rankings are to include only Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10.) Based on their rankings, committee members may choose to go watch certain teams (especially teams near the 24-team cut off) if they are unfamiliar with them.

- 4) On Monday Feb 24th, the selection committee will be provided with the following information:
 - Final Standings for Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10
 - Results of Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 District Tournaments
 - Current Youth Hockey Hub "NOW" rankings
 - Current MyHockeyRankings.com rankings
 - Current Let's Play Hockey rankings

The committee will meet and each member that will be ranking teams will independently put together their opinion of the final rankings. The members' rankings will be used to determine a composite ranking. (If there were 35 teams, this would typically be done by giving 35 points to each member's #1 team, 34 points to #2, etc.).

The committee will then review the composite ranking and discuss as needed. In particular, remember that each district is guaranteed (1) slot, so if any District has no teams in the top 24, their highest team would move up to #24 (or #23, etc.). Accordingly, teams that may be bumped out of the field would be discussed.

Once consensus is reached, the tournament teams, ranked from position #1 to position #24, will be set. This is the list that will be made public. Details of the committee's debate, or teams that were bumped from the field, should not be released to the public. Just the teams that will be participating, ranked from position #1 to position #24.