



MAHA TIER I RESIDENCY CONFIRMATION FORM

PLAYER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_
ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE CLASSIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_
PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ IN-STATE RESIDENT SINCE: \_\_\_\_\_
PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year)
(If different from above - No PO Boxes)
CITY / STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ IN-STATE RESIDENT SINCE: \_\_\_\_\_
PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year)
(If different from above - No PO Boxes)
CITY / STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Does family own/rent property in any other state? (If yes, please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF RESIDENCY (Minimum of 3 Required)

- Valid Driver's Licenses (both parents) - REQUIRED [checked]
Utility / CC bill (last 90 days) [ ]
Bank statement (last 90 days) [ ]
Life, health, or auto insurance policy [ ]
Government documents [ ]
Michigan Title Registration (current address) [ ]
Adoption paperwork (permanent guardianship) [ ]
Other \* [ ]

\* If a participant's parents are in the process of relocation to Michigan, documents such as letters from the parents' employers, home listings, and purchase agreements could be useful documentation in showing intent to relocate. If approved as a resident, further documentation throughout the year may be required to prove residency has been fully established. As a general policy, a player must completely move with the people he/she was living with previously in order for a relocation to meet the requirements of this policy.

I certify that the information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT NAME SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT NAME SIGNATURE

## **MAHA Tier I Application Process for Establishing Michigan Residency (Approved July 7, 2020)**

### **MAHA Youth Tier I Out of State Player Requirements**

Per the MAHA Pilot Program Youth Tier I Out of State Player Requirements approved on May 5, 2020:

- Tier I organizations are limited in the number of non-Michigan (out of state) players per organization.
- Non-Michigan players will be defined as players who were rostered with USA Hockey outside of Michigan during their first regular season of play after the 8U age classification.
- Once a player is considered/determined to be an out of state player, that player will be considered an out of state player no matter how long they play in Michigan.
- A player whose entire family has moved to and become residents of the state of Michigan for reasons other than to play hockey, may apply to the Tier I committee for acceptance as a Michigan resident player. The Tier I committee shall make a recommendation to the Executive Board which will have the final approval.

### **Application Process**

- An out of state player (as defined in the MAHA Youth Tier I Out of State Player Requirements Pilot Program) seeking a change of status to become a Michigan Resident must submit an application and the appropriate documentation (a minimum of three items of documentation from the list) as proof of residency detailed in the MAHA Residency Policy (see below) to the MAHA Tier I Committee through a Tier I Organization Director.
- The MAHA Tier I Committee will review and make a recommendation to the MAHA Executive Board based on the MAHA Residency Policy criteria included in this document. All organizations will participate in the review process at all age groups except for the Soo Indian organization which will only participate for 18U age classification reviews. The Tier I Committee will include the results of the Committee vote with the recommendation, including how each organization voted and a note on the reason each organization voted not to recommend. The Tier I organization submitting the application will recuse itself from voting. If necessary, a Tier I Committee representative will be available to make a report at the MAHA Executive Board meeting. The MAHA Executive Board makes the final decision.
- Applications for players in the 14U, 15O, 16O and 18U age classifications must be submitted on or before the first Thursday of the month (April through August). The Tier I Committee will meet within 3 days to make a recommendation and forward to the Executive Board for a decision no later than the end of the month. If Michigan Residency is not approved by August 31st, the player can play on a Michigan Tier I team that season but would be considered an out of state player per the MAHA allowance for that age classification for that season. The player would be eligible to re-apply to prove Michigan Residency prior to the next season.
- As no out of state players are allowed in Tier I at the 10U, 11U, 12U and 13U age groups, players in those age groups will be allowed to apply for Michigan Residency from April through December. The player must be approved as a Michigan Resident before being added to the roster. Applications must be submitted to the Tier I Committee on or before the first Thursday of the month. The Tier I Committee will meet within 3 days to make a recommendation and forward to the Executive Board for a decision no later than the end of the month, by December 22<sup>nd</sup> in the month of December only.

### **Michigan Residency Requirements Policy - Approved 4/7/2015**

The following are the elements of the MAHA Residency Requirements Policy (approved 4/7/2015) that will be utilized in making a determination on the Change of Residency Status for applicants at the Tier I level.

Resides: The Policy will address a participant's residence requirements and how MAHA will look at residency for the purpose of hockey in Michigan. In an effort to reduce the potential of any problem regarding where a Player resides for any purposes the following Policy is applicable:

- MAHA looks to the residency of both the player's parents as the player's residence. There may be exceptions to this rule in the case of divorce or billeted players, but these players must be brought to the attention of the MAHA registrar, in writing prior to the Roster being submitted for approval.
- No player may create a residence for the purpose of playing hockey. Temporary or limited guardianships are not permitted or recognized by MAHA as residence in Michigan.
- The player/parents shall have the burden of proving residence, and MAHA Rule II Registration and Rostering: Participants and Teams Paragraph K is especially important in this context. For Tier I Teams, "district" refers to Michigan. If a player's residence is not with the parent(s), and the player's current residence was necessitated for the purposes of playing hockey, the presumption is that the player does not meet the residency requirements outlined in this policy.
- If a participant's parents are in the process of relocation to Michigan, documentation such as letters from the parents' employers, home listings and purchase agreements could be useful documentation in showing intent to relocate. If approved as a resident, further documentation throughout the year may be required to prove residency has been fully established. As a general policy, the player must move with the people he/she was living with previously (full and complete move) in order for a relocation to meet the requirements of this Policy.
- Players who establish residency and are playing in Michigan for the first year may be asked to provide documentation throughout the year to prove that the player is still going to school in Michigan and that he/she continues to meet the residency requirements.

#### **Examples that may establish proof of Michigan Residency**

Please provide a minimum of three of the following documents. Documents must have the family name and Michigan residence address on them (Michigan P.O. Boxes are not acceptable residence address)

- Valid permanent Michigan Driver's License
- Utility bill or credit card bill issued within the last 90 days
- Account statement from a bank or other financial institution issued within the last 90 days
- Life, health or auto insurance policy
- Federal, State or local government documents such as receipts, licenses or assessments
- Michigan Title Registration (must show current address)
- Adoption paperwork showing permanent guardianship

This is the Policy that MAHA uses to determine the residence of a player participating in Michigan. Failure to comply may result in the suspension of the Player and/or Team and/or Organization.

The policy is designed to standardize the process of establishing residency. If after reviewing any documentation submitted to prove residency, the Michigan Registrar still deems a player a non-resident, the player/parent may appeal that ruling to a committee made up of the MAHA Attorney, Vice-President of Youth and Vice-President of Girls/Women's. Any subsequent appeal would be made to the MAHA Executive Board.