



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

To: MAHA Board of Directors

From: Joe Barone, VP of Youth

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Fellow Board of Directors,

As the new season is upon us, I wanted to get some information out so everyone is on the same page. Please forward this communication to your council members as well who are not active board members.

At this year's summer meeting we hosted a credentialing workshop during a Board of Directors meeting. That presentation is attached along with the updated credential form with fillable fields. The updated credentialing packet will be online and replace the current one.

Don Wright and Doug Diroff have been very active with communicating with our split season teams and 18U Tier II full-season teams. All 16U / 18U split-season and 18U Tier II full-season teams must get in touch with Don immediately if they wish to be eligible to participate in States / Nationals. All teams must be signed up prior to September 1. As a reminder, the State Playoff Committee voted to move the 18U Tier II State playoffs to the end of October instead of March.

There were a few rules passed this summer that pertain to District / State eligibility that already causing some confusion. A rule was passed to remove player game counts. The removal of the player game count does not supersede the District / State / National eligibility requirement a player must minimally attain. All minimum game counts for national and non-national bound district / state eligibility are still enforced.

Another rule passed was the removal of a league requirement for district / state eligibility. Regardless of if you play in 0, 1, 2 or more leagues, the requirement is now the majority of your games must be against teams in the same age classification, category, and division by the start of Districts / States. For example, a youth 12U Tier II AA team, who plays 40 games before Districts, must have played 21 games against other youth 12U Tier II AA teams to be eligible. All other rules pertaining to eligibility are still in affect (30% rule, minimum game counts, etc.).

Finally, while not a rule change, one more point of clarification around District / State eligibility. If a team chooses *not* to participate in Districts / States it does not preclude them from having to follow District / State eligibility requirements. The MAHA requires that all teams maintain District / State eligibility even if they choose not to play in the tournament and therefore must go through the credentialing process.

Thank you,

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