

PROPOSAL FOR NDAHA MEETINGS

RULE/REGULATION (Heading): NDAHA RULES & REGULATIONS

MAIN SECTION: SECTION II – GENERAL PLAYING RULES

Sub-Section / Paragraph: ARTICLE III: SANCTIONED LEAGUES, 10. LEAGUE RULES:

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CURRENT WORDING:

10. LEAGUE RULES: All games shall be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the NDAHA, and the following rules governing play:

a. League standings shall be determined using a point system. Three (3) points shall be awarded for a regulation time win, two (2) points for an overtime win, one (1) point awarded for a tie or overtime loss, and zero (0) points for a regulation time loss.

g. In the event of a tie by one or more teams in the season final standings, the following tie breaking formulas shall be used in succession until one formula determines the position of ALL tied teams:

- a. Head to head competition between all tied teams.
- b. Largest goal differential among tied teams.
- c. Fewest goals allowed in league play.
- d. Flip of a coin by a League official in the presence of the Tournament Committee.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions-underlined, New Wording-in bold, Deletions-Strikethrough)

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- a. Head to head competition between all tied teams.
- b. Largest goal differential among tied teams.
- c. Fewest goals allowed in league play.

d. Most Fair Play points earned in league play.

~~e.~~ e. Flip of a coin by a League official in the presence of the Tournament Committee.

j. Fair Play points will be earned in league play games only, not tournaments or non-league games. If teams play an unequal number of games, the standings can be determined by a percentage of available points in the games played. Each team will earn their Fair Play point if none of the following occurs:

a. Total penalties for a team are 12 or more.

b. Total penalties for a player is 4.

c. Per Section II, Article I, F. Parent/Spectator Conduct, if a spectator for that team is in violation of this rule.

c. If a player or coach is assessed a Game Misconduct or Match Penalty.

d. An off-ice official (timekeeper, scorekeeper, penalty box attendant) provided by one of the teams exhibits conduct that results in the person being removed from their position by the referee(s).

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

Minnesota implemented the Fair Play program during the 2004-05 season, as a component of Minnesota Hockey's Hockey Education Program (HEP), with the goal of promoting safety and good sportsmanship. Since then, Fair Play has been lauded as one of the top behavior influencing programs in youth hockey.

Fair Play is based on the premise of rewarding teams for maintaining proper behavior during competition. Under the Fair Play system, teams earn an extra point (Fair Play Point or FPP) in their district or league standings for staying under the established threshold for penalties and avoiding inappropriate behavior by coaches or spectators.

While Fair Play does not impact the outcome of individual games, consistently good (or bad) behavior can have a cumulative effect on league standings and playoff seedings, encouraging players, coaches and parents to display positive behavior at all events.

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