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Subject: Single Entry Certifications / October playoffs

Association Leadership,

Thank you all (or most) for submitting the single-entry certifications in a timely manner. These rules are set forth in pages 14-16 of the MAHA guidebook. Since we are almost into October and teams have had a month to form, we are at the point of sending a **LAST CALL** for house teams. We have no additional associations left to draft multiple teams (the deadline for submitting rules and draft dates was August 15). For single entry teams, if you do not have a certified, approved, and signed single entry certification—your teams are no eligible to enter into playoffs. If this is not completed before October 1st, we will not review teams beyond that date.

If your teams registered and are not eligible to play in the playoffs, they will be directed back to you for answers.

As with every year, we always hear rumors about illegally formed house teams. Whether it be improperly drafted A and B teams, or single entry "select" teams, the rules are very clear on what is allowed. I do not concern myself with rumors, however if a formal complaint is received there will be disciplinary hearings. Possible results of those hearings could be suspension of whomever submitted the certification, ineligibly of ALL teams from that association (including travel youth or girls' teams), or possible association wide penalties.

Finally, 16u and 18u short season teams have their credentialling this Thursday (10/2) in Farmington Hills. Please help them in getting their paperwork together to make this process as smooth as possible.

Thanks,

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