



## Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

### Pilot Program

### Girls High School Classification

**(effective July 1, 2019)**

**This policy would allow full time high school aged players (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) the ability to roster as a high school/prep school division 1 or division 2.**

High School Varsity Division And/or Prep School Division- (male and female teams)- Pure teams (Division 1) are community based public high schools, private schools drawing their students exclusively from a local metropolitan area (excluding any school that boards players), or a combined team (Division 2) is formed by players from multiple schools from a local metropolitan area. Combined teams may form using the same school districts as co-op programs that exist within MHSAA, but that is not a requirement. Division 2 teams from Michigan may not be eligible for the USA Hockey National Championships per USA Hockey rules.

High school teams registered as a high school/prep may roster 30 players, but can only dress 20 players, including goaltenders for any game (MAHA rule VI J (2)).

- 1) These teams cannot have any import or out of state players (Foreign exchange students for the purposes of the high school roster would not be considered an import player) or any players playing up more than one age classification. All players must be from and attend a Michigan high school in the local metropolitan area where the team is rostered.
- 2) Team would only be able to participate in the MAHA High School state tournament should more than one team submit their intent to enter.
- 3) Team could attend USA Hockey High School National Tournament. Game count for team is 10 and players is 5. If there are multiple teams declaring to enter the national tournament a MAHA state playoff will be held to determine the team that advances to nationals. See USA Hockey Annual guide page 153: For games to count in meeting the 20/10 (14/10 girls'/women's, 10/5 high school varsity and/or prep school) rule, that team's player roster form (1-T) must be certified by the appropriate registrar or his/her designee prior to that game being played.

- 4) Maximum game count per team would be 65. Tournament games will be a 4-game maximum per tournament and games played in the national tournament are excluded.
- 5) High school teams could play in a Tier II league and may apply to the district council and state playoff committee for approval.
- 6) Teams shall not play more than 30% of their games against any declared Tier 1 opponents. Any team going over the limit is ineligible to participate for the balance of the season.

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