

USA Hockey - Minnesota District Operating Rules

Adopted May 1997

Includes revisions as of September 2018

1. The Minnesota District Board of Directors will consist of the USA Hockey (USAH) Minnesota District Directors in office, the USAH Minnesota District Registrar, the USAH Minnesota District Risk Manager, the USAH Minnesota District Referee-in-Chief, the USAH Minnesota District Coach-in-Chief and the affiliate president of Minnesota Hockey (MH). An individual may serve in multiple positions, but is entitled to only one vote.
2. Minnesota District meetings shall be held in the Fall and in the Spring in conjunction with and immediately following the MH Board of Directors Meeting.
3. The MH President shall preside as chairman of the Minnesota District Meetings. If the MH President is not a Minnesota District Director or is not present at the meeting, the most senior Minnesota District Director in attendance shall preside.
4. Minnesota District USAH Directors shall be elected at the Spring meeting. The number of directors is determined by USAH rules. The votes will be cast by representatives of the affiliate, and the affiliate will determine the representatives that will cast votes. The USAH Minnesota District Registrar will determine the number of votes that each designated representative will cast. Directors will be elected to a three year term. A vacancy can be filled at either the fall or spring meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. In the event that two or more Directors are being elected, there shall be one election in which each voting member casts vote(s) according to the number of Directors being elected (i.e. two Director openings; three candidates; vote for two) with the successful candidates being those receiving the most votes and at least a simple majority of the votes cast. The number of votes cast for any one individual cannot exceed the number of votes as determined by the USAH Minnesota District Registrar. In the event of a dispute, a committee consisting of the USAH Minnesota Directors in attendance not standing for re-election shall make a determination. In a situation where multiple positions are being elected and not all of the positions are filled on the first ballot, any candidate receiving a simple majority is elected and a subsequent election shall take place among the remaining candidates. If none of the candidates have a simple majority, the candidate receiving the least votes shall be dropped and the position re-voted. If more than one new director is being elected, seniority will be ordered by the number of votes with the one elected first or receiving the most votes being the most senior director, etc. The term of office for newly elected Director(s) shall begin following the completion of the next or upcoming USAH Annual Congress.
5. The seniority and the term of office of each of the directors shall be included in this document. In the event that there is a reduction in the number of USAH directors from the Minnesota District, the least senior director's position shall be eliminated. The seniority shall apply to the individual and not to the position. If a director resigns or otherwise leaves his/her position, a new director will be elected to the remainder of the three year term and will be less senior than existing directors.
6. A Minnesota District Director must have their principal place of residence within the Minnesota District. If a director becomes ineligible to serve because of a change of residence, an election to replace that director will be held at the next Minnesota District meeting.
7. The Minnesota District shall select individuals to represent the Minnesota District on the USAH Women's and Girls' section, High School Section and Disabled Hockey Section. This election will follow the procedure for electing the District Directors.
8. These Operating Rules may be changed at either the spring or fall meeting by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors provided that at least 51% of the board members are present.
9. Participation in USAH National Tournaments
 - a. MH must notify the Minnesota District Registrar in writing by October 1 of their intention to participate in District Playoffs that lead to participation in the USAH national tournaments.
 - b. MH Affiliates must notify the Minnesota District Registrar of their intention to participate in District Playoffs leading to National Championships 60 days in advance of the District Playoff.

Updated June 2018

Minnesota District Directors (by seniority)

1. Dave Margenau
2. Steve Oleheiser
3. Scott Gray
4. Doug Kephart

Election To Be Held

- April/May 2021
April/May 2020
April/May 2020
April/May 2021

Girls' and Women's Committee Representative

Doug Foster

April/May 2019