

USA HOCKEY, INC.
2025 WINTER MEETING: USA HOCKEY CONGRESS MEETING
LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2025WM – Tier I Commission - #1
NAME OF PUBLICATION: Annual Guide
MAIN HEADING: Rules & Regulations
REGULATION (Heading): III. Team Membership and Registration
BY-LAW (Heading):
Section: F. Youth Tier I Standards and Criteria and
G. Girls Tier I Standards and Criteria
Reference (sub-section): F.
Paragraph / Page no(s): 174 and 176

***This Proposal is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.
If approved, it shall be on the Agenda for the Congress at its
next meeting for ratification, amendment or repeal.***

CURRENT WORDING: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)

NO CURRENT RULE/WORDING

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)
(as it should appear with new wording-**bold**, Deletions-~~strikethrough~~)

Insert the following in bold italics immediately under the heading for F. Youth Tier I Standards and Criteria and under the heading for G. Girls Tier I Standards and Criteria:

Moratorium on New Tier I Programs/Teams

Effective immediately, no Affiliate shall approve any new Tier I Programs or Teams in any age level unless that Program operated Affiliate-approved Tier I teams during the 2024-25 playing season. If a Program was approved to operate Tier I teams in 2024-25, it shall be permitted to add additional teams in compliance with the applicable Affiliate's approval and rules. This Moratorium shall be in place for any new Programs/Teams during the 2025-26 and 2026-27 playing seasons. Unless this Moratorium is otherwise modified, Affiliates shall be permitted to consider applications for new Tier I Programs/Teams during the 2026-27 season to begin play in the 2027-28 season, which shall be subject to any new USA Hockey or Affiliate rules in place at that time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in special circumstances as determined by the applicable Affiliate, the Affiliate may submit a request for approval of a new

Tier I Program/Team during this Moratorium, which shall be submitted and reviewed by a Committee composed of the Vice President, Youth Council, Vice President Girls Council, and the Chair of the Registrar’s Section. Any decision of this Committee to approve or deny a new Tier I Program/Team shall be final and not subject to appeal.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: Establishes a Moratorium on new Tier I programs in all Affiliates beginning with the 2025-26 season and through the 2026-27 season, subject to special circumstances that are petitioned by the Affiliate to a special review committee.

Submitter: Keith Barrett

Proposal directed also to the following groups, each of which is requested to respond to Casey Jorgensen as to whether the group recommends, does not recommend, or proposes an amendment to the Proposal. (Board, Council, Committee, Section):

	Recommends Proposal	Does Not Recommend Proposal	Recommends an Amendment
Player Development	YES		
Girls Council	YES		
Youth Council	YES		
Registrars	YES		
Board	YES		