

Agenda – September 14, 2020
Zoom Conference Call
AAHA Monthly Meeting...Following Annual Meeting

- Call to Order
- Establish a quorum
- Introductions
- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of August 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Reports

- President Report –
- Treasurers Report –
- Secretary Report –
- AAHA Admin Report -
- Hockey Operations Report - Submitted Electronically
- Background Screening / Safe Sport Report –
- By-Laws and Policy Report –
- Coaching Report –
- Disciplinary Report – Submitted Electronically
- Officiating Report: USA Hockey – Submitted Electronically
- Officiating Report: AHRA
- Registrars Report –
- Adult Hockey Report
- Arizona Coyotes Report
- Player Development Report –
- Tournament Report –
- Girls/Female Hockey Report -
- Disabled Hockey Report –

Old Business

- AAHA Policy Manual Changes to Section 16 Officiating

New Business

- AAHA Policy Manual Change to Section 13.2.3 Tier 1 Selection Procedure

Announcements

Adjournment

Future 2020-21 AAHA Board Regular Meetings

- October 12
- December 14
- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- May 10
- July 12
- August 9

Hockey Ops Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting
10:00am August 18, 2020

Present: Tim Reckell, Brad McCaughey, Matt Shott March Fritsche, Ron Fillion, Kenny Corupe, Jeremy Goltz, Kurt Goar, Geoff Pashkowski, Ryan DeJoe, Bob Platt and Bruce Urban

Preliminary seeding of AZYHL teams will happen at the next Hockey Ops meeting on August 27th at 10am.

The following list is Tier I teams.

Coyotes; 14U, 15O, 16U and 18U

Bobcats; 14U, 14O, 16U and 18U

DYHA; 14U, 15O, 16U and 18U

The following list is for Tier II teams.

Bobcats; 15U and 16U

CAHA; 14U and 16U

Lady Kachinas; 14U, 16U and 19U

Mission; 14U, 16U and 18U

Titans; 14U and 16U

Union; 14U, 16U and 18U

Every organization announced that they will have teams in the AZYHL. The clubs will submit their list prior to the next meeting for seeding purposes. Flagstaff and Tucson are not sure what age groups they will be fielding teams just yet. Neither organization has any ice and are still making an attempt to put teams together for the fall. They hopefully will know more as the season unfolds.

Clubs may apply for a waiver for 6U players playing in the 8U division only if the clubs do not have enough 8U players to fill the roster.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 27th at 10am via Zoom.

Hockey Ops Committee Meeting
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Play in the Tier I and II is having a few issues starting out the season. Some teams around the country have not been permitted to officially form via Affiliate rules/policy. Therefore, they cannot play in a USA Hockey sanctioned event. Some Affiliates are lifting some of the restrictions. Tim is researching which Affiliates are allowing teams from Arizona to travel to their Affiliate and what may be required to travel. He will be communicating with the clubs to let them know what they are able to do. Once other Affiliates start opening and are permitted to have tryouts, the dust will most likely settle, and teams should be able to travel more freely.

The minimum rosters are due no later than September 1.

Tier I in-state games. Per Policy teams must play a minimum of 6 games against each of the other teams in the same age division.

Tier II in-state games. The 14U and 16U teams will play 4 games against each of the other teams in the same age division. The 18U teams will play 6 games against each other since there are only two teams. The scheduling meeting will be on September 12th at a location to be determined. All games must be completed by February 5th.

State playdown dates to be determined at the September 9th Hockey Ops meeting.

It was suggested that the AZYHL state playdowns are scheduled after the Rocky Mountain District Tournament March 4-7, 2021 hosted by Arizona.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 9th at 10am via Zoom.

Arizona Amateur Hockey Association
Disciplinary Report
September 2020

The Discipline Committee met on Tuesday August 13 and Tuesday September 1, 2020. There was one hearing scheduled for each evening.

Tuesday August 13th

An Adult League player received a penalty under USA Hockey rule 602 (a), attempt to injure an opponent. The player swung his stick in a deliberate manner in the direction of a player. The stick made contact with the other player's shoulder. There was no injury to the other player. The player received a one-month suspension.

Tuesday September 1st

An adult League player received a penalty under USA Hockey rule 601(f3), behaving in a manner that is critically detrimental to the game. The player spit in the direction of an opponent who was at least 6 feet away. The saliva did not make contact with the opponent or anyone else. The player received a three-week suspension.

This concludes my report for September 2020.

Respectfully,
Bruce Urban, Disciplinary Committee Chair

USA Hockey Officiating Report
September 2020
Submitted by Bryan D. Eisentraut

REGISTRATION UPDATE

Officials Registration for 2020-21 Season

Registered Officials as of 8/9/2020

Level 1	59
Level 2	24
Level 3	38
Level 4	13
	134

Officials Registration for 2019-20 Season

Registered Officials as of 7/20/2019 (after 1st seminar of season)

Level 1	88
Level 2	31
Level 3	51
Level 4	8
	178

Officials Registration for 2018-19 Season

Registered Officials as of 8/11/2018

Level 1	61
Level 2	29
Level 3	49
Level 4	11
	150

- 2020 Season to 2019 Season Registration Comparison: Day & Date
 - 2020 season registration is down 38% compared to registrations on this date in 2019
 - Plausible causes
 - Uncertainty/Apprehension due to COVID-19
 - 2019 seminars started earlier in the season (July) which drove earlier 2019 registration
- 2020 Season to 2019 Season Registration Comparison: After First Seminar
 - 2020 season registration is down 25% compared to 2019 registrations after the first seminar
 - Plausible causes
 - Uncertainty/Apprehension due to COVID-19
 - First year of registration starting in June which drove early registration
- 2020 Season to 2018 Season Registration Comparison: Day & Date
 - 2020 season registration is down 10% compared to registrations on this date in 2018
 - Offers a possible more accurate comparison
 - In 2018 registration started in August which is more representative of registration for 2020

WANT TO BE A REFEREE

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!



2020-21 Season Seminar Schedule

Level	Available Dates
Brand New Officials Level 1	August 30 (Saturday) September 26 (Saturday) October 17 (Saturday)
Returning Officials Level 1	September 12 (Saturday) October 7 (Wednesday)
Level 2	September 12 (Saturday) October 7 (Wednesday)
Level 3	September 19 (Saturday) October 21 (Wednesday)
Level 4	October 3 (Saturday)



FOR MORE INFORMATION



USA HOCKEY

ARIZONA HOCKEY
REFEREES ASSOCIATION

PROPOSAL FOR POLICY CHANGE:

13.2.3 Tier I Selection Procedure

No Member Organization shall have authority to operate or otherwise participate in Tier I hockey in any capacity unless it has received written notice in that it has been selected by the Tier I Selection Committee to operate or participate in Tier I hockey for that season. Any Member Organization requesting to field Tier I teams must be in good standing with AAHA.

1. Tier I Selection Committee Establishment: The President will submit the names of three (3) to five (5) persons to serve on this committee. The AAHA voting Directors will select two (2) candidates by ballot. The three (3) persons who receive the most votes will serve on the committee. The Tier I Selection Committee shall be chaired by the President but the President will not vote.
2. Application: Any Member Organization seeking authorization to operate or otherwise participate in Tier I hockey shall complete and deliver an application to the Hockey Operations Committee Chairman and AAHA President no later than November 15th of each year. No Member Organization may submit an application unless that Member Organization is in good standing with AAHA. The Tier I Application (a form of which is attached as APPENDIX A) shall include the following:
 - a. A list of all coaches and manager(s) for each proposed Tier I team.
 - b. Written proof that each coach has obtained, or will obtain, the appropriate coaching certification for that age division within the time parameters of USA Hockey's guidelines.
 - c. Written proof that all coaches, managers, and other covered persons for each proposed Tier I team have complied with AAHA's background screening requirements and AAHA's/USA Hockey's SafeSport requirements.
 - d. A proposed ice schedule that demonstrates the time slots and days of the week that the proposed Tier I team(s) shall practice and play games for the upcoming season. It is imperative

that Member Organizations provide sufficient ice to support an appropriate number of home games and practices consistent with the size of its program and season. In addition, Tier I team(s) must provide evidence of a supporting off-ice development program.

- e. A Fact Sheet, as will be provided to each Player and parent as contemplated by 13.2.4.5 that provides full disclosure of the Tier I program and season (estimated number of games and practices, amount of travel, and any “rules” or expectations of the Tier I Member Organization or Tier I team) and all applicable costs (fundraising, uniforms, off-ice training, approximate travel costs, season registration fees, and any other expected expenses including coaches fees). The Fact Sheet shall also outline the refund policy of the team should a Player not play for the full season, regardless of reason.
 - f. Written information regarding the structure and responsibilities of the Member Organization and each Tier I team, its coach(es), managers, and any administrators.
 - g. Certification of current and future compliance with all Bylaws, Policies, Rules, and Regulations USA Hockey and AAHA and any Guidelines and Policies that may be established by the Hockey Operations Committee.
3. Evaluation: In evaluating the applications, the Tier I Selection Committee may consider the supporting materials submitted with the applications and any publicly available information. The Tier I Selection Committee may conduct live interviews and request further information to the extent it deems necessary. The Tier I Selection Committee shall not reject any application as being incomplete without first giving the Member Organization notice and seven (7) calendar days to revise and resubmit their application.
4. Notification of Decision: The Tier I Selection Committee shall decide on the Tier I designation(s) for the upcoming season and provide its decision to the AAHA Board of Directors no later than December 15th. The AAHA Board of Directors will notify each applicant in

writing of the decision of the Tier I Selection Committee.

5. Obligations of Successful Applicants: Each Member Organization that is authorized to operate or otherwise participate in Tier I hockey for a season shall comply with the minimum requirements for Tier I hockey as set forth in the Bylaws, Policies, Rules, and Regulations of USA Hockey and AAHA, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Each Member Organization authorized to operate or otherwise participate in Tier I hockey must be affiliated with a Member Organization that fields a Tier II team in the same season in the 14U and 16U age divisions. An 18U Tier II youth team and House/Recreation teams at the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U age divisions are recommended as well.
 - b. All Tier I games played in Arizona must be played against another USA Hockey certified team or, in the case of foreign teams, certified by the IIHF (International Ice Hockey Federation). All games must be officiated by properly registered and certified USA Hockey Officials.
 - c. Tier I teams shall limit the number of Out-of-State Players (as defined in this Article) to the following:
 - (i) 18U (boys); 19U (girls); 50% of the registered player roster with a maximum of two (2) of those players being goalies,
 - (ii) 16U (boys or girls); 50% of the registered player roster with a maximum of two (2) of those players being goalies,
 - (iii) 14U (boys or girls); 50% of the registered player roster with a maximum of two (2) of those players being goalies.
 - (iv) For purposes of this Article, an Out-of-State Player is any player who, at the time of roster submission, does not have an immediate family member who is domiciled in Arizona and lists Arizona as their permanent address. An immediate family member is defined as (1) a natural

or adoptive Parent or Grandparent, (b) an older sibling or (c) a Guardian appointed due to the death or incapacity of a Parent. A player who meets the requirements of this subsection shall be treated as an In-State Player, subject to the provisions of subsection (vi) of this paragraph.

- (v) A player who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years and who otherwise would be an Out-of-State Player under subsection (iv) of this paragraph will be treated as an Out-of-State Player notwithstanding any assertion that said player is of the age of majority.
- (vi) No Player shall have more than one residence for the purpose of hockey.
- (vii) No Player shall create a residence for hockey purposes.
- (viii) This does not prevent a player from moving to Arizona for the purpose of hockey; said player will be considered an Out-of-State Player unless they have established residency as defined above.
- (ix) The player, parent, and/or guardian shall have the burden of proving Arizona residency.
- (x) In any case where a player's address, as submitted on a Tier I Roster, is different than that of the immediate family member domiciled in Arizona through which the player claims to be an In-State Player, the AAHA Hockey Operations Committee is authorized and directed to conduct such investigations as may be necessary to determine whether treating the player as an In-State Player is consistent with the purposes of this Article.
- (xi) The AAHA Board of Directors shall have the final decision and authority in determining whether a player sought to be rostered on a Tier I Team is an Out-of-State Player.

EXISTING POLICY

13.2.3 Tier I Team Authorization Procedure

1. Prospective Tier I Member Organizations shall complete and deliver the AAHA Tier I Application (see APPENDIX A) to the Hockey Operations Committee no later than November 15th of each year. Such Application shall comply fully with the requirements set forth in paragraph 13.2.3.3 below. No Tier I Member Organization shall have authority to operate or otherwise participate in Tier I hockey in any capacity unless it has received authorization in writing from AAHA. The Tier Chairperson, with support from the Hockey Operations Committee, shall recommend to the AAHA Board of Directors the acceptance or denial of such application. The recommendation shall be in writing or via email. If the recommendation is for denial, all reasons shall be stated.
2. Notification: Each prospective Tier I Member Organization will be notified in writing, or via email, by the Hockey Operations Committee of the acceptance or denial of its application no later than December 15th of each year. If the recommendation is for denial, all reasons shall be stated and the submitting Member Organization shall have seven (7) calendar days to revise and resubmit their application.
3. Each authorized Tier I Member Organization shall comply with the minimum requirements set forth in this Article, AAHA and USA Hockey Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations, which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Each Member Organization requesting to field Tier I teams must be affiliated via its Bylaws and/or registration with an AAHA Member Organization in good standing.
 - b. In accordance with the statement of purpose in Section 13.2.1 above, Tier I teams registered through AAHA shall limit the number of Out-of-State Players (as defined in this Article) to the following:
 - (i) 18U (boys); 19U (girls); 50% of the

registered player roster with a maximum of two (2) of those players being goalies,

- (ii) 16U (boys or girls); 50% of the registered player roster with a maximum of two (2) of those players being goalies,
- (iii) 14U (boys or girls); 50% of the registered player roster with a maximum of two (2) of those players being goalies.
- (iv) For purposes of this Article, an Out-of-State Player is any player who, at the time of roster submission, does not have an immediate family member who is domiciled in Arizona and lists Arizona as their permanent address. An immediate family member is defined as (1) a natural or adoptive Parent or Grandparent, (b) an older sibling or (c) a Guardian appointed due to the death or incapacity of a Parent. A player who meets the requirements of this subsection shall be treated as an In-State Player, subject to the provisions of subsection (vi) of this paragraph.
- (v) A player who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years and who otherwise would be an Out-of-State Player under subsection (iv) of this paragraph will be treated as an Out-of-State Player notwithstanding any assertion that said player is of the age of majority.
- (vi) No Player shall have more than one residence for the purpose of hockey.
- (vii) No Player shall create a residence for hockey purposes.
- (viii) This does not prevent a player from moving to Arizona for the purpose of hockey; said player will be considered an Out-of-State Player unless they have established residency as defined above.
- (ix) The player, parent, and/or guardian shall have the burden of proving Arizona residency.
- (x) In any case where a player's address, as submitted on a Tier I Roster, is different than that of the immediate family member

domiciled in Arizona through which the player claims to be an In-State Player, the AAHA Hockey Operations Committee is authorized and directed to conduct such investigations as may be necessary to determine whether treating the player as an In-State Player is consistent with the purposes of this Article.

- (xi) The AAHA Board of Directors shall have the final decision and authority in determining whether a player sought to be rostered on a Tier I Team is an Out-of-State Player.

- c. Each Member Organization requesting to field Tier I teams must be affiliated via its Bylaws and/or registration with an AAHA Member Organization that fields a Tier II team in the same season in the 14U and 16U age divisions. An 18U Tier II youth team and House/Recreation teams at the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U age divisions are recommended to be offered by the Member Organization as well.

- d. A list of all Coaches and manager(s) for each Tier I Team. Written proof that each Coach, for each Tier I team, has obtained, or will obtain, the appropriate coaching certification for that age division within the time parameters of USA Hockey's guidelines, and that all coaches and managers have complied with AAHA's background screening requirements and AAHA's/USA Hockey's SafeSport requirements shall also be submitted.

- e. A proposed ice schedule that demonstrates the time slots and days of the week that the proposed Tier I team(s) shall practice and play games for the upcoming season. It is imperative that Member Organizations provide sufficient ice to support an appropriate number of home games and practices consistent with the size of its program and season. In addition, Tier I team(s) must provide evidence of a supporting off-ice development program.

- f. A Fact Sheet as defined in 13.2.4.5, Team Selection Process.
- g. Written information regarding the structure, Member Organization and responsibilities of the Tier I Member Organization and each Tier I Team, its coach(es), manager and any administrators.
- h. Current compliance and a statement of future intent, ability, and procedures to comply with USA Hockey and AAHA Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations as well as the Guidelines and Policies established by the Hockey Operations Committee.
- i. All Tier I games played in Arizona must be played against another USA Hockey certified team or in the case of foreign teams, certified by the IIHF (International Ice Hockey Federation). All games must be officiated by properly registered and certified USA Hockey Officials.
- j. Any other information determined to be necessary by the Hockey Operations Committee.