



MAHA Winter Meeting Report

January 2021

Girls/Women

As of January 1, 2021 Michigan, had a total of 3,793 players compared to last year at the same time there were 4,724 which is a decrease in 931 players. The numbers are reflective of the current Covid situation and the pause in hockey across the state. Michigan hopes to increase our growth through the final months of the season and add some new skaters after the February 20th USA Hockey try hockey for free events and other local association events that are planned.

The IIHF Girls Hockey weekend was cancelled this year due to the pandemic. USA Hockey had a girl's hockey weekend celebration October 17 and 18th. Several affiliates across the country had in person or virtual events and 7 NHL teams participated.

USA Hockey national player development camp tryouts will be held in Grand Rapids this year at the Patterson Ice Center. The dates are not announced at this time. Due to nationals being moved back, the player development camp will also be moved. All female players born in 2007- 2004 are welcome to attend. Registration will be on the MAHA web site once the dates are approved. Players must register on the MAHA web site and the cost is \$95.00. National camp dates for St. Cloud are not finalized at this time.

MidAM multi district summer camp will once again be held at Kent State Ohio. This will be by invitation only for the players that did not get selected to attend national camp and are the next level of players based on their rankings at the Michigan tryouts. This camp will also be for the regional camp for the (14's) 2007 birth year skaters. Mid AM Camp dates are as follows:

High Performance Goalie Clinic (boys and girls 2007) July 16-18, 2021

Multi District Camp-August 1-6, 2021- Kent State Ohio

Multi District Goalie Camp -July 30- August 6, 2021- Kent State Ohio

MAHA state tournament will be held in March and April as follows:

Senior Women- April 16-18, 2021- Taylor

Tier I Girls- April 16-18, 2021-Taylor

Tier II Girls- March 26-28, 2021- Dearborn

Tier III Girls- March 19-21, 2021- Brighton

Nationals will be held this year April 28- May 2, 2021 in West Chester, PA for Tier I and Sr Women and Oakland, CA for Tier II girls. The CA host site may be moved but this has not been determined at this time.

The 2021-22 tier I associations/clubs will be announced at the January state playoff committee meeting. Michigan has 4 Tier I associations that can field tier I girls' teams for next season based on the 2019-2020 USA Hockey registration numbers for 14-19U. There were no additional applications this year.

USA Hockey will be holding a virtual female leadership summit February 19 and 26th. Speakers and topics are TBD at this time. This will be an invite only summit. An update will be shared with the girls/women's committee members after this event.

Brad Johnson and Sue McDowell are the MI goalies in chief. Sue handles the female side and is available to any team or association with goalie specific needs. They are currently working on some virtual goalie events and will be involved with the MidAM goalie clinics this summer. They hope to be able to offer a MI high performance goalie clinic in the future. They are working to ensure better goalie specific education across the state also. They hoped to host more Try Goaltending for Free events incorporated into THFF but, obviously, Covid has made that difficult. A Bronze Goalie Clinic in December was attended by over 60 participants. An emphasis is being placed on growing the number of girls playing the position and growing the number of female certified goalie coaches in Michigan as we have very few of them currently. Sue and Brad want to mentor the 16U and 19U aged goalies about getting involved with the younger teams in their organizations to help them "catch the bug" of goalie coaching. When they are done playing post college, they will already be interested in taking the next step of their hockey careers in coaching. We are lucky to have such great leadership for our goalies and our goalie program in MAHA.

Thank you to all the girls and women's committee members, and all the coaches and associations that help us grow girl's hockey in MI. This has been a challenging year for all of us. We are glad 2020 has ended and we look forward to 2021. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

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