

State Playoff Committee Minutes

July 7, 2023, 8:30pm

Summer Meeting

Joe Barone, VP Youth called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. Attending the meeting were voting members: Joe Barone, George Atkinson, Jim Cosgrove, Mickie Jesue, Al Wakeham, Jerry Ruskowski, Bob Yohe, John Popma, Doug Diroff, Roger Mauritho, Craig Staskowski, Julie Becker-Myers, J.P. Palmentier, Kevin Wood, Jean Laxton, Dorothy Ballard, Amy Blake, Dan Pozdol.
Guests: Jon Hoskins.

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm

Previous meeting's minutes were approved

Agreed that the last weekend for State Tournament play would be March 15-17 and that Non National Bound try-outs would begin March 18.

Joe indicated as of today, there have been no location bids received, Chairs need to get any interested Associations/Facilities to submit ASAP. Bid Packets need to be as detailed as possible. George will need Welcome packets ASAP as event details are finalized. Gamesheets will be used statewide.

Jon Hosking will work with vendors on Banners -Trophies-Medals-Pins with assistance from Joe Barone and Dan Pozdol, and Roger Mauritho. Agreed on a plain medal with a sublimated neck hanger. Split Season items will be needed in early October, Hats will need to be delivered prior to the event, and the group agreed on using a Grey hat.

Referee Rates will stay the same as we are entering year 2 of a 3-year agreement

Concussion Protocols need to be followed; on site trainers will have the final word. Trainers should be available for all games. We will work with Henry Ford and Spectrum to secure Trainers, we can utilize GO4 as a gap filler.

Joe distributed a meeting schedule for the upcoming season. Please note that there are 2 meetings scheduled on consecutive days in December to take care of last-minute exceptions that may come in.

Exceptions

Oakley Kowalski was approved

Carrithers request was deemed out of order

Kakabeeke request was deemed out of order

Joe presented a working document of some potential State Play-off rule changes based upon feedback from Directors, and Host sites.

- 1. Allow Coach or Parent in Penalty Box for 12 U and younger- The group was mixed on this, with Bob Yohe bringing up Safesport implications. Joe is going to write up a formal rule for this. It was moved and approved to table this until we receive a response/opinion back from Casey Jorgenson.*
- 2. 13 minute periods@10U- This change will be made. Changed period length for 16U, 18U, and Girls 16U Tier 3 to 15 minutes with no OT in round robin play, and 10-minute OT in Semi-finals and Finals. Ice time will be 1.5 hours.*
- 3. Change 14U Tier 2 to a 1.75 hour game time with 2 cuts (beginning, after 2 periods)*
- 4. Expand 16u to 12 teams- this was approved last meeting*
- 5. Seeding District representatives instead of Random- Discussed using My Hockey as a tool as well as input from the coaching committee to make final seeding decisions (Tier 2 Only) Motion to seed Tier2 State Play-offs was approved.*
- 6. Running Clock (Non-National Bound)- after start of 2nd Period 6 goal differential will cause running clock. Clock stops for penalties only. If differential drops to 3, game returns to stop time. Motion passed. 12 goal Mercy Rule- 12 goal differential anytime in the 3rd period, the game ends. Motion passed*
- 7. Change Overtime-Tier 2 and Tier 3 (Non-National Bound)-4v4 for 5 minutes, 3v3 for 5 minutes, 3 man shoot-out (full roster must shoot), Sudden Death-Motion Passed*
- 8. 2x Credentialing- Joe provided a written proposal with recommended verbiage- approved*

New Business:

Lansing Black Bear hosting Girls 19U Tier 2 Nationals. There is no Association, so who holds the Host position? Moved to have the State Champion represent Michigan and the Runner-up to take the host position. Motion was approved. This will be sent to USA Hockey as our recommendation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm

Kevin Wood

Secretary