

PROPOSAL FOR NDAHA MEETINGS

BY-LAW (Heading): _____

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

MAIN SECTION: Article III – Sanctioned Leagues

Sub-Section / Paragraph: C. NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR GIRL’S HOCKEY LEAGUE (NDAGHL), parts 5-10

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CURRENT WORDING:

5. NDAGHL will be split into two (2) districts, East and West. Teams shall schedule a home and away game with each team in their district.
6. High school registration and attendance is mandatory for all high school league girls playing in the NDAGHL. All teams will provide a player list on school stationery signed by an appropriate school administrator to the NDAGHL Director. This will be submitted no later than December 15th of the playing season.
7. The state tournament for the Girls/Women will be as follows: 12U, 14U & 16U will be played the second full weekend of March. Girls High School will be played the first full weekend in March. One (1) tournament will be held for each division until there are sixteen (16) teams in a division. At that time that division will split into “A1” and “A2”.
8. NDAGHL game schedules will be completed by one (1) week prior to their league state tournament.
9. 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 among 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.
10. Inadequate numbers – Girls High School level teams in the NDAGHL with inadequate numbers may use players from a lower age group to fill out a team to a maximum of sixteen (16) players including goaltenders without the player(s) from the lower age classification losing her eligibility to continue in league and state tournament play at the lower age level providing the Section Director and the ND Associate Registrar approve the request.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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

5. NDAGHL ~~teams leagues~~ **except the Girls High School League** will be split into two (2) districts, East and West. Teams shall schedule a home and away game with each team in their district.

6. The NDAHA girls high school league shall be arranged to provide no less than 20 league games in a season using the following rules:

a. The number of teams used to establish the league schedule is that number of team intentions submitted to the NDAHA Girls Section Director as of September 1 or 2 weeks ahead of the scheduled date of the NDAHA Fall meeting, whichever is earlier.

b. When 12 or more teams are in the Girls High School league:

1. The teams shall be split into two Regions (North/South or East/West for example) each consisting of two Districts, with the split based primarily on geographical location of the league and the goal to make an equal league game schedule for each league team.

2. Each team in a Region shall play each other twice in a home and home schedule.

3. Each District of a Region team shall also travel to one district of the other Region to play each team in that District and shall host the teams of the remaining District of the other Region using a rotating "quadrant travel" arrangement with travel required on the second full weekend of December and the last full weekend of January.

d. When 8 or fewer teams are in the Girls High School League:

1. The League shall require statewide play with each league member playing each other twice using a home and home schedule.

2. A mandatory jamboree will be held on the second full weekend of February at a location determined by simple majority vote of the League members at the Fall meeting

7. High school registration and attendance is mandatory for all high school league girls playing in the ~~NDAGHL~~ **ND Girls High School League**. High School Registration and attendance is mandatory for all NDAHSHL team members. All teams will provide a player list on school stationary signed by an appropriate school administrator to the NDAGHL Director. This will be submitted no later than December 15th of the playing season.

8. The state tournament for the ~~NDAGHL~~ **NDAGHL Girls/Women** will be as follows: 12U, 14U & 16U (or 15U when such league is sponsored) will be ~~played the~~ second full weekend of March. Girls High School will be played the first full weekend in March. At least one One (1) tournament will be held for each division with proposed tournaments determined by NDAHA Girls Section and ratified by the NDAHA Board of Directors no later than the Monday after the second full weekend of February. until there are sixteen (16) teams in a division. At that time that division will split into "A1" and "A2".

9. **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.**

10. 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 among 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.

11. Inadequate numbers – Girls High School ~~level~~ teams in the NDAGHL with inadequate numbers may use players from a lower age group 12U or older to fill out a team to a maximum of sixteen (16) players including goaltenders without the player(s) from the lower age classification losing her eligibility to continue in league and state tournament play at the lower age level providing the Section Director and the ND Associate Registrar approve the request.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

The NDAHA Girls HS league is a high school league that recently has had a variable league schedule arrangement as NDAHA explores age levels unique to girls hockey. To build long term stability and enjoy a similar functionality to the Boys junior gold league, the number of games and structure should be set with an overall goal of 20-24 total league games. Proposed section 6 provides this.

Changes within proposed section 7 are to make it clear that this is a USA Hockey HS age classification and NOT a USA Hockey 19U age classification.

The other proposed changes correlate league standing points and other provisions to the Youth League.

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