



## Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Policy & Guidelines

### Youth Tier 1 Out of State Player Requirements

Section: Youth

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#### Two Year Pilot Program: 2020 – 2021 and 2021 – 2022 Seasons Submitted by MAHA Tier 1 Committee

#### Summary: Make it easier to administer out of state player requirements and help promote the development of Michigan players

- 1) Tier I organizations are limited in the number of non-Michigan players per organization. Non-Michigan Players will be defined as:
  - a) Players who were rostered with USA Hockey outside of Michigan during their first regular season of play after the 8U age classification are out of state players.
  - b) Once a player is determined to be out-of-state, that player will be considered an out-of-state player no matter how long they play in Michigan.
  - c) A player whose entire family has moved to and become permanent residents of the state of Michigan for reasons other than to play hockey, may apply to the Tier I committee for acceptance as Michigan resident player. The Tier 1 committee shall make a recommendation to the Executive Board which will have the final approval.
  - d) Tier I teams will be allowed the following number of out of state players that live outside 100 miles of either the Taylor Sportsplex or Wings West in Kalamazoo, based on Google maps point to point distance.
  - e) Non-US Citizens and US Citizens living in Canada will also fall into this category.
  - f) Tier I organizations are restricted to only two players that are non-US citizens. These players are considered in your out of state count.
  - g) Tier 1 Organizations are limited to the following:
    - i) 10U Tier I – No Out of State Players
    - ii) 11U Tier I – No Out of State Players
    - iii) 12U Tier I – No Out of State Players
    - iv) 13U Tier I – No Out of State Players
    - v) 14U Tier I – One Out of State Players
    - vi) 15U Tier I – Two Out of State Players
    - vii) 16U Tier I – Three Out of State Players
    - viii) 18U Tier I – Nine Out of State Players - Combination totaling 9 players, including out of state, Ohio/Indiana, commuter US Citizens and non-US citizens
  - h) Beginning at the 14U age category, players who are 14 years old or older as defined by USAH age classifications.
  - i) Must live within 100 miles of either the Taylor Sportsplex or Wings West in Kalamazoo (point to point as determined by the same MAHA system used to calculate Tier II closest rink).



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- j. Teams will be allowed the following number of Ohio, and Indiana players providing they meet the requirements above. These players will not count against the number of players allocated to out-of-state players, but shall be limited as follows.
  - i) 14U Tier I – One Players
  - ii) 15U Tier I – Two Players
  - iii) 16U Tier I – Three Players
  - iv) 18U Tier I-Combination totaling 9 players, including out of state, Ohio/Indiana, commuter US Citizens and non-US citizens
  - v) At the 16U level a team may increase either their out of state player number or their Ohio/Indiana player's number to four. If they increase one of these categories to four, then the corresponding category must be reduced to two. Under no circumstance may the total between the two categories be more than six.
- k. The head coach of a team that is found in violation of the Tier I out of state rule will be suspended for the remainder of the current season and the following season.
- l. All players that stay with a billet family are required to register with USA with their actual home address. No billet parent addresses.

***Proviso: Any out of state player playing for a Michigan Tier I organization in the 2019-2020 season may be grandfathered in until they reach the 14U age classification provided they stay with the same organization, that they were with during the 2019-2020 season. Players who were grandfathered in the 13, 12 and 11 age classification in the 2019-2020 season may appeal for an exemption to allow them to continue to play at 14U and 15 Only classifications for the same organization. However, if approved and the team exceeds the 1/1 limit for 14U and the 2/2 limit for 15 Only then no other players either out of Ohio, Indiana or US Citizens living in Canada will be able to be added to that team's roster. (Note: Ohio, Indiana or Non-Us and US Citizens living in Canada, cannot be used as an out of state player)***