

MICHIGAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 2



AUGUST 16, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

Directors: Rick Frescura (Chair)
Debbie Beatty
Bob Smith
Gary Ball
Debbie Zimmerman

Election of District Directors

One new director was elected subsequently resigned. The council appointed Bob Smith to fill the vacancy.

Rules

A package of the rules that were approved at the summer meeting was handed out to all attendees. The main rule change was the Mite Travel rule. This allows for mite travel for associations but not independents. Independent teams may still register through USA. Association teams can not play scrimmage games against these teams. Independents can not participate in tournaments or leagues sanctioned in Michigan.

By-Laws

There are still associations that have not submitted their by-laws to the District for review. This has been a rule for over a year and needs to be followed. These need to be turned in to the district by September 1st or your teams will be district ineligible.

Little Caesar's and Adray's rules require that teams be district eligible to participate in their leagues as well.

Some of the by-laws submitted don't include the draft rules. These need to be submitted so that the district can review these as well.

Drafts

With the drafts coming up quickly, associations need to notify the District of the intended draft dates so that directors can be assigned to monitor the drafts.

Registrations

This year is the first year for online registration. Any association that has not received their scanner for online registration should let Rick know. An email was sent to each register to get

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the appropriate address for mailing the scanner. You do not have to use the scanner. It will make your registration process much easier. Rich provide his new email and address:

Frescurar@yahoo.com

13420 Venness, Southgate

734-284-6177

Exceptions must be turned in to Rick by November 15th. These must go to the State Playoff Committee for approval. District intent letters must be in by November 15th as well. These will be available on the District 2 website.

The website address will be put into each teams registration pack. Please use the website. It contains all the information your team needs to play districts.

Ace Director

Each association was provided a packet to give to their Ace Director. Waivers are due in by November 15th. No waivers will be given out after November 31st. No requests for waivers will be accepted after the due date. The association Ace Directors should have a copy or list of each coach's card to track and ensure that they attend clinics.

If you have a coach that needs a level 3 and currently doesn't have a card, he must take level 1 and 2 this year to get the waiver to level 3. Make sure you communicate this to your coaches. You cannot do a level 2 and 3 in the same year. Once you achieve level 3, the three year renewal process begins.

We are moving to integrate the associations and the Ace Directors into the waiver process. We are thinking of having the waivers turned into the association and then have the Ace Director present them to the council. This will help us determine weather to give the waiver or not. The package also contains a list of previously granted waivers. If a coach comes to you to get a waiver and he on the list, let him know it will be denied. There is a list of coaching clinics and instructions on how to replace lost cards.

We are going to allow student coaches to go through level 1 clinics for free if there are spaces available. Associations need to call Debbie Beatty to reserve a space prior to the clinic.

Tom Kehr of USA Hockey is hosting two meeting is Ann Arbor. This is where any items being provided to local associations is handed out. They will be on ice small games to give direction to local associations to manage these activities. This is also how you will be able to get access to the USA library to copy tapes or drills. An invitation was sent to each Ace Director with instructions on how to RSVP. Please verify that your association will be represented. If anyone didn't receive the email, contact Debbie and she will assist you. There is one this weekend and on September 18th.

Officiating

Bill Gatesy resigned as RIC. We are waiting for replacement to be named.

As part of the officiating committee, Gary Ball had the chance to discuss what officials would be focusing on this year. He stated that they will looking hard for late hits, throwing sticks,

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slamming the penalty box doors. Foul language will not be tolerated and he is asking that you talk to your coaches about assisting in this area. They will clamping down hard on the Midgets early this year to try to get them under control.

Discussion was held on the new icing rule that attempts to correct a situation where an official makes a mistake on an icing call in a short handed situation.

Risk Management

All D & O insurance is cover in the individual membership fees. Those that received a mailing about owing funds must send the check by August 31st or you teams will be district ineligible. These are teams that didn't pay their fees last year. If you are in question about if this includes teams from your association, get with Rick.

Girls/Women

Bob reported that MAHA has a new director - Patty Madden. Bob has an email out to her to try to get more information on what is new with Girls/Women.

Beginning this year, the girl's teams will be coming to us for credential checks. They were previously mailed to the state. Credential checks will be January 12th.

Adults

Tier 1 non-checking nationals were held in Florida previously but due to travel costs they are being moved to Illinois. They only had four teams last year. They are also looking for an association or rink to host national 50 and over. Contact Gary Ball if interested.

Old Business

District Playoffs

Scheduling will be December 4th at the DISC.
Credentials will on January 4th and 5th at the DISC.
AAA and Girls will be January 12th at the DISC
District quarter-finals will be February 4th and 5th at DISC
District Semi-finals and Finals will be February 11th and 12th in Monroe.

Round robin playoffs will begin on January 16th and be complete by January 27th. The process for notification of the game results will be provided later.

All of this information is available on the website.

New Business

There is a new standing committee within MAHA, it is the STAR committee. This was passed at the summer meeting. Debbie Zimmerman is our representative on this committee. The process is normally that a complaint is sent to the association for resolution. The association is to report back on actions taken. As long as the actions taken are deemed sufficient, the response is accepted. If not, it will be rejected to the association for further action. You can contact the district for assistance in these matters. Some of this may change now that there is a standing committee.

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State Playoffs

This year we have Squirt States in District 2. Anyone who is interested in hosting states, please email Rick. The district would like to award these by August 31st.

The Girls divisions are always looking for associations to host states. If interested contact the district council.

Redistricting/Out of District

Some discussion on redistricting and getting relief on out of district was discussed because of the loss of teams and players. Distance to teams and financial impacts have hurt many associations. Rick encouraged anyone who has ideas on this submit them to him as a potential rule change.

Clinics

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| Level 1 | October 8 th | Copeland Center | |
| | November 5 th | Copeland Center | |
| Level 2 | October 22 nd | Dearborn | Dates Subject to Change |
| | November.13 th | Dearborn | Dates Subject to Change |
| Level 3 | October 30 th | Dearborn | Dates Subject to Change |
| | December 3 rd | Dearborn | Dates Subject to Change |

District Meeting Dates:

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| September 20, 2005 | Detroit |
| October 18, 2005 | Brownstown (Ice Box) |
| November 15, 2005 | Monroe |
| February 21, 2006 | Garden City (Maplewood Center) |
| March 21, 2006 | Trenton (Westfield Center) |

Other Important Dates:

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| December 4 th | District Scheduling Meeting | DISC |
| January 4 th /5 th | Credentials B/BB/A/AA | DISC |
| January 12 th | AAA/Girls | DISC |
| January 16 th | Begin District Playoffs | |
| February 4 th /5 th | District Quarter Finals | TBD |
| February 11 th /12 th | District Finals | TBD |