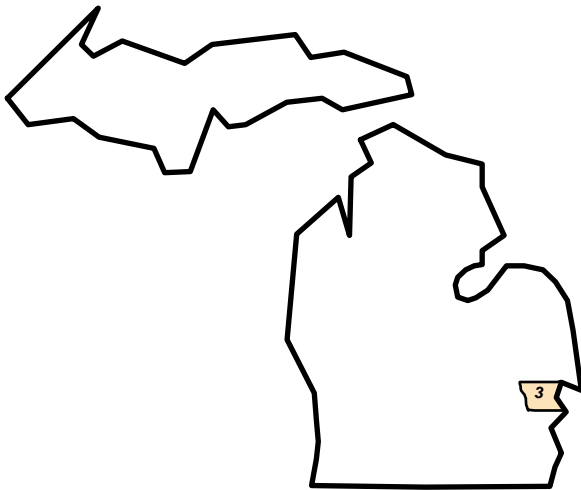
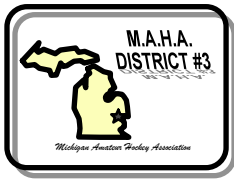


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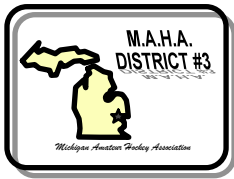
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# M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

## PREFACE

August, 2009

*This 14th M.A.H.A. District #3 Handbook is issued to all teams registered within the District.*

*The Handbook is intended as an aid in making the rules, regulations and procedures involved in amateur hockey easier to understand and follow. Included is information in the more common areas where questions arise. It is not intended to be all inclusive in that this District follows the rules, regulations and by-laws of both the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association and U.S.A. Hockey.*

*Order of Precedence of rulebooks (current editions):*

- 1 U.S.A. Hockey Annual Guide & Playing Rules
- 2 M.A.H.A. Annual Guide
- 3 M.A.H.A. District #3 Handbook

*Each succeeding organization's rules can be more restrictive than the rules listed by the organizations above it. When researching a question, start with the District #3 Handbook and work up the list.*

*Please take the time to read and become familiar with the material in this handbook as well as the M.A.H.A. and U.S.A. Hockey Guides and Rules.*

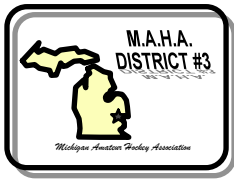
*All of the above rules take precedence over the rules of any league in which your team may be participating. It is your responsibility to know and understand the rules of M.A.H.A. and U.S.A. Hockey. Do not rely on league personnel to answer M.A.H.A. and U.S.A. Hockey questions.*

*The District #3 Council is here to serve as volunteers to administrate and to assist all players, coaches, teams, associations, officials and parents within the District. Contact any Council member as the need arises.*

*Jim Cosgrove*

Jim Cosgrove

District #3 Chairperson



# ***M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3***

## **ABOUT DISTRICT #3**

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- **MISSION STATEMENT**

- M.A.H.A. District #3 is the local governing body for the sport of ice hockey within the district boundaries as defined by the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, an Affiliate of USA Hockey, Inc.
- As such, the mission is identical within the District, M.A.H.A. and USA Hockey: *To promote the growth of ice hockey in America and to provide the best possible experience for all participants by encouraging, developing, advancing and administering the sport.*

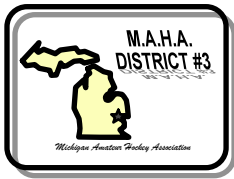
- **PURPOSE**

The purposes of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association are:

- To develop and encourage sportsmanship between all players for the betterment of their physical and social well-being.
- To encourage and improve the standard of ice hockey within the State of Michigan.
- To affiliate with USA Hockey and other hockey associations.
- To conduct ice hockey tournaments and to select representatives for other tournaments.
- To do any and all acts desirable in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes.

- **DISTRICT #3 COUNCIL**

- The District Council works closely with the U.S.A. Hockey Associate Registrars and the District Referee-In-Chief in administering hockey within the District. A contact listing as well as the Council meeting schedule is shown on succeeding pages.
- In addition, District #3 meets with the other Districts within M.A.H.A., the M.A.H.A. Executive Board, and works on assigned statewide committees to discuss and develop concepts for the betterment of hockey throughout the State.



# M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

## ABOUT DISTRICT #3

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
JIM COSGROVE	(586) 630-0787	39950 East River Ct. Clinton Twp. 48038	Chairperson/Director
DOROTHY BALLARD	(248) 229-0665	2626 E. Square Lake Rd. Troy 48085	Director
DAN JAROSHEWICH	(248) 379-4908	3569 Sleepy Fox Dr. Rochester Hills 48309	Director / Registrar
RON KOPY	(586) 979-3273	35749 Cathedral Sterling Hts. 48312	Director / S.T.A.R.
BUD KOWALSKI	(586) 263-7941	46716 Foxtail Ct. Macomb 48044	Director
JOE NEWOOD	(248) 548-1763	10444 Borgman Huntington Woods 48070	Director
TERRY SEYLER	(313) 680-1333	808 Pemberton Grosse Pte. Park 48230	Director / ACE Dir.
TERRY BISHOP	(248) 652-9344	2864 Croftshire Ct. Rochester Hills 48306	Council Member
KIM DURKA	(586) 294-6747	22612 Garfield St. Clair Shores 48082	Council Member
TIM HAY	(586) 949-1038	49688 Brockton Ct. Chesterfield Twp. 48047	Council Member
JEANNE HELZER	(248) 393-0777	3797 Seney Drive Lake Orion 48360	Council Member
BRIAN GARVES	(313) 884-4163	61 N. Deeplands G. Pte. Shores 48236	Council Member / Registrar
KATHY JAROSHEWICH	(248) 860-2157	3569 Sleepy Fox Dr. Rochester Hills 48309	Council Member / Registrar
DAN MONACELLI	(586) 226-2012	20423 Alexander Dr. Macomb 48044	Council Member
JULIE PARDOSKI	(586) 992-8600	54755 Broughton Rd. Macomb 48042	Council Member
CAROL SCHWANGER	(248) 506-8521	555 Brush, Apt. 1205 Detroit, MI 48226	Council Member
SAL GIACALONE	(586) 949-7285	50709 Jim Drive Chesterfield Twp. 48047	Past Chairman*
RAY KRAEMER	(586) 790-0962	35342 Blairmoor Clinton Twp. 48035	District Playoff Coordinator* * non-voting

### DISTRICT #3 REFEREE-IN-CHIEF

J.P. PARMENTIER

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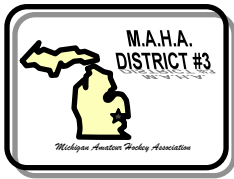
### USAH ASSOCIATE REGISTRARS

Each Associate Registrar covers registration for all hockey at each facility listed unless noted.

USAH Registrar, Brian Garves covers: Grosse Pte, McCann, Mt. Clemens Youth, St Clr Shrs

USAH Registrar, Dan Jaroszewich covers: Great Lakes, Rochester, Macomb, All MSE Adults

USAH Registrar, Kathy Jaroszewich covers: Berkley, Birmingham, Hazel Park, Royal Oak, Troy



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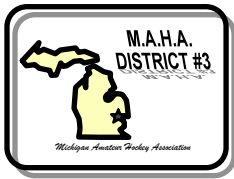
## DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULE

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
Monday	July 20, 2009	Mt. Clemens Ice Arena	General Meeting
Wed.	Aug. 26, 2009	Crank's Banquet Center	Presidents & Coaches Meeting
Monday	Sept. 14, 2009	St. Clair Shores Civic Arena	General Meeting
Monday	Sept. 21, 2009	Royal Oak Senior Center	General Meeting
Monday	Oct. 5, 2009	Great Lakes Sports City	General Meeting
Monday	Oct. 19, 2009	Mt. Clemens Ice Arena	General Meeting
Monday	Nov. 2, 2009	Onyx - Rochester Ice Arena	Districts Entries Review
Monday	Nov. 16, 2009	Great Lakes Sports City	District Exceptions Review
Monday	Dec. 7, 2009	Suburban Ice - Macomb	General Meeting
Monday	Dec. 21, 2009	Troy Sports Center	District Playoff Draw
Sunday	Jan. 3, 2010	St. Clair Shores Civic Arena 10:00 am – 6:00 pm	District Credentials Review
Monday	Jan. 4, 2010	Great Lakes Sports City	General Meeting
Monday	Jan. 18, 2010	Suburban Ice - Macomb	General Meeting
Monday	Feb. 15, 2010	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Monday	Mar. 1, 2010	Royal Oak Senior Center	General Meeting
Monday	Mar. 15, 2010	Birmingham Arena	General Meeting
Monday	Apr. 5, 2010	Troy Sports Center	General Meeting
Monday	Apr. 19, 2010	Mt. Clemens Ice Arena	General Meeting
Monday	May 3, 2010	Great Lakes Sports City	Rules Change Prop. Discussion
Monday	June 7, 2010	Onyx - Rochester Ice Arena	General Meeting

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted above. Meetings are subject to change. Contact any Council member for verification of meetings. Additional meetings will be scheduled on an "as needed" basis.

### 2009-2010 DISTRICT #3 PLAYOFFS:

**All Divisions: January 26 - February 8, 2010**



# M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

## DISTRICT #3 BOUNDARIES

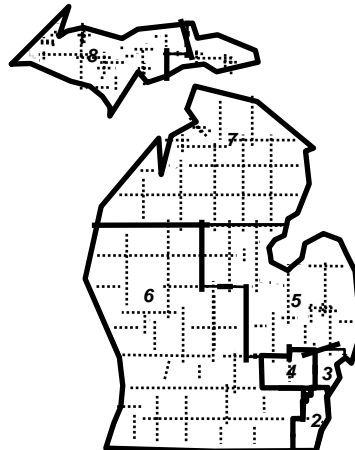
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**District #3: All residents of Macomb County, and:**

- those residents of Oakland County in cities / townships east of the north/south vertical line formed by Greenfield, Adams, Kern and Barr Roads from the Wayne County line to the Lapeer County line except residents of the city of Birmingham.
- residents of Harper Woods and all Grosse Pointes.

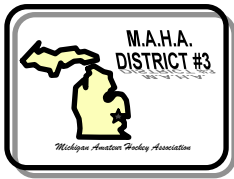
**NOTES:**

1. The vertical line formed by Greenfield, Adams, Kern and Barr roads does NOT follow the “jog” in Adams Road. *example: The “vertical line” falls at the western border of Rochester Hills. All of Rochester Hills is in District #3.*
2. The intent is to NOT split cities / communities between Districts. The “Listing of Cities” shown below lists the major communities within District #3. If a community is not shown, call MAHA for an answer. Do not assume that you know the answer.
3. There are NO Swing Districts. If a player lives outside of the District border, he/she is an out of District player. (Also reference current residency rules for players of divorced parents.)
4. A “mailing address” in a community different than where the player lives is NOT acceptable.



**Listing of Major Communities Within District 3**

ADDISON TWP.	GROSSE POINTE	MACOMB TWP	ROCHESTER HILLS
ARMADA	GROSSE PTE FARMS	MADISON HEIGHTS	ROMEO
BERKLEY	GROSSE PTE PARK	MEMPHIS	ROSEVILLE
BRUCE TWP.	GROSSE PTE SHORES	MT CLEMENS	ROYAL OAK
CENTER LINE	GROSSE PTE WOODS	NEW BALTIMORE	SAINT CLAIR SHORES
CHESTERFIELD TWP	HARPER WOODS	NEW HAVEN	SELFRIDGE ANGB
CLAWSON	HARRISON TWP	OAK PARK	SHELBY TOWNSHIP
CLINTON TWP	HAZEL PARK	OAKLAND TWP.	STERLING HEIGHTS
EASTPOINTE	HUNTINGTON WOODS	PLEASANT RIDGE	TROY
FERNDALE	LAKEVILLE	RAY TWP.	UTICA
FRASER	LENOX TWP	RICHMOND	WARREN
GOODISON	LEONARD	ROCHESTER	WASHINGTON TWP



# M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

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### REGULAR SEASON REGISTRATION: YOUTH

#### • ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION:

- All participants are required to register on line at [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)
- Every program in District #3 is Registered in CyberSport software (v.9.0r).
- Rosters will be generated by computer.
- See “Online Registration Procedures” at end of this section.

#### • THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION OF ROSTERS:

##### – **Age & Division Classifications:**

- Players in each division are to be within the age classification rules as stated in the annual MAHA guide book. (See the age “classifications” section of this handbook for reference.)

##### – **Copy of Proof of Age (hospital records are not acceptable)**

- Acceptable proof of age shall consist of a readable copy of a player’s government issued birth certificate, or, if birth certificate is not available, copy of a Passport ID page. A U.S. Military record of birth will be acceptable in lieu of a birth certificate for players born of parent(s) in the U.S. Military. An affidavit sworn to before a Notary Public duly authorized to act in the State of Michigan may be used only in those circumstances where a birth certificate or U.S. Military record of birth is not legally available. Non-U.S. citizens must provide proof of legal residency and proof of release and transfer from home country ice hockey federation

##### – **Paperwork for Citizens of Another Country that are Michigan Residents**

- A player who is a citizen of another country, and is a full time resident of Michigan, must contact their USA Associate Registrar to review and complete all of the requirements for registration.

##### – **USA Hockey OnLine Registration Confirmation**

- The Waiver must be signed by all players ages 9 years and older (Squirt and above)
- A Waiver is required for and must be signed by all Coaches and Managers
- A Parent/Guardian must sign the Waiver for all participants under the age of 18.
- The Local Program must keep all signed Waivers for this season, and the next two years.

##### – **Consent to Treat Forms**

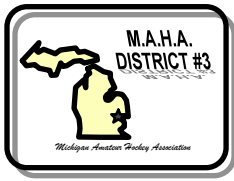
- All Players and All Team Officials must submit a Consent to Treat form at the time of registration.

##### – **Participant’s Code of Conduct**

- All Players and Team Officials must submit a Code of Conduct form at the time of registration.

##### – **Background Screening Forms**

- MAHA requires that **any adult** (18 years and older) that is associated with a youth team must submit a background check. This includes Coaches, Managers, and Team helpers who may be alone with players. The general rule is that if a person has the occasion to interact with any youth member of a team, a Background Check Form should be submitted. Error on the side of caution. **PROTECT YOUR PLAYERS.** The **MAHA Background Screening Application Form** must be completed on line via [www.maha.org](http://www.maha.org) and the confirmation page must be sent forward with the Team Roster form at the time this paperwork is submitted to the District Registrar. **If this form is not included, the Registrar is instructed to “line out” that person from the roster.** You may have already submitted this form with another team: supply another copy of your confirmation sheet with each team’s paperwork.



## M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

# REGISTRATION PROCEDURES (cont.)

### REGULAR SEASON REGISTRATION: YOUTH continued

#### – Coaches Ethics Code Agreement Form

- All Coaches must sign the Coaches Ethics Code Agreement Form and submit the form with their team registration. This form may also be completed online at [www.maha.org](http://www.maha.org).

#### – Parents Code of Conduct (S.T.A.R. Program) Form

- All teams registered with the MAHA and USA HOCKEY must have each parent/legal guardian of each registered player sign the M.A.H.A. S.T.A.R. Hockey Program Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement.

#### – **REMEMBER:** All coaches, managers and/or team officials shall have the sole responsibility for making sure that their team meets all requirements for its classification and meets all the criteria for eligibility for district and state playoffs.

#### – Any roster submitted with anything other than the proper name will not be certified and will be returned.

#### **THE NAME ON THE ROSTER MUST BE FILLED OUT AS IT APPEARS ON THE PROOF OF AGE DOCUMENTATION:**

ex: Robert not Bobby

John not Jack

Charles J. Smith not C.J. Smith

Baby Boy if that is what is stated on the Official Document.

#### – All teams are to have their paperwork submitted by their local association/independent program sub-registrar.

#### – **STUDENT COACH REGISTRATION**

- See your USAH Associate Registrar and the MAHA Annual Guide for the requirements.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### • **May 1<sup>st</sup>**

- USA Hockey registrations for the upcoming season start.

#### • **August 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Teams can sign players, but winter season roster cannot be certified until September 1st.

#### • **September 1<sup>st</sup>**

- All teams can roster players.

#### • **November 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Final date to submit Request for Exception, in writing, to the District Council for District and State Playoffs.

#### • **November 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Last day for team initiated player releases.

#### • **December 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Final date to add players to be eligible for District & State Playoffs (all indoor teams).
- All coaches must have attained the required CEP level.

#### • **March 15<sup>th</sup>**

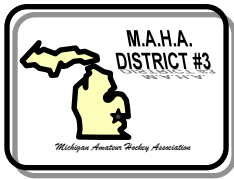
- Teams can sign players, but post season roster cannot be certified until April 1st.

#### • **April 1<sup>st</sup>**

- First day of post season roster certification.

#### • **April 30<sup>th</sup>**

- End of winter season; unless a team disbands at an earlier date.
- All USA Hockey registrations expire.



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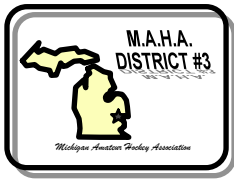
# REGISTRATION PROCEDURES (cont.)

### PLAYER RELEASE

- A player requesting a release must be granted that request if he/she does not owe any fees and/or equipment to the team.
- In order for a player to leave one team and move on to another, the top two portions of the player release form must be completed and signed and dated by both the player and an official (Head Coach, Asst. Coach, Manager) of the releasing team. The team number of the releasing team is the number the District Registrar assigns to the team, not the one that is assigned to you by your association. Independent Teams are exempt from filling out the Association/Independent Program portion of the release form. This top portion of the form must be filled out completely. The middle portion (Association/Independent Program Release) must then be filled out and signed by the Association officer designated to sign releases. NOTE: DO NOT WRITE IN THE BOTTOM THIRD OF THE FORM. The USA Associate Registrar will complete this portion at the time of certification.
- THE TEAM OFFICIAL OF THE RELEASING TEAM MUST KEEP **THE LAST COPY.** It is important that the releasing team keeps this copy. Each release form reduces the team roster count by one player. Therefore, in the event the team had a full 20 player roster, they cannot add another player to the team unless the team produces a copy of the release form. Once the releasing team has removed the last copy, **THE PLAYER IS TO BRING THE REMAINING (3) COPIES TO AN OFFICIAL OF THE NEW TEAM** (to be given to the District #3 Registrar).
- The new team brings a completed and signed supplemental roster form for the additional player, along with the completed release form (all 3 copies) to the Associate Registrar for Certification. The team roster form header is to be filled out completely, transferring information from the original certified team roster form. A team can enter as many players, up to the team limit, on an amended roster form. The form must also contain a completed line in the "Team Officials" portion of the form, complete with signature.
- **A RELEASED PLAYER CANNOT PLAY WITH THE NEW TEAM FOR 72 HOURS, BEGINNING ON THE DATE/TIME THE AMENDED TEAM ROSTER HAS BEEN SEALED BY THE ASSOCIATE REGISTRAR. THE RELEASE WILL NOTE THE DATE/TIME THE PLAYER MAY BEGIN PLAYING WITH THE NEW TEAM.**
- A player requesting a release must be granted that request **if he/she is current on their fees as outlined in their association / team player contract. In absence of the contract a prorated amount must be determined based on participation at the point of the player's release. That prorated amount must be paid before the release will be granted. Any and all equipment belonging to the team must be returned prior to the release as well.** The District Council has the authority to release a player who is refused a release by his/her team or Association.

### **Reference Affiliate Agreement:**

- P. Payment policies shall be clearly outlined in an Affiliates Bylaws or Operating Rules. Policies for payments, late payment fees and injury credits should be spelled out. If an affiliate has a player contract that shall be noted as well. Player Contracts may not contain provisions for collecting fees in excess of the chart below.
- After contract is signed but never participated in any activities with the affiliate \$300
  - After September 1<sup>st</sup> 25% of total yearly fee stated in player contract.
  - After October 1<sup>st</sup> 50% of total yearly fee stated in player contract.
  - After November 1<sup>st</sup> 75% of total yearly fee stated in player contract.
  - After December 1<sup>st</sup> 100% of total yearly fee stated in player contract.
- Player releases for indoor artificial ice leagues, unless requested by the player, cannot be made later than November 30 of the current playing season to be eligible for district, state and national tournaments. No players can be added to a team's roster after December 31st of the current playing season to be eligible for district, state and national tournaments. Exceptions to this provision may be made in extraordinary circumstances by a two-thirds majority approval of the Youth Committee.



# ***M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3***

## **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

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### **POST SEASON REGISTRATION: Youth & Girls**

- During the Post Season, a player may be registered with and play on a maximum of two youth teams at a time. If a player, who is already rostered on two teams, decides to change teams during the Post Season, a player release form is required and the player cannot play with the new team for 72 hours after the new roster has been sealed by the Associate Registrar, unless the team he is leaving has ended its Post Season and there are no more scheduled practices, games, and/or scrimmages.
- The Roster form for District 3 teams can be found at <http://www.mahadistrict3.org>.
- All of the same documentation required for rostering in the Fall season is required to be collected and maintained by the Post Season team's manager. If the player's forms from the Fall season are available, they may be used for rostering in the Post Season, otherwise new forms will need to be completed.
- All Post Season teams must be rostered and cannot play any scrimmages or games prior to having the team roster sealed by the Associate Registrar.
- You must roster your winter team for Post Season league play.

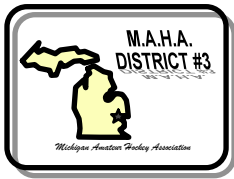
## **ADULT DIVISION REGISTRATION**

### **ELECTRONIC PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- MAHA requires OnLine Player Registration.  
Go to [www.usahockeyregistration.com](http://www.usahockeyregistration.com) for details. Each player will receive a confirming registration e-mail that can be given to each league that he/she plays in. See Online Registration Procedures at the end of this section.

### **ELECTRONIC TEAM REGISTRATION**

- Each Adult team in District #3 is electronically registered by the league / registrar.
- Rosters will be generated by computer.



# M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES (cont.)

### • ONLINE PLAYER/COACH REGISTRATION

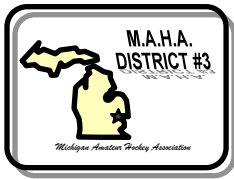
- MAHA requires that all registrations be completed online at [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com). Each player/coach will receive a confirming registration e-mail that must be given to the team league that he/she plays on.
- ***Please note:*** *You must be at least 18 years old to complete online registration. A parent or legal guardian must register any players younger than 18 years old.*
- Go to [www.usahockeyregistration.com](http://www.usahockeyregistration.com)
  - Pay online with Visa or Mastercard
  - Credit or debit cards accepted
  - Make sure cardholder's name is typed exactly as it appears on the card
  - Enter credit card number with no dashes or spaces
  - Verify that person completing registration is at least 18 years old
  - Click box to agree that you understand that USA Hockey has a **no refund** policy.
  - Select member type to begin (Ice Player/Coaches of participating programs)
  - Verify age (You must be 18 years old to continue registration)
  - Enter personal information of the participant being registered:
  - Please make sure to use the participant's legal name as it appears on their birth certificate.
  - An email address is required for confirmation.
  - Accept waiver of liability by checking the "I agree" box and enter your initials in the space provided.
- **\*\*\*At this point, you can register someone else or you can continue to checkout\*\*\***

### • REGISTRATION FEES: ALL DIVISIONS

- **Each PLAYER:**       **\$35.00\***       **(USA Hockey & Affiliate)**
- **Each COACH:**       **\$35.00**       **(USA Hockey & Affiliate)**
- \* IMR fees are waived for 6 and under age players.
- Note: For **Players & Coaches**, Youth or Adults, the \$35 (IMR fee) is paid only once and is good from September 1st through August 31 of the following year. (Good for the winter, spring, summer season.) Pay \$35 only once per season.

### • POST SEASON REGISTRATION FEES: ALL DIVISIONS

- **Each PLAYER:**       **\$00.00**       **(if they were registered for the regular season)**
- **New PLAYER:**       **\$35.00\***       **(or new Coach)**

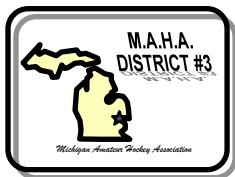


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## **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

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- \* Registration fees are waived for 6 and under age players.
  - Note: For **Players**, Youth or Adults, the \$35 (registration fee) is paid only once and is good from September 1st through August 31 of the following year. (Good for the winter, spring, summer season)
  - Note: For **Coaches**, Youth or Adults, the \$35 (registration fee) is to be paid only once. If you coach more than one team and/or also are registered as a player, you do not have to pay the \$35 for every roster to which you are signed. Pay \$35 only once per season.
  - A link to a confirmation page will appear
    - Click on link to open
    - Confirmation page includes player's name, birth year, confirmation number and barcode, and the breakdown of USA Hockey and affiliate fees paid
    - The confirmation page will be e-mailed to the e-mail address provided during registration or you can print the page immediately after registering.
  - When you open your e-mailed copy, print a copy of the e-mailed confirmation page for the Local Program (Association, Independent Team or each Adult League) you will be skating with (make sure you print an extra copy for yourself). The local program will use this confirmation page to associate (transmit) your Individual Membership Registration with their program. Once the local program has done that, your USA Hockey Registration Card will be mailed to you within two weeks. If you have not received you USA Hockey Registration card within two week after you have presented your confirmation to your program, contact your program administrator to confirm that you have been "claimed", via their transmissions to USA Hockey, by that program. The online registration process is not complete until your local program scans, and uploads to USA Hockey, the bar-coded information on your conformation sheet.
  - **Note: Your insurance through USA Hockey is not valid if you are injured while participating in an event that is not USA Hockey sanctioned.**



# M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

## TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

### M.A.H.A. DIVISION AGES - REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. AGE CLASSIFICATIONS:

For **2009-2010 Regular Season:**

##### Classification

##### Date of Birth

Adult-eighteen (18) or older at date of registration & play	
Junior-twenty (20) or under as of December 31, 2008	
Youth-eighteen (18 or under)	1991 & 1992 Midget 17-18
Youth-sixteen (16 or under)	1993 & 1994 Midget 15-16
Youth-fourteen (14 or under)	1995 Bantam
Youth-thirteen (13 or under)	1996 Bantam
Youth-twelve (12 or under)	1997 Pee Wee
Youth-eleven (11 or under)	1998 Pee Wee
Youth-ten (10 or under)	1999 Squirt
Youth-nine (9 or under)	2000 Squirt
Youth-eight (8 or under)	2001 Mite
Youth-six (6 or under)	2003 & later MiniMite
USA Hockey Initiation Program (any age)	
Women's – eighteen (18) and older	
Girls - nineteen (19) or under (born during or after 1990)	
Girls - sixteen (16) or under (born during or after 1993)	
Girls – fourteen (14) or under (born during or after 1995)	
Girls - twelve (12) or under (born during or after 1997)	
Girls - ten (10) or under (born during or after 1999)	
Girls – eight (8) or under (born during or after 2001)	

#### 2. YOUTH DIVISION CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

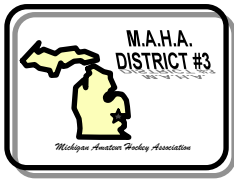
"AAA" (Squirt thru Midget)	No limitation on out of district players.
"AA" (Mite thru Midget)	Maximum of three (3) out of district players.
"A" (Mite thru Bantam "Travel")	Maximum of three (3) out of district players. No second year players (players in their last year of eligibility) allowed.
"A" (Midget 15/16 "Travel")	Maximum of three (3) out of district players. No (17& up) players allowed in this division classification
"BB" (17/18) and under "House"	Maximum of six (6) out of district players. No limit on the number of (17) year old players.
"B" (Mite thru Bantam House)	Maximum of three (3) out of district players. Governed by Sliding Scale shown below.
"B" (Midget 15/16 and under "House")	Maximum of six (6) out of district players. No (17 & up) players allowed in this division classification

Sliding Scale: (for "B" Divisions. Not required for Midgets)

# of players on team:	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
Maximum # of 2nd yr. players:	13	12	11	10	10	9	9	8	8	7	6

#### 3. GAME COUNT LIMITATIONS:

"AAA", "AA", "A", JV/HS: (excl Mites)	(75) games per season (excluding USA National Championship).
MIDGET "B" & "BB":	(40) games maximum prior to February 1 (excluding District playoffs).
BANTAM, PEE WEE, SQUIRT "B":	(35) games maximum prior to February 1 (excluding District playoffs).
MITE: (all teams)	(40) games maximum per season. This total may include a maximum of four (4) tournaments. (Note: the entire Silverstick counts as one tournament.)
All GIRLS	(75) games per season (8<u and lower = (40) games per season).



# M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

## REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHING

### • WINTER SEASON

- By December 31 of the current playing season, youth team coaches must hold Coaching Education Program (CEP) certification ratings as listed below:

**REQUIRED LEVEL: ALL COACHES**

DIVISION	CLASS.	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
8 & under	ALL	X			
10 & under	B, A, Tier II	X	X		
10 & under	Tier I	X	X	X	
12 & under	B, A, Tier II	X	X	X	
12 & under	Tier I	X	X	X	X
14 & under	B, A, Tier II	X	X	X	
14 & under	Tier I	X	X	X	X
16 & under	B	X	X	X	
16 & under	Tier I & II (A)	X	X	X	X
18 & under	BB	X	X	X	
18 & under	Tier I & II	X	X	X	X
High School	USA	X	X	X	
Junior C	USA	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 8 & u.	ALL	X			
GIRL'S 10 & u.	ALL	X	X		
GIRL'S 12 & u.	ALL	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 14 & u.	ALL	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 16 & u.	Non-Nat'l.	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 16 & u.	Nat'l. Bound	X	X	X	X
GIRL'S 19 & u.	Non-Nat'l.	X	X	X	
GIRL'S 19 & u.	Nat'l. Bound	X	X	X	X

For a schedule of clinics and/or to register for a coaching clinic go to [usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com), coaches section.

### • PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

- Compliance with the certification requirements must be shown at all games. This can be done by presenting your Coaching Certification Card (not your U.S.A. Hockey Coaches card that shows that you are insured). In lieu of the card, a receipt from the clinic, in your name, may be used.

### • POST SEASON

- Coaches must attain the level shown in the above scale by December 31 of the current playing season.

### • FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULE

If the coach/team personnel fails to obtain the appropriate USA Hockey/MAHA CEP certification level by December 31 of the current playing season, they shall be removed from that team roster and thus be unable to participate in any coaching activities with that team for the remainder of the season, unless the coach/team personnel applies for and is granted a Temporary Coaching Card at USA Hockey pursuant to the time lines and procedures established by USA Hockey.

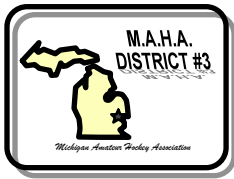
#### Level 1, 2, or 3

Season Certification Received Date

2005/06  
2006/07  
2007/08  
2008/09  
2009/10

Level 1, 2, or 3 Certification Expires

Dec. 31, 2008  
Dec. 31, 2009  
Dec. 31, 2010  
Dec. 31, 2011  
Dec. 31, 2012



# ***M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3***

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHING**

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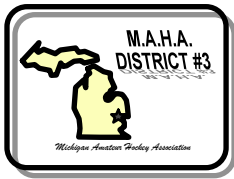
### **• COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY**

- It is the responsibility of each coach to become familiar with the requirements for obtaining and maintaining the proper level of coaching certification by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **• COACHES SIGNING GAME SCORESHEET**

#### **Evidence of Level (applies to all team personnel on the bench during a game)**

- a. Level 1 & 2 coaches shall have a C.E.P. card with appropriate dated verification sticker. This card must be carried for all USA Hockey games.
- b. Level 3 coaches shall have a C.E.P. card with appropriate dated verification sticker, or, a completed online USA Hockey Level 3 re-certification, certificate completed on line, on or before 12/31 of the current season. The card and re-certification certificate must be carried for all USA Hockey games.
- c. Level 4 and Level 5 coaches shall have a CEP card with the appropriate level verification sticker on Level 4. Level 5 (Master) is a card with no sticker. These cards must be carried for all USA Hockey games.
- d. Coaches who have lost their C.E.P. card shall present a print out of the USA Hockey online certification list indicating they are current with C.E.P. verifications. A copy of the coach's application for a lost C.E.P. Card shall also be carried to all USA hockey games.
- e. Prior to the start of the game, all coaches (Head and Assistant) present, from each team, are required to sign the designated area of the scoresheet in order to verify the accuracy of the playing roster, as it appears on the scoresheet, for that game. In addition, all coaches (Head and Assistant) must include their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) card number, their CEP level (1-Initiation, 2-Associate, 3-Intermediate, 4-Advanced, 5-Master), and the year their CEP level was attained. The CEP Card number, level, and year attained shall be printed legibly next to the signature of each coach. The Scorekeeper shall be responsible to make sure both teams have filled in the CEP information and signed the scoresheet prior to the game. Failure of any of the bench personnel to cooperate can lead to a suspension by the appropriate District Council of not longer than 90 days.
- f. A team manager who is not registered as a coach may not participate in on ice activities or be on the bench during games.



# **M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3**

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATIONS, CLUBS & INDEPENDENT TEAMS**

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### **MAHA Rule II B. Definition of an Association**

1. To be an Association within MAHA, all Associations must receive approval and recognition from the affected District Council and MAHA Executive Board. An association must meet all the requirements of the MAHA Affiliate Agreement and execute the agreement with MAHA prior to their recognition as an association.
2. On an Annual basis, all Associations must resubmit their By-Laws to their respective District Chairperson by August 1st each year and receive approval by the District Council on any revisions. If the Association By-laws have not changed since the previous season, the Association need only submit an Affiliate Agreement completed and signed as well as a letter stating that their By Laws are the same as approved the previous season. This and a list of all Officers of the Association, including the ACE Director, with names, addresses, phone number and e mail addresses would satisfy the requirements.
3. An Association must allow open registration to all geographic residents within the Association's local boundaries.
4. An Association must have a demographic large enough to support it.  
The Association shall have:
  - a. An USA Hockey approved Skills Development Program with a minimum of 6 players the first year and a minimum of 15 players by the third year of existence and continue to support its existence to nurture the game of youth hockey.
  - b. A house program with a minimum of three drafted B teams. Only Association based B/BB teams are eligible for leagues, invitational tournaments, District and State Playoffs play.
  - c. An Association may also form teams in other MAHA age/division Classifications.
  - d. The Association must demonstrate to the District Council that the Association has sufficient ice contracted for each team / program that is age appropriate for its players.
5. All new associations will operate under a three-year probationary period. If prior to the end of the three-year period the association does not meet all the requirements and follow all MAHA rules and regulations their affiliation can be revoked.

### **MAHA Rule II B. Definition of a Club Team or Independent Team**

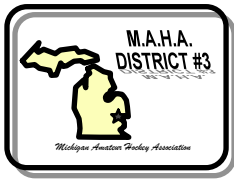
A Club Team or Independent Team is a team in which its members are selected to participate and have no association affiliation. These teams are limited to participation only in an A, Tier 2 (AA), Tier 1 (AAA), Girls and high school classifications and must conform to the rules for their respective division / classification. JV Club or Varsity Club Teams must honor the geographic boundaries of selection of players to their respective school.

Club Teams or Independent Teams must:

1. Receive approval and recognition from the affected District Council and MAHA Executive Board. Each Team must meet all the requirements of the MAHA Affiliate Agreement and execute the agreement with MAHA prior to their recognition as a Club Team or Independent Team.
2. On an Annual basis, all Club or Independent Teams must re-submit their By-Laws to their respective District Council(s) by August 1st each year and receive approval by the District Council on any revisions. If the Club Teams or Independent Teams By-laws have not changed since the previous season, the Association need only submit an Affiliate Agreement completed and signed as well as a letter stating that their By Laws are the same as approved the previous season. This and a list of all Officers of the Association, including the ACE Director, with names, addresses, phone number and e mail addresses would satisfy the requirements.
3. Have sufficient ice contracted and demonstrate that ice times are age appropriate for its players.
4. Be in compliance with all MAHA rules to be eligible for District and State playoffs.
5. All new Independents will operate under a three-year probationary period. If prior to the end of the three-year period the team does not meet all the requirements and follow all MAHA rules and regulations their affiliation can be revoked.

### **NOTE: Affiliate Agreement Form Submission Requirement**

*The first submission for a new Affiliate Organization shall be when they submit their bylaws and rules and regulations for approval by the appropriate District Council and the MAHA Executive Committee.*



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## **HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS**

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- **ASSOCIATION 'B/BB' LEAGUE DRAFTS**

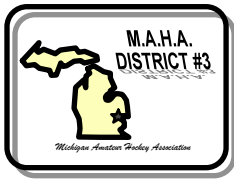
- Association 'B/BB' league drafts must comply with M.A.H.A. rules paragraphs IV, M, 4e, 5h, 6c & 7e.
  - Note that all players registered for the draft must be placed on a team.
  - Associations may end their pre-draft registration process when the number of registrants exceeds the limits of ice available. An Association waiting list can be created. However, no player from an Association "waiting list" can be placed on a team until all players in the draft pool of players have been drafted to a team.
  - **The main point of the draft is to insure balance among the 'B/BB' League recreation teams.** Selective choosing of which players will be on the list of registered players in the draft is not acceptable. Pre-Draft selection of which players will be on which team is not acceptable. Protecting more than the allowed (1) player per team is not acceptable.

- **DRAFT RULES SUBMISSION**

- All Associations must submit a copy of their draft rules to the District Chairperson by September 1st of each season (or a minimum of two weeks before the draft). The rules will be reviewed and approved or denied by the District Council.

- **CONDUCTING THE DRAFT**

- The District Chairperson is to be notified of the dates and times of all association drafts. This information is required a minimum of two weeks in advance of the draft.
- A member(s) of the District Council will be assigned to, and must be in attendance at, all drafts; this includes being in the room during selection of players.



## *M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3*

# DISTRICT / STATE PLAYOFFS

2009-2010 District #3 Playoffs: Jan. 26 - Feb. 8, 2010

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### • ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Teams will only be eligible for the division/classification for which the team is properly registered. (See Team Classification section)

### • REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTION

- **Exception requests for teams, players or coaches must be submitted in writing to the District #3 Chairman by November 15th.** The District Council will act to recommend or deny the exception request. The request will be forwarded to the respective M.A.H.A. State Playoff Committee for their action at the December meeting of that committee. Response from that committee (approval or denial) is final. **No exception requests will be reviewed that are submitted past the deadline.**

### • ENTRY INTO DISTRICT #3 PLAYOFFS

- Each Association and Independent (Non-Association) team must notify the District #3 Council in writing of their intent to enter the playoffs by **November 1st.**
- Entries will be accepted based on the following criteria:

#### YOUTH DIVISIONS:

- Each Association will be permitted to enter (1) team for each of the thirteen “house & travel” division classifications and one additional team for a division classification with (10) or more teams.
- Non-Association based teams collectively may enter only (1) representative team for each of the “travel” division classifications to the District 3 playoffs and one additional team for a division classification with (10) or more teams. A “play in” round will be conducted if necessary.

#### ADULT DIVISIONS:

- Each League within the District will be permitted entries based on the number of teams within the league.

### • DISTRICT DRAW

- A position draw for the District #3 Youth Division Playoffs will be held at the last scheduled meeting in the month of December. (See meeting schedule.)
- **A representative from each Association Board and Independent Team must be present at the meeting. No representation, no draw.**

### • DISTRICT PLAYOFF CREDENTIALS REVIEW

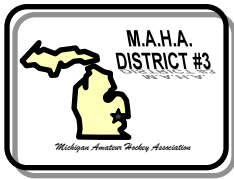
- A review of all paperwork required for the District playoffs will be conducted two weeks prior to the start of the playoffs. (See meeting schedule.)
- If it is determined at the credentials review that a player / coach has not sat a game misconduct, that person shall sit the next game of his/her team and the first game of the District 3 playoffs.

### • GIRLS DUAL REGISTRATION EXCEPTION

- If a girl registers and plays for a Youth Division team, she can apply to play two tournaments with a Girls team during the season. All of the rules as stated in the MAHA Annual Guide under paragraph V., H., 3. must be followed.

### • ADULT MEN'S DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

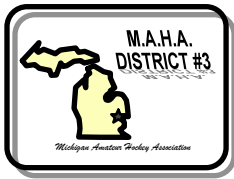
- In the Adult Men's District Playoffs, a player may play on only one team entered in these playoffs. A player can be registered with and play for multiple teams for league play but must select only one of these teams to play for in the Districts.



## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

*The following circumstances deal with the most common disciplinary actions that have come before our District # 3 Council in recent years. These are not inclusive and you should refer to Section XVII of the M.A.H.A. Annual Guide for the complete list.*

- **PLAYERS, TEAM OFFICIALS, LEAGUES, OR OTHERS ( EXCEPT REFEREES ): ALL DIVISIONS**
  1. **It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to review the game scoresheet, after signature by the game officials, for any game misconduct or match penalties. The Head Coach is responsible to take any necessary action based on the scoresheet review. (If the Head Coach is not at the game, the acting Head Coach is responsible.)**
  2. All Match penalties must be reported by the Head Coach (team staff member in his absence) as follows:
    - **The coach must report the penalty within (24) hours following the incident by phone to the District Council Chairperson in the District where the team is registered. If the District Chairperson is unavailable, it shall be reported to another District Council Director in the proper District.**
    - Violation of this rule may result in additional suspension of the offending player / team official.
  3. A player or team official receiving a Match Penalty is automatically suspended from **all** amateur hockey activities until a hearing is heard by the District Council.
  4. A coach or manager, upon the findings of the District Council, who knowingly allowed the participation of an ineligible player or coach in any game shall be automatically suspended for not less than one year.
  5. A player or coach, upon the findings of the District Council, who knowingly participated in a game as an ineligible player or coach, shall be suspended for not less than thirty (30) days.
  6. If, as the result of a hearing, the allegation of deliberate assault on a game official ( referee, linesman, official scorekeepers, game timekeepers, penalty timekeepers, goal judges, statisticians, and public address announcers) is sustained , the player or team official shall be suspended for a minimum period of one (1) year, followed by probation for a period to be determined by the District Council.
  7. If a manager, coach or registered member of a team is put out of a game, he or she is automatically suspended for the next game(s) already on the teams' schedule.
  8. When a player is ejected for receiving a second major penalty in a game, he or she shall be suspended for the next two games.



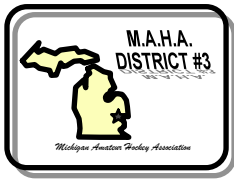
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# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (cont.)

9. The head coach (or acting head coach) of any team accumulating fifteen (15) or more penalties during the same game, will automatically be suspended for the next game his / her team plays. ( USA HOCKEY - 404 misconduct penalties)
10. A player or coach who receives a game misconduct penalty will be suspended for one game. Upon receipt of a game misconduct, the player or coach must immediately proceed to the locker room and either: 1) remain in the locker room for the balance of the game, or 2) dress and leave the arena premises.
11. Any youth player who receives five (5) penalties during the same game, shall receive a game misconduct penalty. Any adult player who receives five (5) penalties during the same game, shall receive a game ejection penalty with no further penalties imposed. Suspension to be determined by the subsequent game misconduct rule - ( USA HOCKEY - 404 misconduct penalties).
12. Conduct Detrimental to Hockey: Any other conduct that is not in the best interest of promoting the mission and purposes of amateur hockey, and that is brought to the attention of the District Council, will be investigated. A subsequent hearing, with potential suspension, will be conducted if warranted by the facts. (Reference M.A.H.A. Annual Guide: section XVII, suspensions.)

### • **ADDITIONAL RULES: ADULT TEAMS & PLAYERS**

- If a player or team official receives a match penalty and the penalty is upheld at the District hearing, that player or team official will be assessed a “**Charity Fine**” as follows:
  - MATCH: \$60
  - This fine must be paid prior to again participating in a game.
  - The designated recipient of the fine will be the legitimate charity of choice of the offending party.
  - A money order, made out to the charity, is to be sent to the District #3 Chairperson. The fine payment will be recorded and the check forwarded to the charity.
  - If a player participates on more than one team, Game Misconducts are to be served with the team for which the player received the penalty.
  - If a player receives a Match penalty, he/she is suspended from all teams until a hearing is conducted. ( See #1 through #12 above, which also apply to Adult players.)



# M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

## TOURNAMENTS

### • TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS

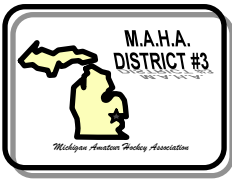
- All invitational and independent tournaments held in Michigan must secure a Sanction and Sanction Number from the M.A.H.A. President and USA Hockey Affiliate Registrar before any tournament fees may be collected. To apply for a sanction, go to [www.maha.org](http://www.maha.org) and complete the sanction form and pay the required fees.
- This may be accomplished by filing a copy of the rules and regulations for the event, along with the appropriate fee and tournament information with the USA Hockey Affiliate Registrar. The tournament rules must comply with all USA Hockey Playing Rules and all MAHA Rules. No deviation from these rules is acceptable.
- If your team is planning to participate in a tournament, it is your responsibility to insure that the tournament has been sanctioned prior to playing your first game. Each tournament is to post a copy of the sanction at the tournament site headquarters.

### • CONDUCTING TOURNAMENTS

- All tournament games must be scheduled following the requirements as specified with the MAHA Annual Guide, Section X. Highlights of these rules include:
- The number of games played by any player or team on one day shall not be more than two (2).
  - Games shall be scheduled with a minimum of four (4) hours between the finish of the first game and the start of the second game.
  - Games shall be scheduled with a minimum of twelve (12) hours between games played on consecutive days.
  - No Youth Classification games may be scheduled to begin later than 10:30 pm or before 6:00 am.
- Tournament playing rules and tiebreaker rules are to be distributed to all entered teams prior to the start of the tournament.
- It is recommended that each tournament have an official knowledgeable in tiebreaker rules on site at the appropriate time. Tournament rules are not to be changed after start of play.

### • CANADIAN TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

- Any team planning to compete in Canadian Tournaments must complete the Canadian Tournament application form (for each tournament entered). Go to [www.maha.org](http://www.maha.org), complete the form and make payment of \$10.00 for each tournament.



## ***M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3***

# **DISTRICT #3 ELECTIONS**

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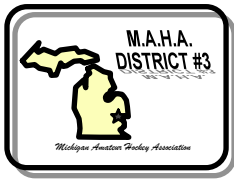
- **ELECTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS**
  - Term of office for all Directors is three years.
  - The next election will be conducted in February, 2011.
    - Written and/or verbal nominations will be accepted at the last scheduled District meeting in January, 2011 (see meeting schedule).
    - The MAHA Secretary will conduct the election.
    - A ballot will be mailed to the Head Coach of each registered team within the District. (one vote per team).
    - Votes are certified and the results published by the MAHA Secretary.
    - Newly elected Directors take office following the conclusion of the M.A.H.A. annual meeting in July.



## M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3

# SITUATIONS & COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- *Do I have to become an expert in all of the rules in order to coach and/or play hockey?*
  - No, but you should read and become familiar with them. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse for failure to abide by them. Every effort is made to distribute the rules to the staff of each team within the District. It is your responsibility to make the rules known to each of your players and staff.
  - MAHA and USA Hockey rules take precedence over league rules. Do not apply league rules to a MAHA/USA Hockey situation. If you have a MAHA question, call anyone on your District Council. If you have a league question call your league. The response “\_\_\_\_\_ from my league said that \_\_\_\_\_” is not an acceptable reason for not following the MAHA rules.
- *My player (or coach) received a Game Misconduct penalty. Does he/she have to sit out?*
  - M.A.H.A. rules state that the player (coach) sits out the next game of your team that is already on your schedule. You are not allowed to schedule an additional game after the penalty has been assessed and have the player sit that game. Many leagues specify that: if a player gets a game misconduct penalty in a league game, he/she sits the next league game. The player will get “double-dipped” if the team’s next game is not a league game. He/she sits the very next game for M.A.H.A. and the next league game for the league.
  - The same applies to District Playoffs. If a player receives a game misconduct in a District Playoff game, he / she will sit the next District playoff game, and, the first game after the game misconduct, if that game is not a District Playoff game.
  - Note that in the Adult Division, a player or coach receiving a game misconduct penalty(s) sits out with the team with which the penalty was incurred.
- *What happens at a disciplinary action hearing?*
  - If a player or coach receives a match penalty, a hearing is conducted to determine the length of the suspension; “zero to life”. (See Disciplinary Actions section.)
  - At the hearing both the suspended individual and the reporting referee testify as to the facts of the case. Additional personnel, who have direct relevant information to the incident may also attend and testify. A decision is made by the District Council, normally directly after the hearing conclusion.
  - If suspended, the player or team official has the right to appeal to the M.A.H.A. Appeals Committee. (See the M.A.H.A. and U.S.A. Hockey Annual Guides for procedures.)
  - All hearings are tape recorded so that the facts of the case can be reviewed by the M.A.H.A. / USA Appeals Committee, if necessary.



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## **SITUATIONS & COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (continued)**

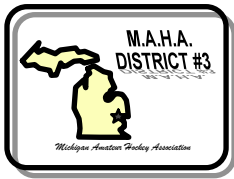
- *How can I get the M.A.H.A. rules changed?*
  - MAHA members may submit a rule change proposal in writing to the Chairperson of the M.A.H.A. Rules Committee. (See [www.maha.org](http://www.maha.org) for the form.) Each proposed change must be submitted electronically to the MAHA Rules Committee Chairperson no later than Dec. 15th. The rules change proposal form is on [www.maha.org](http://www.maha.org). The MAHA Rules Committee will review each proposed change and make a recommendation to all of the M.A.H.A. voting members at the M.A.H.A. Winter Meeting. If a proposed change receives a majority of the votes cast at that meeting, it is sent forward for final approval / denial at the M.A.H.A. Summer Meeting in July.
- *When does the Regular Season end and Post Season begin?*
  - The regular season runs from September 1st through April 30th. Post season runs from April 1st through August 31. However, before April 30, you must obtain written permission from the regular season coach to approach the player for your post season team unless the player's regular season team has disbanded prior to April 30.
- *Tampering With Rostered Players - What is legal / illegal?*
  - No coach, manager, or other team official, connected with a registered team may directly or indirectly entice, influence or contact a player registered on another registered team without the written approval of the coach or manager of that team. (Potential one year suspension.)
  - Reports of possible violation of this rule must be submitted in writing to the District Chairperson.
  - As post season nears, many teams desire to contact players on other teams to play for them during Post season. **Do not contact the player without first contacting the coach or manager. Get their permission in writing.**
  - A player's first obligation is to his / her regular season team; until that team disbands.
  - Ethically, it is wrong to have the player lose concentration on his winter team, typically during the team's league playoffs, because a spring league coach is trying to form a team. You want your players to complete their season with you; respect the interests and goals of other teams as well.
- *Who handles complaints about officiating?*
  - All complaints / compliments about officiating should be handled through the District #3 Referee-In-Chief. The best way is to put the facts (not emotions) in writing, with copies to the M.A.H.A. Referees Committee and the U.S.A. Hockey Referee-In-Chief for Michigan. Their e-mail addresses are in the M.A.H.A. Annual Guide.



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## **SITUATIONS & COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (continued)**

- *How do I get awards patches for my players?*
  - Contact the Sub-Registrar for your Association. (Independents, contact your Association Registrar.)
- *How do I report an injury sustained by one of my players or team officials?*
  - **ALL TEAMS: PLAYER / COACH EXCESS MEDICAL or CATASTROPHIC INJURY:**
    - Immediately telephone these cases to:  
**Grant Helms (989) 631-4507 - USA Hockey Risk Mgr. for Mich.**
    - Provide the following information when leaving a message:
      - Name of Injured Person
      - Age
      - Date & Time of Accident
      - Team Name
      - Name of Hospital & City where person was taken for treatment
      - Type & Extent of Injuries sustained
      - Name & Phone Number (both Home & Work) of person making the report
- *What is a USA Insurance covered event?*
  - A competition, game or event which is sponsored or sanctioned by USA Hockey and includes pre-competition activities and practice sessions which are authorized, organized, and supervised by the coach or other adult designated by the coach to supervise and coordinate such activities. “Father/Son games” are NOT sanctioned events.
  - M.A.H.A. & USA Hockey require that all teams schedule registered referees for all scrimmages and games. Games and scrimmages that do not have a registered referee are not sanctioned.
- *Who is an insured person?*
  - A registered player, coach or referee. The coverage also extends to volunteers of USA Hockey while acting within the scope of their responsibilities on behalf of USA Hockey.
- *Do we have insurance coverage for games played in Canada during the Post Season?*
  - No, there is no reciprocal agreement with Canada for Post Season play.



# *M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3*

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF MAHA RULES CHANGES - July, 2009**

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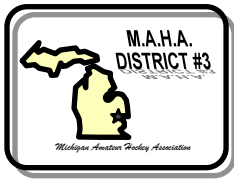
### **MAHA RULE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS:**

**(See MAHA Annual Guide or [www.maha.org](http://www.maha.org))**

- MAHA Directors and Directors-at-Large will now serve three year terms starting with the elections in the 2011 season.
- Mite house teams can have no more than (3) out of District players on their roster.
- Evidence of coaching certification requirements updated. See “coaching paragraphs” on page 15 in this manual.
- At invitational tournaments in Michigan, teams can play no more than two games in one day, with a minimum of four hours between the end of the first game and the start of the second game.
- Invitational tournaments are not allowed to request birth certificates for players. The certified USAH roster must be used in lieu of birth certificates.
- For the ‘B & BB’ classifications: Any Association team with a head coach, assistant coach or manager that formerly coached or managed in another Association or Club shall not have a team with more than 50% of its players who played on a team coached or managed by one or more of those individuals during the preceding regular or post season.
- A game shall consist of at least three (3) periods, of 10 minutes stopped time or 15 minutes running time, except where the game is interrupted, (by some unforeseen event) after two (2) periods have been completed. The game must be officiated by registered referees and with a completed and signed scoresheet.

### **USA HOCKEY RULE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS:**

- **Rule 303:** New goalkeeper equipment requirements now in effect for the 2009-2010 season.
- **Rule 304:** All players must wear the required or recommended equipment in the manner for which it was designed.
- **Rule 403/405:** A team does not have to immediately put a substitute player in the penalty box for a major or match penalty. They must do so before the penalty expires.
- **Rule 409:** A delayed minor penalty, that is “washed out” by a goal before a whistle, will be recorded on the score sheet, but be deemed as having been completed. This penalty counts toward the ‘5/15 rule’.
- **Rule 505:** The scorekeeper is to record the penalty for which a penalty shot was called.
- **Rule 601:** If any coach persists in any course of conduct for which the team has already received a bench minor penalty, he shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.
- **Rule 613:** In the youth/girls classifications, a game misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who removes their (or their opponent’s) helmet / facemask prior to or during an altercation.



# ***M.A.H.A. DISTRICT #3***

## **MAHA PILOT PROGRAM: HOUSE GOALIES**

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### **MAHA YOUTH COMMITTEE (1) YEAR PILOT PROGRAM 2009 – 2010 SEASON**

Within a single Association, in the B and BB Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget classifications only, goalies are allowed to participate on more than one team in the same classification or one classification higher under the following conditions:

This can only be done if:

- At the draft there are not enough goalies to draft one per team
- Or there is a severe injury to the only goalie on a team
- Or the only goalie on the team is lost to a high school team

For District/State eligibility, individual goalie game counts can be waived by submitting an individual exception request to the State Playoff Committee.

*This Pilot Program will be controlled at the Association Board level, with the Board making the individual decisions and overseen by the District Council and the MAHA Youth Committee.*

*We envision this as a means to keep 15 skaters playing hockey when there are not enough goalies available, but would still rely on the individual associations to first help each other out, as you have in the past, with passing players around when the problem is seen prior to the draft. Each Association will need to make its own determination regarding cost to the shared goalie and practice time as well. We will work with any Association that uses this rule at the draft to help them establish written policies as needed.*

*For cases where this program will be utilized due to loss of the only goalie on a team, as described above, please contact the District Council so that we can work with you to develop the policies you need to administrate this program.*



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