

Good day NDAHA Affiliates

Hope everyone's Thanksgiving treats you very well! We appreciate all that you do for your communities and the game of hockey in ND! December is here and we wish you all the best in each of your ongoing seasons!

As always, feel free to pass along any or all of this info to your members!

Long update here with some reminders.

League Games

Just a reminder that score sheets for league games must be submitted in a timely manner. That timeframe is "within 5 days after the completion of the game". Score sheets need to go to the following people...

- AA & A - Dallas Kuntz
- B1 - Chad Arendt
- Bantam B - Jay McClintock
- PeeWee B - Greg Bender

We do not want to have to issue a forfeit due to a sheet not being turned in so please have your coaches and managers be prompt.

Score Sheets

Please ensure score sheets are filled out accurately! Score Box filled out at the top, goals and assists legible, same for penalties and make certain the officials are "X'n out" blank areas and sign their names and officials #. This is very important so please remind the box workers to do their due diligence!

Length of Period & Penalty minutes

Here are reminders about the length of periods as well as penalty time information

- Junior Gold - Period 20 minutes – Minor 2 min – Major 5 min – Misconduct 10 min
- Girl's High School - Period 17 minutes – Minor 2 min – Major 5 min – Misconduct 10 min
- Girl's 15U - Period 15 or 17 minutes – Minor 2 min – Major 5 min – Misconduct 10 min

- Bantam - Period 15 or 17 minutes – Minor 2 min – Major 5 min – Misconduct 10 min

(Girl's 15U and Bantam period length can be either 15 or 17 minutes and must be agreed upon by both coaches prior to the start of the game. If no agreement, period length is 15 minutes)

- Peewee - Period 15 minutes – Minor 1.5 min – Major 5 min – Misconduct 10 min

Please note....All NDAHA State Tournaments will be 15 min periods regardless of age classification except for Girls HS 19u

& Junior Gold

Coaching

Reminder to ensure that everyone on the bench/ice has all of their credentials taken care of. We have seen a large number of Safesport complaints this season already. It seems that members are more likely to go straight to Safesport with their concerns vs going directly to the affiliate. If an issue arises, and the proper credentials are not attained by appropriate personnel, it certainly makes the issue more of an uphill battle than necessary.

If you have coaches that still need a clinic, Coach in Chief David Hoff has graciously thrown another clinic out there so our coaches can get certified.

David has posted a set of clinics- Level 1, 2, and 3- for Dec. 21 in Bottineau, ND. He has listed this set of clinics as in-person, but they are actually going to end up being a Last-chance virtual clinic for any coaches who need certification. He listed the clinic for Dec. 21- but it will actually be held in the evening on a couple other days. He had to list it starting in the afternoon to meet the mandatory USAH time requirement. David will work with all attendees to give them a couple options to attend to help meet their certification requirements.

Thank you David for going above and beyond to help the ND coaches get their creds completed!

Officiating

A recent database pull of the total number of officials under the NDAHA umbrella shows a little more than 900 have registered. This number is about

125 more than the 2021-22 season. There is still some work to be done to get them all certified through the whole process so please reach out to your ref gal/guy and have them follow up with their officials who need to finish up!

One other note with officiating, I asked Thor Nelson State Ref in Chief to compile the total number of registered officials that are 18yrs of age and older. Just a hair over 1/3 of the 900 are that age. This means we have a lot of officials who are under the age of 18. The easiest way to ensure our young officials continue to officiate for many years to come is to show a little patience and understanding. Please remind your members and teams that just like the players & coaches many times do, the officials can & will also make mistakes. We shouldn't have moms or dads waiting for officials after games are over telling them how terrible they were (twice already this year) or degrading the officials from the bench or stands (a few times already as well). This is a sure fire way to ensure no one wants to continue to officiate. And that would be extremely unfortunate!

Calendar

I have attached a calendar of future events & meetings. Please mark down meetings as well as pass along the event information to your members

Scholarship

Just a reminder that NDAHA is starting a Scholarship program effective this season. Deadline to apply is 3/31/2023. One 500.00 scholarship will be awarded to each of the following;

- Female Candidate – NDAHA Girls HS League
- Male Candidate – NDAHA Jr Gold League
- Female Candidate – High School Girls Federation
- Male Candidate – High School Boys Federation

I have again attached the Scholarship Application for you all!

Player Development Program

NDAHA will be represented for sure by the following teams taking part in USAH' National Tournaments for their respective age classifications.

- 14u Tier 1 Girls
- 14u Tier 1 Boys
- 14u Tier2 Boys

- 16u Tier 1 Girls

Plans are being made for the following teams to qualify for the USAH National Tournament

- 14u Tier 2 Girls
- 15O Tier 1 Boys
- 16y Tier 1 Boys

Plans are also being made for the 19u Girls and Jr Gold Boys to have a team each attend the annual America's Showcase Tournament in April of 2023.

It really is great to see NDAHA being well represented on a district and National stage in so many age classifications!

Also, you may or may not have heard the news, but NDAHA in conjunction with the Fargo Force have successfully been awarded the bid to host the 2024 USAH 15O National Tournament. This is extremely exciting news for the state of ND and we are looking forward to being a great host.

Enough of an update for now! I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season and again, we truly do appreciate all that you do for hockey in your communities. If you need anything at all, don't hesitate to reach out to your district directors or anyone on the NDAHA Board of Directors.

Happy Holidays

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