

MAHA District 8 Meeting - 2024-25



SafeSport Training Requirements

All coaches, officials, and adult volunteers are now required to renew SafeSport Training within 12 months of the prior training

- **May require certification renewal during the season**
- **Participants may become ineligible during the season, unless new training is completed**
- **Participants should receive frequent e-mail alerts, notifying that training renewal is due**



SafeSport Philosophies for 2024-25

Important for all Coaches, Administrators & Volunteers

- Please reinforce locker room policies with your coaches / administrators at the start of the season
- Please encourage participants alleging potential SafeSport violations to file a report as soon as possible – in REAL TIME!
- Please reiterate the importance of confidentiality with those in receipt of allegations of potential violations – do not feed the ‘court of public opinion’
- Please encourage anyone with reservations about filing a SafeSport report to contact the Affiliate SafeSport Coordinator (Michigan) immediately for support
- Please promote a ‘report-friendly’ environment within your community



Coaching Education Program

New Clinics Launched Online Starting September 1!

- **Daytime and evening clinic options**

- Two, three-and-a-half hour sessions on separate days
- Coaches can attend clinics hosted by any District
- Coaches must register for USAH 2024-25 before attending



- **Do not be left behind with an excuse...**

- **"I didn't realize I needed to attend a CEP clinic..."**
- **"I forgot..."**
- **"My association / Hockey Director never informed me that I had to take a CEP clinic..."**
- **"My association / Hockey Director only advised me a couple days ago that I needed a CEP clinic..."**
- **"I was unable to secure a CEP clinic in the last week of December 2024..."**
- **"The CEP clinics available didn't fit my schedule..."**



Player Safety

- **Neck Laceration Protectors**

- **USA Hockey MANDATE – Goes into effect on August 1, 2024**



- **Key Considerations**

- **As of June 2024, HECC approved same standard presently in place with BNQ**
- **Rule verbiage on standard expected to be refined by 2025 USA Hockey Winter Meetings**
- **Potential Outcomes:**
 - **Recommendation of a HECC-certified product**
 - **Requirement of a HECC-certified product**
 - **Requirement of a HECC or BNQ certified product**

NOTE: Participants need to be mindful of non-certified products in the marketplace. Future refinement of the standard may require replacement of product in order to meet the standard.



Concussions in Ice Hockey

Sports-Related Concussion (SRC) is a traumatic brain injury

- **Can result from a blow to head, neck *or body***
- **Often occurs to players:**
 - **Who don't have, or just released, the puck**
 - **From open-ice hits**
 - **Unanticipated hits**
 - **Illegal collisions**



There is no such thing as a “minor brain injury.”



Concussion Protocol

USA Hockey Return to Play Form

- Adopted as the **REQUIRED** form of use for MAHA, per the USA Hockey Player Safety Committee
- **Three (3) signatures required for medical clearance:**
 - Health Care Professional
 - Parent / Legal Guardian
 - Head Coach
- **This form is to be used after an athlete has been removed from athletic activity, due to a suspected concussion and MUST be signed by their medical provider in order to return without restriction to training, practice or competition.**
- **Provide a copy of the completed, signed Return to Play Form to your association for accurate records**

**MAHA/USA HOCKEY CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT
RETURN TO PLAY FORM**

The USA Hockey Concussion Management Protocol and most state statutes require that an athlete be removed from any training, practice or game if they exhibit any signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion or are suspected of sustaining a concussion. The player should not return to physical activity until he or she has been evaluated by a qualified medical provider who has provided written clearance to return to sports.

This form is to be used after an athlete has been removed from athletic activity due to a suspected concussion and must be signed by their medical provider in order to return without restriction to training, practice and competition.

Player Name: _____ DOB: / /

Please cut here

Return this form to Jon Hosking, Michigan District Player Safety Coordinator, at jhosking@maha.org
(Information is used for data collection only Name and DOB will not be shared)

District/Affiliate: Michigan Name of person reporting: _____

Association & Team: _____ Date of injury: / / Age at time of injury: _____

Location of injury/Arena: _____

Injury signs/symptoms: _____

Age level of play: _____ Date of Initial Visit to Health Care Professional: / /
(Y10U, Y14U, G10U, G12U, HS)

Print Health Care Professional Name: _____ License Number: _____

Role of Health Care Professional: (Physician, AT, Nurse Practitioner, etc.) _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE-NAMED ATHLETE TO RETURN TO ATHLETIC ACTIVITY FOR FULL PARTICIPATION WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

Signature: _____ Date: / /

I AM THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PLAYER IDENTIFIED ON THIS FORM AND I CONSENT TO THEIR RETURN TO ATHLETIC ACTIVITY WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

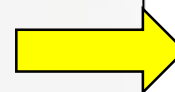
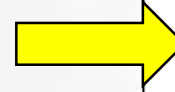
Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: / /

I AM THE COACH OF THE PLAYER IDENTIFIED AND I CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS CLEARANCE FORM ACKNOWLEDGING THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND PARENT HAVE APPROVED THE ATHLETE'S RETURN TO PARTICIPATION WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

Coaches Name: _____

Coach Signature: _____ Date: / /





#TeamUpAgainstConcussions

- **October 21-26, 2024**
 - **The Speech**
 - Designate a 'Concussion Legacy Captain'
 - CLC presents the speech to team
 - Record and share the video on social media
 - #TeamUpAgainstConcussions



Detailed information, including a social media game plan, will be provided to all associations and posted on the MAHA website. Bonus point incentives will be made available through the 2024-25 'Association of the Year' Contest.



Growth Initiatives

Try Hockey For Free (non-national calendar)

- **Increase events in Michigan in 2024-25**
 - **Host sites required to provide:**
 - **One hour of ice**
 - **Grassroots promotion of event**
 - **Access to rental skates**
 - **Event Volunteers**
 - **On-ice (Bantam, Midget, HS player tutors!)**
 - **Registration - Check-in and Check-out**
 - **Recruitment**
 - **Off-ice director for Q&A, program promotion**
 - **Post-event follow-up**
 - **Scheduling, equipment and event activation:**
 - **Jon Hosking, Hockey Events Manager**
 - **Special thanks to BIGGBY COFFEE for jersey sponsorship!**



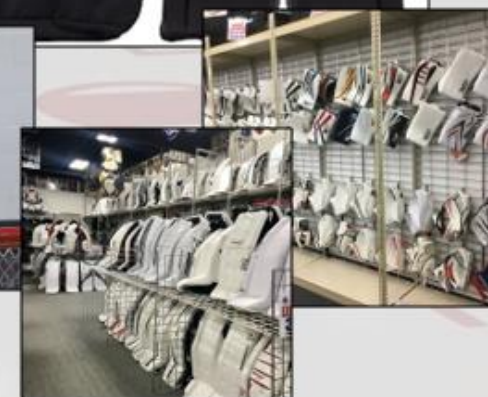
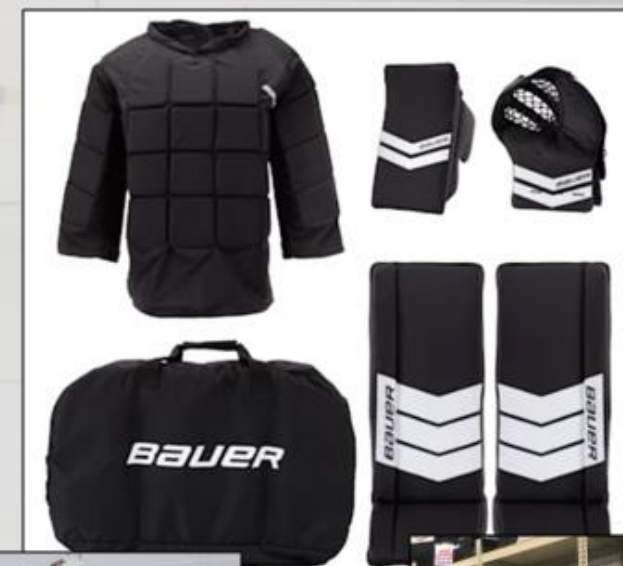
Ready to secure dates? E-mail jhosking@maha.org



Growth Initiatives

'Try Goalie For Free' Initiative

- **Equipment Activation**
 - QuickChange Goalie Gear
 - Available for 'TGFF' stations in non-national THFF events
- **Instructor Support**
 - Call-to-Action to goalie coaches across Michigan
 - Available for 'TGFF' stations in non-national THFF events
- **Goalie Grant Program**
 - **Sponsoring partner(s) to be announced**
 - Resource for those ready to commit to goaltending position
 - Funds provided will offset equipment costs
 - Work with retail partners to honor investment and service customers
 - Grant Amount - \$200-\$250



Growth Initiatives

MAHA Association of The Year Contest – 2024-25

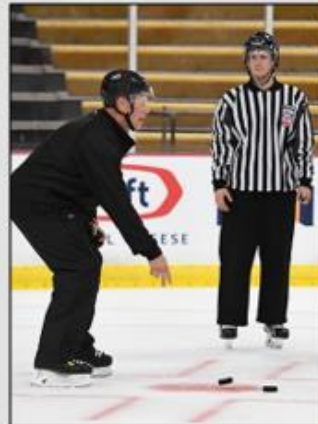
- **New 2024-25 Contest criteria has been launched**
- **Contest measured on several specific growth measurements**
 - **8u Participation and Retention**
 - **Growth Initiative Participation Points**
 - **Bonus Point Opportunities**
- **Progress tracked throughout the year**
 - **Final score based on March 31, 2025 USAH Membership numbers**
- **Cash prize for Top 3 performing associations**
 - **1st Place - \$7,500**
 - **2nd Place - \$5,000**
 - **3rd Place - \$2,500**
- **1st Place winner – John Stansik Award (Association of the Year)**



Growth Initiatives

'Earn Your Stripes' Invitational Events

- **DATES / LOCATIONS:**
 - **Sunday, November 3rd** – **Kaliseum Rec Complex (Kalkaska, MI)**
 - **Saturday, November 9th** – **Mountain View Ice Arena (Iron Mountain, MI)**
- **10u Teams are invited to participate – FREE!**
 - **Space may be limited**
 - **Contact Jon Hosking (jhosking@maha.org) to participate!**



3rd Annual
EARN YOUR STRIPES
INVITATIONAL

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024
Kaliseum Recreation Complex

The 'Earn Your Stripes' Invitational is a unique opportunity for Level 1 Officials to receive real-time, on-ice mentoring and instruction during a live game setting. Participating officials gain confidence, education, and experience!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP: [CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO!](#)

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Events & Programming



MITE JAMBOREES

NOV. 10, 2024
ARCTIC COLISEUM (CHELSEA)
8U BLUE & WHITE DIVISIONS

DEC. 1, 2024
BIG BEAR ARENA (SAULT STE. MARIE)
ALL 6U & 8U DIVISIONS

DEC. 8, 2024
USA HOCKEY ARENA (PLYMOUTH)
ALL 8U GIRLS, RED, WHITE & BLUE DIVISIONS

DEC. 14, 2024
CRYSTAL FIELDHOUSE (BURTON)
6U DIVISIONS

JAN. 11, 2025
EAST LANSING ICE CUBE
6U & 8U GIRLS, RED, WHITE & BLUE DIVISIONS

FEB. 14-16, 2025
CENTER ICE ARENA (TRAVERSE CITY)
ALL 6U & 8U DIVISIONS



Events & Programming

MAHA '8u Plus' Program

TIMELINE:

- **Early October (TBD) – Informational Zoom Call**
- **December 1, 2024 – Team Registration Deadline**
- **December 10, 2024 – Participant Zoom Call**
- **January 1, 2025 – Rostering Process Begins**
- **January 3, 2025 – Regional Schedule Complete**
- **January 15, 2025 – Regional Game Play Begins**
- **March 2, 2025 – Regional Games Must Be Completed**
- **March 7-9, 2025 – End-of-Season Tournament (tentative)**





Player Selection Camp Dates

- **BOYS**

- Dearborn: April 10-13, 2025
- Marquette: April 18-19, 2025
- Grand Rapids: April 25-27, 2025

- **GIRLS**

- Grand Rapids: April 25-27, 2025



Registration will open mid-December 2024



Questions?

