

2016 USA Hockey Legislative and Playing Rule Proposals

A = Amended.

Proposal Identification	Description	Notes
Coaches Section #1	Coaching Section – Eligibility includes SafeSport Training	
Disabled Section #1	Disabled Hockey – creation of new discipline Warrior Hockey	With regards to disabled military veterans. Creates a new discipline and a new vacancy on the Disabled Hockey Section.
Disabled Section #2 A	Disabled Hockey - Classifications	Creates classifications for Warrior Hockey and Blind Hockey. Also adjusts age classifications for Adult Sled and Youth Sled for consistency.
Disabled Section #3 A	Disabled Hockey	Adds verbiage where to find & how rules and regulations for Disabled Hockey Events can be changed
Disabled Section #4	Disabled Hockey	Adds verbiage for official rules of sled hockey
General Proposal #1	Sports Concussion Management Program	Requires all teams to use concussion management program developed by applicable Affiliate. Encourages parents and players to receive concussion training.
General Proposal #2 Withdrawn	Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) available at all games/practices	Mandates the availability of an AED at all practices and games.
General Proposal #3	CPR Training for Coaches	Recommendation for certification every 2 years
General Proposal #4	SPEC member on the Executive Committee	
General Proposal #5	Program Safety Directors – duties & responsibilities	Mandates that every local program has a Safety Director with specified duties
Girls/Women's #1	Clairification for Women's Classification	For Women's Senior B & C Classification Movement
High School #1	High School Pilot Programs into Guidebook	
High School #2	High School clarification re billeted players	
Junior #1 A	Junior Hockey Teams moving from league to league	Housekeeping to provide process for existing teams to transfer leagues.
Junior #2	Update Tier II Standards	Update the language for Tier II Minimum Standards to mirror current operating practice. Increase Tier II Minimum Standards
Junior #3 A	Number of imports at Tier III	Allows 4 imports at Tier III ↗
Junior #4	Adjustment of Financial Obligation for player	
Junior #5	Minimum Standards for Tier II	Adjusts for capacity requirements for Tier II
Junior #6	Minimum Standards for Tier I	Reduces net worth requirements

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Legal #1 A	Policy on Consumption and Use of Alcohol and Drugs	Update current language of the policy.
Legal #2	Policy on Non-Sanctioned Play	Incorporate Guidelines for Non-sanctioned play into Annual Guide.
Legal #3	Bylaw addressing Section Elections	Identifies who is eligible to vote in Section meetings and elections, and to provide consistent procedures for elections of Section Directors.
Legal #4	Bylaw addressing Director Reps Unexpired Terms	Confirms procedure when a Director Representative is not able to fulfill full term of office.
Legal #5	Policy on Ineligibility/Suspensions for Financial Disputes	Provides a procedure for enforcement of suspensions within Affiliates when a program seeks to make a player ineligible for failure to pay fees or dues.
Legal #6	Bylaw addressing voting during teleconference or electronic meetings	Provides for electronic voting or voting by email.
Legal #7 A	Bylaw 10 – Cross Examination in hearings	Clarifies that cross examination of witnesses is not appropriate in all hearings. Subject to hearing panel discretion.
Legal #8	Bylaw 10 Scope of Suspensions extending to Junior Hockey	Confirms that suspensions in youth hockey may also be extended to junior hockey.
Legal #9	Bylaw 10 Appeals of Administrative Actions by USA Councils, Committee or Sections	Confirms that Administrative Actions by a USA Hockey Council, Committee or Section shall be appealable to the USA Hockey Executive Committee.
Legal #10	Bylaw 10 Appeals Hearing Timing	Establish a time period when an appeal panel holds a hearing.
Legal #11	Age Classifications removing Classification names (Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget)	
Legal #12 A	Regs on Multi-Affiliate Leagues	Removes language adopted in 2014, hopefully to be replaced.
Youth #1 B	Flex Hockey	Creates a new structure of flexible hockey programs at the recreational level.
Youth #2 A	Prohibition on Tryouts until 48 hours after Nationals	Prohibits tryouts for Tier I and II teams until after Nationals.
Youth #3 A	Tier I Criteria	Establish national standards for Tier I teams.
Youth #4 A	Tier I OPEN	Creates a new category of classification. <i>Tier I OPEN</i>
Youth & GWS #1 A	15 Year old classification	Creates a 15 year age only category for Tier I national bound tournament teams. (See Youth & GWS #4).

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Youth & GWS #2	Explicit Description of Teams at nationals in Tier I and Tier II	Makes the Annual Guide consistent with the National Tournament paractices with respect to the number of teams.
Youth & GWS #3	Age Classifications for Nationals (clarifying language that prohibited players from playing "up", but also inserting a prohibition on 12U players from playing up)	Clarifies the age of players eligible to compete in District and National Championships.
Youth & GWS #4	Nationals at 15 Year old classification	Creates a 15 year age only category for Tier I national bound tournament teams. (See Youth & GWS #1).
Playing Rule Proposal		
Rule Proposal #1	New under Playing Rule 109 – Look Up Line	Mandates the installation of the Look Up Line