

## Central States Rule Revision

1. Missouri Hockey Youth Division will have standing committee governing Central States in Missouri. The jurisdiction of the committee will oversee: tryouts, application of teams, player petitions, development, calendar of play, residence verification and Blue Note Cup Championships.
  - a. The Missouri Hockey YD President will appoint a committee chairman who will only vote on related matters in the event of tie.
  - b. Each Central States team grouping will appoint a member to represent their interests.
  - c. The Missouri Hockey Executive board will appoint up to two additional members to the committee
2. Central States at sanctioned levels will serve as Missouri Hockey's AA League with the exception of 15U/16U/18U age divisions
3. Approved Central States Age Divisions are 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U
  - a. Squirt/10U Central States for Missouri Hockey Clubs is prohibited.
  - b. CHA and Affton are granted U15, U16, U18 Central States charters that are open district per Midget Rules however other clubs may apply
4. Central States teams at 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U fall into districts. The following groups of clubs will field a Central States AA Team together in a three-team scenario:
  - a. Meramec Hockey Club/Southern IL/Affton Hockey
  - b. Twin Bridges Hockey Club/St Peters Hockey
  - c. Chesterfield Hockey Assoc/St. Louis Rockets/Kirkwood Youth Hockey Association
5. Players must play for the Central States AA team that is grouped with their home association (prior to a One Time Transfer).
  - a. Players who live in an open zip code, will be districted to the club that they are rostered with at 6U/8U
  - b. Players who OTT to a club are ineligible to play for that club's Central States team.
  - c. Each player must be verified by a school transcript with home address AND a utility bill in the parent's name
  - d. No "grandfather" for players currently playing outside their zip codes. Current players on Central States teams must return to the home club.
6. Petitions for playing outside of your districted Central States club must be made to the Central States Committee by March 24<sup>th</sup> with response by March 31.

- a. Players who have played Central States for the same club for three seasons will be granted a one-time exemption-however you still must petition for the exemption.
  - b. Appeals to these decisions should be made to the Missouri Hockey Youth Board and will be heard by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
7. Players who are not made an offer by their districted team at the end of the Central States AA district tryouts period, can attend a combined Central States Pool tryout in an effort to make an alternate district CS team. Specifics of the tryout are to be established by the Central States Committee, but fundamentally they will be as follows:
  - a. If the player after the Central States Pool tryout is still not made an offer to play for their home district, they are a subsequently a free agent and can accept an offer to play for another district for one year.
  - b. Players must return to their district the following season.
  - c. Players who are not offered a Central States position will return to their home/originating club.
8. In the unlikely event a district does not have a team at a given birth year, players from said district for that birth year, are free to try out for one of the other districts.
  - a. This is for the specific birth year only, meaning a player cannot play up an age group in an attempt to play for another district.
  - b. Out of district play is for one season only. Players must return to their home district the following season.
9. If the Central States Board does not approve all three districted central states teams at each level, then the rules governing that level will revert to previously establish rules.