

# MAHA Girl's/Women Summer Meeting Report

July 2021

The girls/women's committee report will look a bit different again this year due to the Covid-19 virus and the stop and start of hockey during the 2020-21 season. We look forward to being able to be back on the ice for a full season and continue the work we had done to grow girls and women's hockey in Michigan prior to Covid.

The MAHA state championships were held in March and the following teams won the state title:

<u>Tier 1</u>	<u>Tier II</u>	<u>Tier III</u>
12U Little Caesars	10U Fox Motors	10U Eastside Bulldogs
14U Little Caesars	12U Meijer	12U Ann Arbor
16U Little Caesars	14U Honeybaked	14U Livonia
19U Honeybaked	16U Little Caesars FH	19U GRAHA Griffins
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	<u>SR B</u>	<u>SR C</u>
	Belle Tire	Whiteout

MAHA is proud to congratulate the following teams who competed in the USA Hockey National Tournament in April and won their respective divisions:

Little Caesars 16U tier I girls

Honeybaked 14U tier II girls

Belle Tire SR women- Adult Nationals

The national camp tryouts were held in Grand Rapids, MI at Patterson Ice Center, May 21-23. There were 186 players and goalies who attended. There were 7 forwards, 8 defense and 3 goalies selected to attend the MidAM regional camp in Bowling Green, Ohio. The complete list of all regional and USA Hockey selections can be found on the MAHA web site under girls/women.

Belle Tire will receive the annual USA Hockey Female Honors Award. This award is designed to acknowledge an association in each state that has worked hard to provide opportunities for girls and who continue to offer events and programs to grow the game. Congratulations to Belle Tire on this recognition.

The IIHF girl's hockey weekend at this writing is TBD. It is expected to resume for the 21-22 season and most likely will be in October event. Once these dates are announced they will be on the MAHA web site.

USA Hockey had a total of 70,398 girls and 10,421 women registered in the 2020-21 season. Michigan had 4,127 female players of June 1, 2021. This is a decrease in 1,276 players from 2019-20. USA Hockey had 19,269 8U skaters which is a decrease in Michigan had 982 8U skaters in 2020-21 which is a decrease in 332 skaters from 2019-20. The numbers are reflective of the lower registrations due to Covid-19 and the uncertainty and safety concerns of playing youth sports during a pandemic.

**MICHIGAN GIRLS 8U • TOTAL decreased by -332 or -25.3% • NEW decreased by -230 or -35.5% • RETAINED decreased by -102 or -15.3%**

MAHA will be sending Sue McDowell to Bowling Green as coach intern for the Mid Am camp. It is our intention to offer a MI camp for the 14s next summer as well as some goalie specific training. As these events become finalized information will be distributed and be updated on the MAHA web site.

#### **2022 Nationals host sites for girls and women announced**

**Girl's Tier I -March 31- April 4-Pittsburgh, PA**

**Girl's Tier II- March 31- April 4 -West Chester, PA**

**SR Women- March 31- April 3- Pittsburgh, PA**

**Adult Nationals – TBD at this writing**

The MAHA girls and women's committee hopes that we can register some new skaters and continue the excitement this coming season to help grow our girls' numbers! We can do this with participation from our local associations with grow the game events and an emphasis on girls and women's hockey programs. We hope to be able to build on our programs as we come off a pandemic year with many changes and disruptions. Many thanks to all of you who stayed dedicated and committed and continued to lead our girls and women's teams in a very uncertain time. We greatly appreciate you!

Respectfully Submitted,

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