

2021 MINNESOTA HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

Includes Revisions as of July 2017

Peewee & Bantam AA Region/State Tournaments

Peewee A and Bantam A teams will be split into "A" and "AA" sub-divisions at the end of the season for the purpose of State Tournaments and associated playdowns. The process to do this will be as follows:

1. The AA sub-division started with the 2012-13 season. The default sub-division for teams (A or AA) was determined by the Minnesota State HS League classification of the boys' HS programs that the association served. Associations were allowed to request a change from AA-to-A or A-to-AA sub-divisions.
2. Going forward, teams will be assigned to the same sub-division as they were the previous season - the process as indicated below can be used to request a sub-division change. For new teams, the sub-division will be assigned by default as indicated above subject to a requested change. Any team that by default qualified to be AA, petitioned down to A, and then won the A state tournament will need to justify continuing to participate at the A level, or upgrade to AA the following season.
3. Associations may request to change their sub-division from AA-to-A or A-to-AA. Bantams and Peewees can be in different sub-divisions (one at A – the other at AA).
4. Associations can have multiple AA teams, or one AA team and one or more A teams. If an association having an AA team wants to have multiple A teams, the A teams have to be picked equal.
5. Any request found to have false information will be cause to have the decision reversed.
6. All Sub-Division changes must be received by the cognizant District Director by a date established by the District but in all cases no later than November 25th.
7. The District Director will make a final determination by the start of their league scheduling meeting, consulting with the Associations as needed.
8. NOTE: The A and AA sub-divisions are sub-groups of the "A" division – both are considered "A" teams through the regular season. AA and A teams may play in the same district league, using a balanced or unbalanced schedule, or may be split into separate leagues at the District Director's discretion.
9. The Peewee and Bantam AA Regions will use double-elimination bracketing and each will advance two teams to State. However, the Regions will be configured differently than the "A" and "B" Regions.

Peewee & Bantam AA Regions – North Format

The North Region will consist of Districts 11, 12, 15 & 16, with pairings as indicated below. If a district has less than (2) teams, the North Directors will determine how to bring in add'l seeds or modify the tournament.

North AA Region Pairings

<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
15#1 vs 12#2	16#1 vs 12#2	11#1 vs 12#2	12#1 vs 15#2	15#1 vs 11#2
16#1 vs 11#2	11#1 vs 15#2	15#1 vs 16#2	11#1 vs 16#2	12#1 vs 16#2
11#1 vs 16#2	12#1 vs 16#2	16#1 vs 15#2	15#1 vs 12#2	11#1 vs 15#2
12#1 vs 15#2	15#1 vs 11#2	12#1 vs 11#2	16#1 vs 11#2	16#1 vs 12#2

• Teams listed first in pairings are "home"

Peewee & Bantam AA Regions – South/East/West Format

1. The South/East/West Regions will consist of Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10. Each of these districts will advance at least one team to regions (assuming they have AA teams). Additional region seeds will be awarded proportional to the number of AA teams in each district to fill out the 24 teams. When the total number of teams is finalized, the Competition Committee will determine district allocations and seeding based on criteria below. Districts will be notified of seeding to the three region tournaments after all district tournaments are concluded. Tournament hosts must block rooms if the location is not in the metro area.
2. The host districts will have their #1 seeds in the tournaments they are hosting.
3. The other districts' #1 seeds will be placed in a region via a blind draw.
4. The remaining teams will be seeded according to the following:
 - Districts will not have their #1 and #2 seeds in the same region
 - #2 seeds will be placed in a region via a blind draw
 - A district's #3 seed won't be placed in a region with that district's #1 or #2 seed. If required, adjustments will be made to assignment of #2 and #3 seeds to maintain equal relative strength among the regions.
 - As possible, a District's #4 seed will be placed with their #1, a district's #5 seed will be placed with their #2, and a district's #6 seed will be placed with their #3
5. First round pairings will be set up according to the following:
 - #1 seeds will be placed via a blind draw. If there are two #1 seeds, they will be placed in the 1st and 3rd quarterfinal games. If three #1 seeds, they will be placed in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarterfinal games.
 - A district's #1 seed will play the highest numerical seed in the region
 - A district's #4 / #5 seed will be in the opposite half of the bracket as their #1 seed
 - The remaining #2 seeds will be placed in quarterfinal games via a blind draw
 - The #2 seeds will play the highest remaining numerical seeds in the region