



Midget – High School Age Classifications Split Season Pilot Program 2019 – 2020

This will be the 6th year of the Midget Split Season Program. We are very excited about year six! We have now had two National Championships come from the MAHA split season program.

Some of the benefits of the program are:

- Encourages more player development prior to high school season
- Allow all Midget age players intending to play high school hockey the opportunity to play for the State and National Championship as well.
- Reduce the competition between MAHA and MHSAA programs who are each recruiting the same players for their teams.
- Split season provides more places to play for players not making the varsity teams.

Important Dates:

- August 1, 2019 midget split season teams can begin playing games. Teams can begin rostering on 7/15, but cannot play games until 8/1.
- September 1, 2019 Teams must declare intent to enter early-season playoffs (Entry form will be on MAHA website) A \$300 deposit will also be required as part of the application process.
- October 25, 2019 Early-season playoffs begin that weekend and may be completed depending on the number of teams. If needed more games will be played the following weekend, November 1-3 2019
- November 5, 2019 Early Season rosters go dormant until MHSAA High School Season is over.
- March 20 -22 2020 MAHA State Championship finals for both Midget A & AA
- April 2 – April 6, 2020 USA Hockey Nationals. 16U – Troy Michigan, 18U – Irvine, California

Age Divisions:

- **16 U (National Bound)**
 - Players in the 2003 & 2004 birth years or younger
- **18 U (National Bound)**
 - Players in the 2001 & 2002 birth years or younger

Split Season Playoff Format:

- Early Season teams begin playoffs on or about 10/25 with finals to select team advancing to State Championship completed by 11/3.
- There may be two weekends of playoff. The first weekend (Oct 25-27) may be in different regions in the state based on where the teams are to help with travel. The second weekend (Nov 1-3) will be the finals if needed
- Double Elimination Format
- Teams will play down to a number to be determined based on total number of teams for Early and Late Season play

Eligibility For Playoffs:

- 7 Games for a player in classification and 17 games for a team apply to be eligible for playoffs. This means 17 games in the age classification you are in. So if you are an 18 U team you will need 17 games against other 18 U teams to qualify for the playoffs. If 16 U then 17 games vs other 16 U teams. They can be split season or full season as well as out of state teams, even the Canadian equivalent to your level. (Games against Tier 1 AAA teams do not count toward your game count)
- Teams that have committed to the playoffs will need to submit game log and schedule on September 28 to verify they will reach the minimum requirements.
- Credential checks must be done before the playoffs begin by your district. Any requirements that are due by December 31st of each year (i.e. coaching certification) must be completed by the teams that will play at the end of the season

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