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2010

High School Blackhawk Cup Tournament Rules & Format

AHAI will once again host the following divisions:

Combined Junior Varsity Division

Junior Varsity Blue Division

Varsity Girls' Division

Combined Varsity Division

White Varsity Division

Red Varsity Division

AHAI rules prevail over individual League or Association rules. Teams are not eligible except in accordance with AHAI Rules and Regulations. Should you have any questions regarding your eligibility please refer to your 2009-10 AHAI Official Guide or the AHAI website at www.ahai.org. For your convenience, we have attached a sheet listing the more pertinent rules and regulations. If you still have further questions, please contact the Tournament Chairperson for a ruling. The fact that you have received this invitation does not automatically qualify your team for the State Tournament. It is the responsibility of AHAI and the AHAI Tournament Committee to investigate violations of the rules.

The site for the AHAI/Blackhawk Cup Championship games will be The AHAI Hockey Center in Bensenville, IL (*The Edge*) for the Combined Junior Varsity, Junior Varsity Blue, Combined Varsity and White Varsity. The Boys Red Varsity and Girls Varsity Championship games will be held on Championship Day at the United Center on Friday, March 26th, 2010 beginning at 5:00 p.m..

Once again this year AHAI will host a **Junior Varsity Blue Division AHAI/Blackhawk Cup State Championship, White Division AHAI/Blackhawk Cup Varsity Championship, Combined Varsity Division AHAI/Blackhawk Cup Championship, Combined Junior Varsity Division AHAI/Blackhawk Cup Championship, a Varsity Girls AHAI/Blackhawk Cup Championship and a Red Division Varsity AHAI/Blackhawk Cup State Championship** Tournament.

Any “Regular Varsity” team may choose to participate in the Red Division Varsity Tournament. Only “Regular Varsity” teams which finish in the lower one half of their League or Division or teams approved by the AHAI High School Tournament Committee will be eligible to enter the White Division Varsity Tournament. (*The AHAI High School Tournament Committee reserves the right for final placement of teams into the various "Division" categories*). Only “Combined Varsity or Combined Junior Varsity” teams who have made application to the AHAI High School Committee and relative to the AHAI Official Guide, Article I, C-7, will be eligible to enter the Combined Varsity Tournament or Combined Junior



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Varsity Tournament. The final sixteen teams for the Red Division Varsity Tournament and the Blue Junior Varsity Division, as well as the quarter final games for the White Division Varsity, Combined Division Varsity and Combined Division Junior Varsity will be held at the AHAI Hockey Center located in Bensenville, Illinois.

The site for the **AHAI/Blackhawk Cup** Championship Game for the Blue Junior Varsity Division, White Division Varsity, Combined Division Varsity, Combined Division and Junior Varsity will also be at the AHAI Hockey Center located in Bensenville, Illinois. The Boys Red Division Varsity State Championship Game and the Girls High School State Championship Game will be held on Championship Day at the United Center, Friday, March 26, 2010.

You are also reminded that only legally rostered and registered AHAI Teams may participate in the **AHAI/Blackhawk Cup** High School State Tournament to make certain that their rosters have been properly registered with the AHAI Registrar, and that they are correct in every regard and comply with all AHAI/USA Hockey Rules and Regulations.

Let us also remind you of the player eligibility requirements, especially pertaining to players playing for teams other than their High School team only. It is the responsibility of AHAI and the AHAI Tournament Committee to investigate violations of the rules. Your League or Division Officials will be asked to verify the eligibility of your players. Please refer to the "AHAI 2009-10 Official Guide, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Page 73-78, Article V, , paying special attention Section L through O, for specific Requirements of Eligibility."

It must be clearly understood that a High School Team must have played a minimum of 20 games and any Player must have played a minimum of 15 games as part of that High School Team to be eligible for the **AHAI/Blackhawk Cup** High School State Tournament, and satisfy the requirements from the AHAI Official Guide, Article I, Section C, Sub-paragraph 1 and 7. *"Player eligibility is defined as 75% participation of total games played above the minimum of 20 games required to be a High School Team"*. **If there is a question of player eligibility, you , as the coach, must be able to prove eligibility beyond any doubt. The request as to a player's eligibility can come from any source.** If there is any violation of the rule, your team will be suspended from Tournament play and the matter turned over to the Rules and Ethics Committee of AHAI for appropriate disciplinary action.

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In addition to the above, all teams must comply with the following proposal which has been instituted by the AHAI High School Committee in order to curb abusive recruiting and illegal soliciting of exchange students to enhance High School Hockey programs. It is the intent of this proposal to follow the IHSA Rules regarding transfer students, recruiting of athletes and foreign exchange student eligibility.



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H. High School: It is the general intent of the Rules to follow IHSA Rules regarding High School transfer students, recruiting of high school athletes and high school foreign exchange student eligibility: specifically from the annually published IHSA Rules pertaining to transfer students, recruiting of High School athletes and High School foreign exchange student eligibility. It is the responsibility of the student, parent(s) of the student, coach and high school organization to raise any issues which may be in question and bring them to the High School Committee for resolution before the Playing Season begins. Wherever appropriate, Executive Director within IHSA shall mean AHAI High School Committee Chairperson, or in his/her absence, the individual so designated by the Chairperson. Failure to comply with these Rules **may** result in disciplinary action by the AHAI High School Committee and the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee.

I. COACHES CERTIFICATION/PERSONS ON BENCH: All coaches and other persons on the bench (*including managers and door openers*), other than rostered players playing in the particular game then on the ice, shall be certified coaches by USA Hockey at the appropriate level. At least one certified coach must be on the bench for each game. **No more than four (4) persons**, other than rostered players, in uniform, may be on the bench.

The Head coach on the AHAI roster shall normally be on the bench; if not, then the assistant coach on the AHAI Roster. Any deviation shall be brought to the attention of the Tournament Coordinator prior to the team taking the ice for each AHAI Blackhawk Cup State Tournament Game. When bringing the matter to the attention of the Tournament Coordinator, it should be done with as much factual information as possible and as much time as possible to permit the Tournament Coordinator to take appropriate action. Violation(s) of this rule shall be referred to the Tournament Rules/Protest Committee and the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee for appropriate action, including forfeiture, inability of your team to take the ice and suspension.

NOTE: *All players, including injured players, must wear at least their jersey and helmet at all times, including warm-ups, if they are going to be on the bench.*

Over the last several years there have been questions asked regarding the participation of clubs in the ranking process. This year we will notify each organizational President if we do not receive a ranking form. Whether or not you participate in the State Tournament, you, as a Head Coach owe it to the hockey community to participate in the rankings because it adds to the validity of the rankings. Please participate in the ranking process!!!!

Also be advised, any “Senior Misbehavior” upon players, officials or fans will cause an immediate appearance of the Club President and the entire Coaching Staff before the AHAI Suspension Review Committee and the forfeiture of a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) bond charged to your credit card. (*See Senior letter enclosed*).



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We are looking forward to a great **AHAI/Blackhawk Cup** High School State Tournament culminating with Stadium Day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Tournament Chairperson, Terry Stasica.

Thank you for your cooperation and good luck!

Terry Stasica

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