



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: _____ 6 _____
 Heading: _____ Tier I and National Tournament Bound _____
 Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: _____ V.A.1, p. 89 _____

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CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

V. TIER I TEAM AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE:

A. APPLICATION

2. New Tier 1 Team Organizations shall complete and deliver to the Tier I Chairperson, no later than December 1st of each year, the WAHA Tier 1 Application along with the required application fee to WAHA.

V. TIER I TEAM AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE:

A. APPLICATION

1. New Tier 1 Team Organizations shall complete and deliver to the Tier I Chairperson, no later than ~~December~~ 1st November 15th of each year, the WAHA Tier 1 Application along with the required application fee to WAHA.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed): Changing the timeline for approval of Tier I status leading to extending Tier I status to two years.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: _____ WAHA Tier I Committee _____

DATE RECEIVED: 2/17/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2025 R-3 _____



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: _____ 6 _____

Heading: _____ Tier I and National Tournament Bound _____

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: _____ V.C, p. 90 _____

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**PROPOSED WORDING:
CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED
DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH**

CURRENT WORDING:

V. TIER 1 TEAM AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE:

C. NOTIFICATION

The Tier I Chairperson, or his/her designee will notify existing or new Tier 1 Organizations, in writing, of the acceptance or denial of its application by February 1st. Approved Tier 1 Organizations may post their tryout schedule on or after February 1st.

V. TIER 1 TEAM AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE:

C. NOTIFICATION

The Tier I Chairperson, or his/her designee will notify existing or new Tier 1 Organizations, in writing, of the acceptance or denial of its application by ~~February~~ **January** 1st. Approved Tier 1 Organizations may post their tryout schedule on or after February 1st.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed): Changing the timeline for approval of Tier I status leading to extending Tier I status to two years.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: _____ WAHA Tier I Committee _____

DATE RECEIVED: 2/17/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2025 R-4 _____



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: _____ 6 _____
 Heading: _____ Tier I and National Tournament Bound _____
 Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: _____ New paragraph 3, p. 89 _____

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**PROPOSED WORDING:
 CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED
 DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH**

CURRENT WORDING:

New language

3. An existing Tier I Organization shall be eligible for a two-year (2) application approval if approved by the Tier I Committee. A Tier I Organization with a two-year (2) approval shall apply for review every year.

New paragraph (*Renumber the other items after this*)

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed): Changing the timeline for approval of Tier I status leading to extending Tier I status to two years.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: _____ WAHA Tier I Committee _____

DATE RECEIVED: 2/17/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2025 R-5 _____

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.



PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: _____ 1 _____

Heading: _____ Registration, Eligibility, General Rules _____

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: _____ M, p. 51 _____

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

No 10U roster that contains one or more approved 8U skater may exceed 14 total skaters. Association Registrars are responsible for making sure the roster does not exceed the 14 player limit upon submitting the final roster on December 31. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify the team from playoff and State Tournament play

No 10U roster that contains one or more approved 8U **players** ~~skater~~ may exceed 14 total **players which include goalkeepers** ~~skaters~~. Association Registrars are responsible for making sure the roster does not exceed the 14 player limit (**which includes goalkeepers**) upon submitting the final roster on December 31. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify the team from playoff and State Tournament play

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

14 total skaters confuses some people and they think it means 14 skaters PLUS goalies. Changing the word skater to player should eliminate any confusion.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: _____ Fran Finco, WAHA President _____

DATE RECEIVED: 3/30/25 _____ PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2025 R-8 _____

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.



PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number:

1

Heading:

Registration, Eligibility, General Rules

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

J., p. 50

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

(last sentence in this paragraph)

J. ...Note: A player who transfers from a team/association classified as "Tier I" and does not return to the "Tier II" association serving their place of residence must obtain all written releases from both the team/association last played on and the association serving their place of residence, as specified in these rules.

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

J. ...Note: A player who transfers from a team/association classified as "Tier I" and does not return to the "Tier II" association serving their place of residence must obtain all written releases from both the team/association last played on and the association serving their place of residence, as specified in these rules. **Note: Releasing association may NOT charge a fee, buyout require more service hours, require any additional burden or penalty to a transfer player.**

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed): More and more associations are placing undue burdens on transfer players. Some require a transfer review fee, some require families to pay for the local association before transferring, etc. Transfer players should not have undue burdens from their local association. Probably also helps WAHA from a potential antitrust case down the road.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Nick Trentadue, McFarland Youth Hockey

DATE RECEIVED: 3/31/25

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2025 R-11

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.



PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number:

5

Heading:

Classification

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

A – Girls, p. 81

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

Girls

The distinction between Division A and Division B will be determined through the following process. 1. A team supported by a WAHA Division 1 association, or a co-op of three or more associations shall be identified as Division A. 2. A team supported by a WAHA Division 2, 3 or 4 association shall be identified as Division B. 3. An association with two teams or more at the same age level will identify at least one team as Division A. The second or additional teams will be identified as Division B. An association may also designate more than one team as Division A if they choose. 4. A team with a player(s) who is/are currently rostered on a Tier I Before Season Team will be designated as A. 5. A team from an Association that has placed first or second in the B State Tournament in the past two years concurrently will be classified as A at that age level and one age level higher for the subsequent year. 6. A written appeal of division placement can be made to Regional Directors through 11:59 p.m. on the Sunday immediately preceding the WAHA December Board meeting. Regional Director will provide a recommendation for placement to the Chairman of the Girls/Women's Committee on, or before, the Monday immediately preceding the WAHA December Board meeting. The WAHA Girls/Women's Committee will meet and provide a final classification determination to the Chairman of the WAHA State Tournament Committee no later than the Thursday before the WAHA December Board meeting.

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

Girls-(for new language, see p. 2)

~~The distinction between Division A and Division B will be determined through the following process. 1. A team supported by a WAHA Division 1 association, or a co-op of three or more associations shall be identified as Division A. 2. A team supported by a WAHA Division 2, 3 or 4 association shall be identified as Division B. 3. An association with two teams or more at the same age level will identify at least one team as Division A. The second or additional teams will be identified as Division B. An association may also designate more than one team as Division A if they choose. 4. A team with a player(s) who is/are currently rostered on a Tier I Before Season Team will be designated as A. 5. A team from an Association that has placed first or second in the B State Tournament in the past two years concurrently will be classified as A at that age level and one age level higher for the subsequent year. 6. A written appeal of division placement can be made to Regional Directors through 11:59 p.m. on the Sunday immediately preceding the WAHA December Board meeting. Regional Director will provide a recommendation for placement to the Chairman of the Girls/Women's Committee on, or before, the Monday immediately preceding the WAHA December Board meeting. The WAHA Girls/Women's Committee will meet and provide a final classification determination to the Chairman of the WAHA State Tournament Committee no later than the Thursday before the WAHA December Board meeting.~~

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Putting pilot project from 2023-2025 into rule book.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Robin Billsborough – WAHA Girls & Women Section
Director

DATE RECEIVED: 4/1/25

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2025 R-12

PROPOSED WORDING:

CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~

Girls

Associations rostering two teams in an age division will be classified as Gold (top team) and Bronze (second team) : they can select to designate both teams as Gold, but not both as Bronze
Associations rostering 1 team in an age division will be classified as Silver.

***There must be 30 teams entered into and eligible for the State Tournament at an age level to be able to classify by Gold / Silver / Bronze**

If there are less than 30 teams, A & B classification will be used, determined by the following criteria

- 1. A team supported by a WAHA Division 1 association, or a roster with players from three or more associations shall be identified as Division A**
- 2. A team supported by a WAHA Division 2, 3 or 4 association shall be identified as Division B**
- 3. An association with two teams or more at the same age level will identify at least one team as Division A. The second or additional teams will be identified as Division B.**
- 4. A team with a player(s) who is currently rostered on a Tier 1 Before Season team will be designated as A**

If there are less than 20 teams, a single open classification will be in effect.

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.



PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: 3
Heading: Invitational Tournaments
Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: A and F, p. 75 and 77

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CURRENT WORDING:

See p. 2

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

See p. 2 and 3

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed): To state the requirement for sanctioning invitational tournaments and showcases. To add the wording to define an invitational tournament as found in the USA Hockey Guidebook. Stating that this does not include three team round robins which are often used as a way to get teams that are traveling a method to schedule multiple regular season games

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: Fran Finco, WAHA President
Bob Normand, WAHA Associate Registrar

DATE RECEIVED: 4/5/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2025 R-13 (amended)

CURRENT WORDING:

A. All invitational tournaments must be registered with USA Hockey and WAHA. An invitational tournament is defined as having three or more teams. Fees vary depending upon the kind of teams being invited. Hosting an unsanctioned tournament or violating WAHA and/or USA Hockey tournament rules will be cause for penalties to the hosting association. WAHA will not sanction invitational tournaments for any of its classifications for which it sponsors State Tournaments, if said invitational tournament is scheduled for the same weekend as that classification's State Tournaments.

1. For the first offense the association will not be allowed to host invitational tournaments at any age level for the balance of the current season and following season.
2. For the second offense within a three-year period, the violating association will not be allowed to host or to participate in invitational and WAHA state tournaments (including playoffs) at any age level for the balance of the current season and the following season.
3. Penalized associations may not have another affiliate association host tournaments at the penalized association's site.

B. WAHA affiliate teams participating in unsanctioned tournaments may be suspended from any WAHA activities for the balance of that season and the following season.



F. WAHA will not sanction any invitational tournament for any of its classifications for which it sponsors State Playoffs, if said invitational tournament is scheduled for the same weekend as the State Playoffs unless approval is granted by the WAHA Region Directors of the region in which the invitational tournament is being held.



PROPOSED WORDING:

A. All invitational tournaments must be registered **and sanctioned** with USA Hockey and WAHA. An invitational tournament is defined as **having three or more teams. an ice hockey competition, other than normally scheduled league or two-team exhibition games, where multiple legally registered teams compete within a specified time frame in which a champion may or may not be determined. This shall include gatherings consisting of three (3) or more teams. This shall also include events described as Showcases, Exhibitions, league championship tournaments, or any other gathering of teams outside of regular season games. This does not include a format involving three teams where A plays B, B plays C and A plays C for purposes of scheduling regular season games.** ~~WAHA will not sanction invitational tournaments for any of its classifications for which it sponsors State Tournaments, if said invitational tournament is scheduled for the same weekend as that classification's State Tournaments.~~

B. Hosting an unsanctioned tournament or violating WAHA and/or USA Hockey tournament rules will be cause for penalties to the hosting association:

1. For the first offense the association will not be allowed to host invitational tournaments at any age level for the balance of the current season and following season.
2. For the second offense within a three-year period, the violating association will not be allowed to host or to participate in invitational and WAHA state tournaments (including playoffs) at any age level for the balance of the current season and the following season.
3. Penalized associations may not have another affiliate association host tournaments at the penalized association's site.

C. WAHA affiliate teams participating in unsanctioned tournaments may be suspended from any WAHA activities for the balance of that season and the following season.

D. WAHA will not sanction invitational tournaments for any of its classifications for which it sponsors State Tournaments, if said invitational tournament is scheduled for the same weekend as that classification's State Tournament. Invitational Tournaments on State Playoff Weekend are not allowed – NO EXCEPTIONS. WAHA may allow invitational tournaments to be scheduled for the weekend of its State Tournament for any of its classifications under the following conditions:

1. **Requests to host invitational tournaments on any State Tournament weekend must be supported by the State Tournament Committee and Region Directors of the hosting Region before being advertised.**
2. **The tournament cannot be organized or advertised until after the State Playoff weekend Sunday.**
3. **No team that qualifies to participate in the State Tournament can play in the invitational tournament.**
4. **The tournament host must comply with all WAHA invitational tournament rules and regulations.**

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~~F. WAHA will not sanction any invitational tournament for any of its classifications for which it sponsors State Playoffs, if said invitational tournament is scheduled for the same weekend as the State Playoffs unless approval is granted by the WAHA Region Directors of the region in which the invitational tournament is being held.~~

NOTE: The current paragraphs in the 2024-2025 WAHA Guidebook labeled C (p. 75), D (p. 76) and E (p. 77) will need to be replaced as E, F and G in the 2025-2026 Guidebook.



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: _____ 1 _____

Heading: _____ Registration, Eligibility, General Rules _____

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: _____ Section E, page 46 _____

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CURRENT WORDING:

Any player can, however, as long as the player meets age classification, be registered with more than one team in a different age classification within the same association.

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

Add additional language:
Any player can, however, as long as the player meets age classification, be registered with more than one team in a different age classification within the same association. **A player may only be on a maximum of two rosters.**

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):
With the ability of Youth and Girl players to roster up a level and Girls to cross roster, the number of rosters a player can be on needs to be defined in the rules. Two rosters maximum has been what WAHA limits a player to, but this does not appear in the Guidebook.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: _____ Bob Normand – WAHA Associate Registrar _____

DATE RECEIVED: 4/7/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2025 R-16 _____



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: 7

Heading: TIER II AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND
TEAMS – RULES & REGULATIONS

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: Section D, Para 1, Page 103

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

CURRENT WORDING:

A non-WEHL Before and After team must be part of a local association (not just in name only), and that association will be responsible for all actions of that team. The team’s boundary will have to be defined and approved as part of the application process.

A non-WEHL Before and After team **must be registered with a local WAHA affiliated full-season association. The team** must be part of a local association (not just in name only), and that association will be responsible for all actions of that team. The team’s boundary will have to be defined and approved as part of the application process

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

The WAHA Board approved the requirement that before and after teams must be part of a local association. The guidebook was not updated. The requirement was need so that there is an entity that takes responsibility for the teams actions for disciplinary, financial and other associated reasons.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: Bob Normand – WAHA Tier II National Tournament Bound Chair

DATE RECEIVED: 4/8/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2025 R-17



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: _____ 1 _____
 Heading: _____ On-Ice Officials: _____
 Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: _____ P.2, p. 53 _____

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

2. The official method of refereeing USA Hockey/WAHA games is with one Referee and two Linesmen. However, local associations are authorized to use the two Referee system or the two-referee/ two-linesmen for games under their jurisdiction. (The two-referee and one-linesman system is not an approved system by USA Hockey and cannot be used in any USA Hockey/WAHA game without express written permission by the WHOA Referee-in-Chief.)

2. The official method of ~~refereeing~~ **officiating** USA Hockey/WAHA games is with **the** one Referee and two Linesmen **system**. However, local associations are authorized to use the two Referee **officiating** system or the two-referee / two-linesmen **officiating system** for games under their jurisdiction. (~~The two-referee and / one-linesman **officiating** system is not an approved **USA Hockey officiating** system by USA Hockey and cannot be used in any USA Hockey/WAHA game.) ~~without express written permission by the WHOA Referee-in-Chief.~~)~~

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):
 This proposal clarifies the approved USA Hockey officiating systems. Any deviation from the 3 USA Hockey officiating systems must be approved by the USA Hockey Playing Rules Committee and cannot be approved solely by any Affiliate or Affiliate personnel.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: _____ Bill Spohn, WAHA Director Emeritus and USA Hockey Supervisor of Officials _____

DATE RECEIVED: 4/8/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2025 R-18 _____



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: _____ 2 _____
 Heading: _____ State Tournaments _____
 Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: _____ B. 30, p. 63 _____

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

30. All State Tournament games at the Youth 18U and 16U levels must be officiated using the three official (1 Referee, 2 Linesmen) system. The two-referee and two-linesmen system may be used in the Youth 18U and 16U and in the Girls 16U and 19U classifications only with prior express written permission of the appropriate WAHA Vice President. Associations bidding on these levels must be prepared to bring in official from outside of their associations in order to fulfill this requirement. These games will require Level 3 or Level 4 officials for all Referee and Linesman positions.

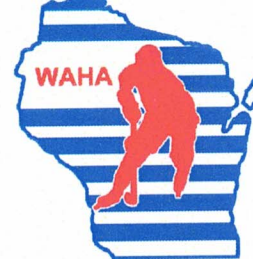
30. All State Tournament games at the Youth **High School**, 18U and 16U, **and Girls 19U and 16U levels classifications** must be officiated using the three official (1 Referee, 2 Linesmen) system. **However**, the two-referee ~~and/~~ two-linesmen system may be used in the Youth 18U and 16U and in the Girls 16U and 19U **above** classifications. ~~only with prior express written permission of the appropriate WAHA Vice President.~~ Associations bidding on these levels must be prepared to bring in officials from outside of their associations in order to fulfill this requirement. These games will require Level 3 or Level 4 officials for all Referee and Linesman positions.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

Clarifies state tournament officiating system options and removes the requirement of Vice President (Section Director) written permission.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: _____ Bill Spohn, WAHA Director Emeritus and USA Hockey Supervisor of Officials _____

DATE RECEIVED: 4/8/25 _____ PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2025 R-19 _____



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: _____ 6 _____

Heading: _____ Tier I and National Tournament Bound _____

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: _____ IX.C.2, p. 101 _____

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**PROPOSED WORDING:
CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED
DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH**

CURRENT WORDING:

2. The three-person officiating system (1 Referee -2 Linesmen) shall be used for all games. The two-referee and two-linesmen system may be used in the Youth 16U and 18U and in the Girls 16U and 19U classifications only with prior express written permission of the appropriate WAHA Vice President. All Game Officials shall be assigned by the WHOA . All officials must hold at least a Level 3 classification. The state Referee-in-Chief, or his/her appointee, shall be present at all games to supervise officials .

2. The **two-referee and two-linesmen officiating system** ~~three-person officiating system (1 Referee -2 Linesmen)~~ shall be used for all games. ~~The two-referee and two-linesmen system may be used in the Youth 16U and 18U and in the Girls 16U and 19U classifications only with prior express written permission of the appropriate WAHA Vice President.~~ All Game Officials shall be assigned by the WHOA . All officials must hold at least a Level 3 classification. The state Referee-in-Chief, or his/her appointee, shall be present at all games to supervise officials.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

HK - Clarifies the current officiating system used for all NTB playoff games.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Bill Spohn, WAHA Director Emeritus and USA
Hockey Supervisor of Officials

DATE RECEIVED: 4/8/25

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2025 R-20



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number:

7

Heading:

Tier II and National Tournament Bound

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

IX.C.2, p. 113

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

2. The three-person officiating system (1 Referee – 2 Linesmen) shall be used for all games. The two-referee and two-linesman system may be used in the Youth 16U, Youth 18U and Girls 16U and 19U classifications only with prior express written permission of the appropriate WAHA Section Director. All Game Officials shall be assigned by the WHOA. All officials must hold at least a Level 3 classification. The state referee in-chief, or his/her appointee, shall be present at all games to supervise officials.

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

2. The **two-referee and two-linesmen officiating system** ~~three person officiating system (1 Referee – 2 Linesmen)~~ shall be used for all games. ~~The two-referee and two-linesman system may be used in the Youth 16U, Youth 18U and Girls 16U and 19U classifications only with prior express written permission of the appropriate WAHA Section Director.~~ All Game Officials shall be assigned by the WHOA. All officials must hold at least a Level 3 classification. The state **Referee in-Chief**, or his/her appointee, shall be present at all games to supervise officials.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

HK - Clarifies the current officiating system used for all NBT playoff games.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Bill Spohn, WAHA Director Emeritus and USA Hockey Supervisor of Officials

DATE RECEIVED: 4/8/25

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2025 R-21



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: _____ 1 _____
 Heading: _____ Registration, Eligibility, General Rules _____
 Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: _____ P.5, p. 53 _____

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CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

5. All WAHA Associations shall designate a Referee Scheduler responsible for assigning on-ice officials for all games involving WAHA-sanctioned teams and must forward their name and current contact information to their WHOA Region Director by October 31st of each year. Each Referee Scheduler will receive access to the WHOA Scheduler's Site where officiating certification and eligibility can be obtained.

5. All WAHA Associations shall designate a Referee Scheduler responsible for assigning on-ice officials for all games involving WAHA-sanctioned teams and must forward their name and current contact information to their WHOA Region Director by October 31st of each year. Each Referee Scheduler will receive access to the WHOA Scheduler's websSite where **the required officiating certification and eligibility information for officials** can be obtained. **Association schedulers should contact their WHOA Region Director for website access information.**

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):
 HK – Clarifies where and how this required information can be obtained.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: _____ Bill Spohn, WAHA Director Emeritus and USA Hockey Supervisor of Officials _____

DATE RECEIVED: 4/8/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2025 R-22 (HOUSEKEEPING) _____



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number: Article 2 and Article 6

Heading: State Tournaments/ Tier I And National Tournament Bound Teams – Rules And Regulations

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number: Section B (4), pg 56, (13) pg 58, (27)(28) pg 62, (30) pg 63
Section IX C (2) pg 101

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CURRENT WORDING:

Section B
 (4) pg 56 Vice Presidents
 (13) pg 58 Vice President
 (27)(28) pg 62 Vice President
 (30) pg 63 Vice President

Section IX C (2) pg 101 Vice President

Section B
 (4) pg 56 ~~Vice Presidents~~ **Section Directors**
 (13) pg 58 ~~Vice President~~ **Section Director**
 (27)(28) pg 62 ~~Vice President~~ **Section Director**
 (30) pg 63 ~~Vice President~~ **Section Director**

Section IX C (2) pg 101 ~~Vice President~~ **Section Director**

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):
 WAHA Changed the title Vice President to Section Director. This change cleans up the locations in the Guidebook to remove where Vice President is used and update to Section Director.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: Bob Normand – WAHA Associate Registrar

DATE RECEIVED: 4/7/25 **PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2025 R-23 (HOUSEKEEPING)

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.



PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Article Number:

7

Heading:

TIER II AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND
TEAMS – RULES & REGULATIONS

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

VI.A 1-6, p. 107; V.C, p. 105; and VII.A.1, p. 108

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

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REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed): There are multiple areas in Article 7 addressing application requirements, dates and tryouts. This pulls those that apply to the application process together in one place. Dates have been adjusted to better reflect the actual timeline followed by Tier II teams.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Bob Normand – WAHA Tier II Chair

DATE RECEIVED: 4/15/25

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2025 R-25

CURRENT WORDING:

VI. TIER II TEAM AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE:

A. APPLICATION

1. Before and After Tier II Teams, other than WEHL teams, shall complete and deliver to the Tier II Chairperson, no later than **May 15th** of each year, the WAHA Tier II Application.

2. Each application shall comply fully with the requirements set forth in paragraph B below. Geographic boundaries are to be identified as part of the application. Composition of boundaries will be reviewed by the Tier II Committee for approval.

3. The Tier II Committee shall meet as soon as possible after **May 15th** of each year to review applications.

4. No new or existing Tier II Team shall have authority to operate or otherwise participate in Tier II Hockey in any capacity until they have received approval from the Tier II Committee.

5. The Tier II Committee and Tier II Chairperson shall recommend to the WAHA Board of Directors the acceptance or denial of each application. The recommendation shall be in writing and shall clearly state any and all reasons.

6. An appeal by an existing Tier II Team from such a denial may be taken to the WAHA Board of Directors at the next meeting thereof, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of hearing the appeal, but only if the denied Tier II Team has at least 7 calendar days to prepare its appeal.

C. NOTIFICATION

The Tier II Chairperson or his /her designee will notify existing or new Tier II teams, in writing, of the acceptance or denial of its application by **June 15th**.

Applications that are accepted will be granted tentative approval to begin operations. Final approval will be granted or denied once rosters are reviewed. The deadline to submit final rosters is **August 15th**.

Approved Tier II teams may post their tryout schedule on or after **June 15th**.

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A. APPLICATION

1. Before and After Tier II Teams, other than WEHL teams, shall complete and deliver to the Tier II Chairperson, no later than **May 15th** of each year, the WAHA Tier II Application. **The Tier II Chairperson shall acknowledge in writing or email the receipt of the application. Receipt does not provide approval of the application.**

2. Each application shall comply fully with the requirements set forth in paragraph B below. Geographic boundaries are to be identified as part of the application. Composition of boundaries will be reviewed by the Tier II Committee for approval.

~~3. The Tier II Committee shall meet as soon as possible after **May 15th** of each year to review applications.~~

4. ~~3.~~ No new or existing Tier II Team shall have authority to operate or otherwise participate in Tier II Hockey in any capacity until they have received approval from the Tier II Committee.

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C. NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

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Applications that are accepted will be granted tentative approval to begin operations. Final approval will be granted or denied once rosters are reviewed. The deadline to submit final rosters is **August 15th**.

Approved **Upon notification** Tier II teams **that have been granted tentative approval to begin operations** may post their tryout ~~dates~~ **schedule on or after June 15th. Tryouts may not be announced or advertised until the Tier II Team has received written notification of acceptance of its application for the ensuing season by the Tier II Chairperson.**

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PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

2025 R-26

Article Number:

6

Heading:

Tier I and National Tournament Bound

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

VIII, A and B, p. 99-100

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

- A. Tier I teams shall represent Wisconsin in USA Hockey Tier I District and National tournaments. Teams interested in tournament play must indicate their desire by October 1, upon payment of a \$600 fee to the treasurer of WAHA. This fee will be used to pay entry fee into USA Hockey District playoffs for Wisconsin's representative. The \$600 deposit will be returned to any team not advancing to the District Tournament. If state playoffs are required, each team participating in the playoffs must pay an additional \$850 for Youth 16U, Girls 19U and 16U, and \$750 for Youth 14U and Girls 14U, by November 15.
- B. Teams from Division 1 through 4 Associations, as well as teams from the Wisconsin Elite Hockey League (WEHL) or Tier II Before and After 16U teams may represent Wisconsin in USA Hockey Tier II National tournaments. If more than one team at any level applies, then there must be a head-to-head competition in a playoff game(s), in a format and location approved by WAHA, with game expenses to be paid by participating teams. Teams interested in National tournament play, must indicate their desire by October 1, upon payment of fee as noted in the application \$850 for Youth 16U, Girls 19U and 16U, and \$750 for Youth 14U and Girls 14U to the treasurer of WAHA.

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- B. Teams from Division 1 through 4 Associations, as well as teams from the Wisconsin Elite Hockey League (WEHL) or Tier II Before and After 16U teams may represent Wisconsin in USA Hockey Tier II National tournaments. If more than one team at any level applies, then there must be a head-to-head competition in a playoff game(s), in a format and location approved by WAHA, with game expenses to be paid by participating teams. Teams interested in National tournament play, must indicate their desire by October 1, upon payment of **a fee as approved by WAHA as noted in the application \$850 for Youth 16U, Girls 19U and 16U, and \$750 for Youth 14U and Girls 14U** to the treasurer of WAHA.

Rule Change proposal 2025 R-26, p. 2

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed):

In recent years, playoff expenses for both Tier I and Tier II National Tournament Bound Teams have increased significantly without a tournament entry fee adjustment. Under the current language, a rule change proposal would be required to change the fees; however, oftentimes, the fiscal analysis is performed after the rule change submission deadline. This proposal would remove the rule change submission requirement and allow the WAHA Board of Directors to modify tournament entry fees as deemed necessary. The establishment of fees; however, would still require approval by the WAHA Board of Directors upon guidance of the WAHA Finance Committee.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: Tim Richter, WAHA Finance Committee Chair

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PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

2025 R-27

Article Number:

2

Heading:

State Tournaments

Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:

B.2 and 3, p. 56

NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING:

2. All teams wishing to enter State Tournaments must pay \$100. If an association fails to meet the registration deadline to register their teams for State Tournament, the fee for that association will increase from \$100 per team to \$300 per team. In addition, if the association fails to file within seven days of the deadline, the number of teams for that association will not be used in calculations for Wild Card and Open Slots, and the committee's recommendation of the Wild Card and Open Slots for that year's State Tournaments. All teams then advancing (after playoffs) to the actual State Tournament must pay an additional \$1100 for Youth 18U and Youth 16U; \$950 for Girls/Women 19U and Girls 16U; \$850 for Youth 14U and Youth 12U, Girls 14U and Girls 12U; and \$750 for Youth 10U and Girls 10U, within seven (7) days of completion of Regional Playoffs. NO GATE FEES MAY BE CHARGED FOR ANY STATE TOURNAMENTS.

3. State Tournament entry fee for Adult No check is \$425.

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3. ~~State Tournament entry fee for Adult No check is \$425.~~ **The Adult No-Check state tournament entry fee will be determined by WAHA.**

REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sheets if needed): In recent years, expenses for State Tournaments have increased without a tournament entry fee adjustment. Under the current language, a rule change proposal would be required to change the fees; however, oftentimes, the fiscal analysis is performed after the rule change submission deadline. This proposal would remove the rule change submission requirement and allow the WAHA Board of Directors to modify tournament entry fees as deemed necessary. The establishment of fees; however, would still require approval by the WAHA Board of Directors upon guidance of the WAHA Finance Committee.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: Tim Richter, WAHA Finance Committee Chair

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