

# **PROPOSAL FOR NDAHA MEETINGS**

RULE/REGULATION (Heading):      MAIN SECTION: SECTION II –  
**GENERAL** **PLAYING** **RULES**

Sub-Section / Paragraph:      **ARTICLE IV: TOURNAMENTS**

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CURRENT WORDING: See below.

## **SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:**

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

### **ARTICLE IV: TOURNAMENTS**

#### **C. STATE SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS**

1. The following State Tournaments are sanctioned by NDAHA.
  - o Jr Gold/NDAHASHL Harold Holien State Tournament
  - o Bantam Level Class AA, A, B1, and B. ~~Classes A, B1 and B may be subdivided into Gold, Silver, or Bronze pools as approved by the NDAHA Board of Directors at the NDAHA Winter meeting to maximize competitive balance.~~
  - o Pee Wee Level Class AA, A, B1, and B. ~~Classes A, B1 and B may be subdivided into Gold, Silver, or Bronze pools as approved by the NDAHA Board of Directors at the NDAHA Winter meeting to maximize competitive balance.~~
  - o Girls High School, “14U A” “14UB”, **“15UA”**, “12U A” and “12U B”, each of which may be combined at the discretion of the Girls Section Director and Girls Governance Committee and approved by the NDAHA Board of Directors prior to the start of the NDAHA League season.
  
2. All tournament sites for the following season will be finalized at the spring meeting of the NDAHA, with tentative host sites also determined at this time for the subsequent season.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. The state tournaments shall be no larger than sixteen (16) teams ~~and at the tournament committee’s discretion may hold two (2) tournaments per division.~~ The tournament committee may issue first round byes in order to schedule all games, and make bracketing and pairings more equitable ~~or declare that two tournaments shall be held.~~

9. ~~The A and B1~~ **Any two** state tournaments may be hosted at the same tournament site on the respective tournament weekend for that level of play. In order for the affiliate to be eligible to host the **any two A and B1** class of play tournaments the site must be able to accommodate the number of games in relation to ice sheets available for play needed and provide an adequate number of hotel rooms within thirty (30) miles of the tournament site. Affiliates located within (45) forty-five miles of each other may choose to “co-host” ~~A and B1~~ **any two** tournaments if necessary to help ensure adequate ice facilities and hotel rooms. **Preference will be given to affiliate(s) that propose to host the combined tournaments.**

10. A state tournament team entry fee will be recommended by the Tournament Committee and approved by the NDAHA Board of Directors at the spring meeting for the following season. The amount shall not exceed \$300.00. This fee must be paid by all participating teams. The NDAHA Treasurer will invoice prior to December 1st each affiliate, for the number of league teams they declared for that season. A portion of the fee will used for NDAHA State Tournament expenses and the remaining will be given to the host communities. One half of this amount will be paid to the host affiliate 5 (five) days after the Winter Meeting of NDAHA, where the Governance Committee will have determined the number of teams attending each state tournament. The balance remaining will be paid to the host affiliate after successful submission of their tournament report to the Tournament Committee Chair showing that they met the NDAHA minimum criteria for hosting the tournament. This report will be submitted within 15 (fifteen) days after the end of the tournament.

#### **D. STATE TOURNAMENT ROTATION**

1. The Peewee & Bantam ~~“AA”, “A”, “B1”, “B Gold”, “B Silver”, “B Bronze”,~~ Girls “12U”, ~~14U”,~~ **15U** and Girls High School tournament sites shall be rotated in a clockwise direction. The members within the district shall determine the specific location of these tournaments within the district. If a district does not ~~want to~~ host a scheduled tournament **on their rotation**, they will forfeit their opportunity **that season** and the tournament will rotate to the next scheduled district.

2. Tournament Rotation Schedule: SW (SOUTHWEST), SE (SOUTHEAST), NW (NORTHWEST), NE (NORTHEAST).

~~PEE WEE A & B1 B Gold B Silver B Bronze~~

~~2015 SE NE NW SW~~

~~2016 SW SE NE NW~~

~~2017 NW SW SE NE~~

~~2018 NE NW SW SE~~

~~2019 SE NE NW SW~~

~~2020 SW SE NE NW~~

~~2021 NW SW SE NE~~

~~2022 NE NW SW SE~~

2023 SE NE NW SW

2024 SW SE NE NW

**BANTAM A B1 B2 B3**

2015 NW SW SE NE

2016 NE NW SW SE

2017 SE NE NW SW

2018 SW SE NE NW

2019 NW SW SE NE

2020 NE NW SW SE

2021 SE NE NW SW

2022 SW SE NE NW

2023 NW SW SE NE

2024 NE NW SW SE

**GIRLS 12U 14U/16U GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL**

**HIGH SCHOOL**

2017 SW SW NE GF STALLIONS

2018 NW NW SE WATFORD CITY

2019 NE NE SW LANGDON

2020 SE SE NW CROSBY

2021 SW SW NE RICHLAND

2022 NW NW SE GF STALLIONS

2023 NE NE SW WATFORD CITY

2024 SE SE NW LANGDON

PEEWEE	A & B1- AA & A	B-GOLD B1	B-SILVER B	HIGH SCHOOL	JRG
2017	NW	SW	SE	NE	GF STALLIONS — NE
2018	NE	NW	SW	SE	WATFORD CITY — SE
2019	SE	NE	NW	SW	LANGDON — SW
2020	SW	SE	NE	NW	CROSBY — NW
2021	NW	SW	SE	NE	RICHLAND — NE
2022	NE	NW	SW	SE	GF STALLIONS — SE
2023	SE	NE	NW	SW	WATFORD CITY — SW
2024	SW	SE	NE	NW	LANGDON — NW
2025	NW	SW	SE	NE	CROSBY — NE
2026	NE	NW	SW	SE	RICHLAND — SE
2027	SE	NE	NW	SW	GF STALLIONS — SW
2028	SW	SE	NE	NW	WATFORD CITY — NW
2029	NW	SW	SE	NE	LANGDON — NE
2030	NE	NW	SW	SE	CROSBY — SE

BANTAM	A-AA&A	B1	B2	12U	14/15U
2017	SE	NE	NW	SW	SW
2018	SW	SE	NE	NW	NW
2019	NW	SW	SE	NE	NE
2020	NE	NW	SW	SE	SE
2021	SE	NE	NW	SW	SW
2022	SW	SE	NE	NW	NW
2023	NW	SW	SE	NE	NE
2024	NE	NW	SW	SE	SE
2025	SE	NE	NW	SW	SW
2026	SW	SE	NE	NW	NW
2027	NW	SW	SE	NE	NE
2028	NE	NW	SW	SE	SE
2029	SE	NE	NW	SW	SW
2030	SW	SE	NE	NW	NW

## I. TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS AND PLAYOFF FORMAT

### 1. Formats:

- **“AA” Division – The tournament play structure will be based on the total number of teams registered in the “AA” classification.**
- “A” Division – The tournament play structure will be based on the total number of teams registered in the “A” classification.
- “B1” Division – The tournament play structure will be based on the total number of teams registered in the “B1” classification. ~~Tournament seeding and bracketing will be determined at the winter meeting of the tournament committee.~~ □
- “B” Division – The tournament play structure will be based on the total number of teams registered in the “B” classification. □
- **All Division tournament participant qualifiers, brackets, and seeding recommendations must be presented at the fall meeting by the Youth League Governance Committee and the Tournament Committee.**
- **Tournament brackets must fall in-line with the tournament locations selected in the spring meeting to ensure compliance with the weekends as designated in C. STATE SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS.** \_

## INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

Intention of this proposal is multi-faceted:

- Limit the number of tournaments as tournament hosts challenges are increasing (affiliates not willing/desire to host, affiliates unable to host, lack of lodging, tournaments extending over 4 days, change in locations based on standings one week before tournament).
- Limit each division to one state tournament, of which the number of teams, process for qualification, and general seeding would be recommended by the Youth League Governance Committee or Girls League Governance Committee alongside the Tournament Committee at the fall meeting. This is after tournament hosts declared in Spring Meeting and team declarations completed in July.
  - Potentially align the State Tournaments with Article III: Sanctioned Leagues, A. Geography of Play – League Sizes. (Example: If League size 9 or less, then “X” tournament format. If League Size 10-16, then “Y” tournament format. If League Size 17+, then “Z” format.
- Clean-up State Tournament Divisions:
  - **First Weekend in March**
    - Add Peewee AA league and merge AA & A into same district rotation.
    - Place Peewee B1 league in it’s own district rotation.
    - Allow Peewee B only one tournament district.
    - Place High School Girls and Junior Gold in district rotation vs affiliate.
  - **Second Weekend in March**
    - Add Bantam AA league and merge AA & A into same district rotation.
    - Place Bantam B1 league in it’s own district rotation.
    - Allow Bantam B only one tournament district.
    - Place all girls in same tournament district.

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