

Pacific District  
Fall Board of Directors Meeting  
Doubletree Hotel - Seattle, WA  
October 16, 2010

The Fall Board Meeting for the Pacific District of USA Hockey was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010 at South Center's Double Tree Hotel in Seattle Washington

Madam Chair Donna Kaufman called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

The following persons were present: Dick Coombs, Charlie Fuertsch, Dru Hammond, Casey Jorgensen, Donna Kaufman, Steve Laing, Natalie McEwen, Dan Rogness, Mike Sullivan, Cullen Wallace and Kevin McNaughton.

The following guests were present at the meeting: Joe Doyle – USA Hockey, Bruce Urban – PD Player Development, Steve Stevens, Rob Kaufman, Ron White, Rick Trupp, and Margo Dreyer.

The meeting started off with introductions. The Chair made a request to those in attendance for any additional items to be added to the agenda.

Anderson Awards – New Business

### **Minutes**

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Charlie Fuertsch, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2010.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Charlie Fuertsch thoroughly reviewed the District's financial report that he emailed to all parties prior to the meeting. He reminder everyone we are on a cash accounting basis. Charlie reviewed the balance sheet, profit & loss statement, bank account reconciliation, self-funding programs, multi-district festival, boy's development camp, girl's development camp, and district tournaments. Block grant reconciliation will be discussed under the block grant section below.

Charlie reminder everyone they need to insure their black grant receipts are turned into him by April 1<sup>st</sup>. He will complete the block grant application to USAH for the balance of the 25%.

Margo Dreyer asked what she should do with the district computer in her possession. She no longer uses the machine; it is old and out dated. Margo was asked to look up the projected value and report back to Charlie. The district may consider donating it to an organization or sell it.

Casey Jorgensen advised that USA Hockey is looking at district reserve accounts with large balances. Dan Rogness indicated USA Hockey recently audited him. USA Hockey will be auditing the District books with Charlie Fuertsch on December 10, 2010.

**Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Natalie McEwen, and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report as presented.**

Charlie next reviewed the district's budget. He walked through each category and line item of the budget with the board. The board asked questions on some specific line items, which Charlie was able to immediately address. There were also some questions about the block grant funds and having the ability to review budgets for the district programs (i.e. coaching, referees,

girls'/women, etc). There was also discussion about whether the block grant program should be placed back with the affiliates. This particular issue should be taken under a separate discussion.

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Mike Sullivan, and unanimously approved the 2010/2011 budget as presented.**

### **Junior Task Force**

The board welcomed Ron White to the meeting. He gave the background as to why a task force was started. Ron gave the board a recap of the issue between Junior A Tier III and midget programs. The issue really revolved around the birth year of the junior age bracket. Western States Hockey Teams seem to have better communications with the midget programs than other junior programs. Ron also gave recaps on some of the number of players currently playing at the collegiate level from the junior program. A large number of junior programs are also rink owners. The ultimate goal with this task force is to establish better communication between USA Hockey, the junior, and midget level programs. ([See attached presentation](#))

### **Coaching Report**

Larry Bruyere wasn't able to attend the meeting this week. Rob Kaufman presented Larry's report. ([see attached](#))

Donna Kaufman advised the term "cross-ice" is not longer being used; it is now "Red, White, and Blue". Cullen Wallace asked about waivers for coaches who've played upper level hockey and how the coaching program plans to handle this type of issue. He also asked about the on-line modules for particular age groups / levels.

Rick Trupp also presented his coaching report for Alaska ([see attached](#)). Rick stated you only have to take a module once in your lifetime. If you're coaching different levels in the same year, you must take all relative modules.

There was also discussion about the new locker room policy. There's a requirement to have a responsible adult in locker room. Rick has been discussing this issue at his coaching clinics. Casey suggested you also make it part of your tournament policies. The biggest issue will be the enforcement of this policy, regardless of a tournament, etc. This person should also be screened, as they would have routine access to players.

Donna Kaufman stated the youth council is looking at reinstating the CEP clinic in Lake Placid, as there are new rules and programs now in place.

### **Disabled Report**

Janice VanDyke wasn't able to attend this meeting.

### **Girls' / Women's Report**

Margo Dreyer gave her report to the board for Girls'/Women's program. ([see attached](#)).

Margo asked if the board and the affiliates want to provide a liaison for the girl's ADM program, as requested by Michele Amidon. It was believed she should call the affiliate presidents. There was also discussion about the youth ADM program having the same type of communication channels through the affiliate presidents.

Steve Laing gave a quick recap on the "Wine Tasting" tournament. There was some good hockey with one team that was a "stacked" team. The wine portion of the tournament wasn't what he

expected. Steve visited with the participating teams to get a better understanding of what they (the women's team) would be interested in. The National office put on this tournament.

### **Player Development Report**

Bruce Urban advised the board the youth player development dates will be April 28-May 1 for the 14&15 year olds and May 5-8 for the 16&17 year olds. It will be hosted at the Kent Valley Ice Arena again. Bruce has secured the same hotel with the same rate as the last couple of years.

Bruce also thanked the affiliates who got on board with the Rocky Mountain register. He would like to see information provided in the same format again this coming year. He will send information to your PD representative. If he doesn't receive the information in the proper format, Bruce will return it back to affiliate to be updated.

Critical piece for information to be provided is a good email address, preferably a parent's email. Note, the email will come from info@usahockey.com.

Bruce is working on updating the current brochure for the boy's player development. He would also like to include the multi-district Kent State program

Bruce shared that the Rocky Mountain District has sold t-shirts and sweatshirts at their camps. Rocky Mountain has always sold out in their inventory. Bruce would like to know the board's opinion on this idea. He would share the cost structure at the February meeting.

### **Referee Report**

Steve Stevens advised they are working to come up with cross ice officiating. There will also be a female referee camp at the girls' player development camp.

Steve also advised Annette Lynn has been selected to go Russia to referee a women's tournament. Referee numbers are down this year. A number of the upper level officials are moving into junior programs.

Steve is going to the NAHPL tournament next weekend (October 20-24) in San Jose.

Rick Trupp indicated in Alaska, they had a referee and coaching clinic on the same weekend. They in turn had each speak to the other program. This seemed to be very constructive. Tara Leighton from Alaska is going to Australia for a referee opportunity.

### **Registrar Report**

Dan Rogness indicated USAH has approximately 495,000 total players. They are estimating approximately 570,000 for the end of the season. This would be a 2% increase. Dan provided a recap as of October 13.

### 2010-2011 SEASON

	No. of Associations	Unclaimed	Paid Players	Unpaid Players	Total Players	Paid Coaches	Unpaid Coaches	Total Coaches	PC Total	% of Last Year Final
Alaska	47	1649	4836	488	5324	360	16	376	5700	67%
California	82	4242	13017	250	13267	924	5	929	14196	74%
Hawaii	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Nevada	8	251	597	20	617	30	1	31	648	90%
Oregon	8	93	424	31	455	86	1	87	542	64%
Washington	34	2384	3489	349	3838	371	3	374	4212	63%
Totals	180	8624	22363	1138	23501	1771	26	1797	25298	70%

### 2009-2010 FINAL

	No. of Associations	Unclaimed	Paid Players	Unpaid Players	Total Players	Paid Coaches	Unpaid Coaches	Total Coaches	PC Total
Alaska	50	545	7093	785	7878	689	3	692	8570
California	84	2733	17556	498	18054	1068	0	1068	19122
Hawaii	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	6	208	649	26	675	49	0	49	724
Oregon	9	83	688	30	718	135	0	135	853
Washington	40	1293	5694	427	6121	534	0	534	6655
Totals	190	4867	31680	1766	33446	2475	3	2478	35924

Dan indicated they have updated the registration program for coaches and players. There's also a module to help with birth dates and birth certificates. Once birth certificates are stamped and approved, the program can lock in the birth date.

There will be a seminar for new Affiliate presidents. This will take place in Orlando this year for new Affiliate presidents and District directors. Dan also participated in CAHA meeting. They were able to resolve some registration issues. It was a good meeting.

This year we have two positions coming up for election, Donna Kaufman and Charlie Fuertsch. If we have someone interested in running they need submit their nomination to be into Dan by 12/31. You must also state whom you'll be running against.

Dan also discussed player releases. As players leave one affiliate and go to another within the district, and potentially owe money to the previous organization. He thought we should consider how the board may want to want to handle the issue. There was a number of ideas and discussion amongst the board. The issue was raised to determine if the affiliate president's would be interested in generating an agreement within the District.

### **Tournaments**

Mike Sullivan asked if they could have an extension on a 14U girls' team. The team believes they can gather enough players to complete a their team by November 1st.

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Charlie Fuertsch, and unanimously approved a one-time extension on the declaration for the Nevada 14U girls' team to November 1, 2010.**

Donna Kaufman handed out a worksheet page for the District tournament affiliate selections. The board reviewed the tournament dates and sites for the 2011 District Tournaments (below).

Donna also reviewed the women's teams that have declared for District tournaments. In the 16U Tier II there are only two Alaska teams in this division. Donna is hopeful she can arrange for a tournament to take place in Alaska during the 16 & 18 youth Tier I tournament. Cullen suggested the State tournament determine the winner, who would advance to the National tournament. The board agreed this suggestion. Donna will inform the teams.

G/W									
Tier I	ASHA	CAHA	OSHA	PNAHA	NAHA	TOTAL	VENUE	Date	Director
12 Under		1				1	Anaheim	March 3 - 6, 2011	Richard C. / Margo D.
14 Under	1	2				3	Anaheim	March 3 - 6, 2011	Richard C. / Margo D.
16 Under	1	1				2	Anaheim	March 3 - 6, 2011	Richard C. / Margo D.
19 Under	1	1				2	Anaheim	March 3 - 6, 2011	Richard C. / Margo D.
Tier II									
12 Under	2	3			1	6	Anaheim	March 3 - 6, 2011	Richard C. / Margo D.
14 Under	1	1			1	3	Anaheim	March 3 - 6, 2011	Richard C. / Margo D.
16 Under	1	1				2	Anaheim	March 3 - 6, 2011	Richard C. / Margo D.
19 Under	1	1		1		3	Anaheim	March 3 - 6, 2011	Richard C. / Margo D.
Sr. B		1				1	San Diego	Feb 25 - 28, 2011	
Sr. C		3				3	San Diego	Feb 25 - 28, 2011	

The youth Tier I teams were reviewed by the board.

Tier I	ASHA	CAHA	OSHA	PNAHA	NAHA	TOTAL	VENUE	Date	Director
12 Under	0	2	0	1	0	3	San Jose	March 3 - 6, 2011	Charlie F. & Casey J.
14 Under	2	2	0	2	0	6	San Jose	March 3 - 6, 2011	Charlie F. & Casey J.
16 Under	2	2	0	1	1	6	Alaska	March 3 - 6, 2011	Donna K./Dan R.
18 Under	1	2	0	1	0	4	Alaska	March 3 - 6, 2011	Donna K./Dan R.

**Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Mike Sullivan, and unanimously approved to accept the District Tournament brackets as presented.**

Donna Kaufman also reviewed the Tier II Nationals tournaments. She discussed the structure change. Donna requested each affiliate to send her their state tournament schedules.

It should be noted there will be a mandatory coaches meeting the evening prior to the day the actual games start.

### **ADM Update**

Joe Doyle with USA Hockey presented to the board an update on the ADM program. One of the main emphases is "age appropriate size". Joe also asked the board if the message is getting out to the membership. The focus this year will be on the 8U programs. No lines, no laps, no lectures. Keep the kids moving and having fun; changing the face of practices. This would include the "cross-ice" concept. Joe presented a couple of videos about scaling hockey to the appropriate size. This hockey presentation can be found on [www.admkids.com](http://www.admkids.com). He also presented the "red, white, and blue" practice cards. These are being given out at the level I coaching clinics.

Joe asked for some suggestions for getting the message out to the membership and communities. Cullen Wallace suggested the ADM program work with the NHL at their winter classic and/or All Star games. Maybe get some "national" coverage with the kids playing in between periods.

Joe also talked about the coaching symposium coming up in a couple of weeks. He recapped the number of coaches that will be attending from the affiliates within the Pacific District. These are people who are in the trenches at the 8U program. Joe also talked about aligning up ADM clinics with different leagues and programs. Joe showed the board the USA hockey reversible jersey for the associations getting on board with the program. He shared with the board copies of what

other programs have been doing in this arena. Donna passed out copies of this information to the board members.

### **Old Business**

#### **Bobby Freeland Grant**

Donna Kaufman reviewed the three additional applications she received in late August / early September for the Bobby Freeland grant. She had previously distributed to the board members. Donna asked if the affiliate presidents had any input on the requests from their affiliates. Donna wants to make sure the intent of the grants is toward the growth of hockey.

**Motion was made by Natalie McEwen, seconded by Casey Jorgensen, and unanimously approved to accept the Las Vegas Ice Cats grant request.**

**Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Dick Coombs, and unanimously approved to accept the Rogue Valley grant request.**

**Motion was made by Charlie Fuertsch, seconded by Dick Coombs, to accept the Kent Valley Hockey Association grant request. 1 for - 8 opposed – motion fails**

There was discussion about the current status on the association's rink and the use of the funds. There was additional discussion on how the association can grow the program. Even if the ice rink was foreclosed, the association shouldn't be going away. Hopefully the rink would have new ownership and the association continues to exist if the foreclosure isn't resolved.

Charlie Fuertsch suggested the organizations requesting money maybe get 75% of the funds and upon the presentation of receipts and a report, they get the balance. Similar to the way block grants are handled. Donna Kaufman suggested we have a Bobby Freeland administer. Charlie Fuertsch volunteered to take on this responsibility.

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Mike Sullivan, and unanimously approved to accept the Rogue Valley grant request.**

#### **District Guidebook**

Kevin McNaughton will work with Charlie and Dan through the season to review and restructure the District Guidebook.

#### **Web Site**

Dru Hammond advised the board that she is keeping the site update to date. If you send her anything to post to the site, please add a paragraph about what you want posted. She does not want to write your article for the site. Also advise if there are certain dates the item should be posted and removed.

Charlie asked if the site was adequate for the District? He wants to make sure it is working for our needs. Dru say it's working just fine for her.

## **USA Hockey Council or Sections**

### **Youth Council**

Donna Kaufman advised the deadline for new rules changes is November 1. One of the items will be body checking being removed from the Pee Wee division.

### **Governance Structure**

Casey Jorgensen advised the committee is looking at a couple of alternatives with some minor adjustment within the proposed structure. There will be a composition of the councils and committees. A more radical revamp of the structure is also under consideration. The next legislative session will be June of 2012

There were some general comments and discussion amongst the board. They thought there should be more affiliate representation.

### **New Business**

#### **Anderson Awards**

Steve Laing was hoping we could add a bio about each of the three persons the award represents. He would also like to put together a date structure for the program. Dan will look at getting information on Demspey Anderson, while Casey believes he has information on Pete Anderson and Andy Anderson. Information may be added to the district guidebook as well.

#### **Kent State Festival**

Charlie Fuertsch discussed the participation in a multi-district festival. It's for the next 20 players that are not selected to the National festival. We were not able to field a 15 year old team. The 14 year old team played in the championship game and showed extremely well. It was well received by the players and parents. The district has been invited back for 2011. Charlie would like to see the board approve the District's participation again. He will put together a proposal and budget for the next meeting.

Steve Laing echoed similar comments. He believes we can save money by identify the participants earlier and purchase airfare early.

**Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Mike Sullivan, and unanimously approved the district's participation in the Kent State 14 and 15 multi-district camp.**

#### **Block Grant**

Dick Coombs would like the affiliate presidents to consider whether they would like the block grants to continue to be run through the District or handled individual as an affiliate. This topic can be further discussed at the next board meeting.

#### **Future Meetings**

February 12, 2011 – Reno, Nevada – Silver Legacy

May 14, 2011 – Seattle, WA – Location to be determined

#### **Board Member Comments:**

Margo Dreyer – The goal tending camp was a complete success at Kent State that was hosted by Mid-Am.

Natalie – OSHA just held a sled hockey clinic with great success with 45 participants in Portland and over 30 participants in Eugene. The clinics had the backing of the Governor's department. OSHA had Rico, a Vet, come up from San Antonio to work with the participants. The Eugene program has really taken off this year.

Steve Stevens – appointed a RIC in Oregon. There's more structure now and they are doing a good job.

Mike Sullivan– Larry Bruyere held a Level IV coaching clinic in Las Vegas. Larry did a great job. The clinic started with 90 people and jumped up to 115.

Cullen Wallace – Advised the board this may be his last meeting. He does not plan to run again for Alaska State President. Travel is difficult for him with work, etc.

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin McNaughton', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kevin McNaughton





# JUNIOR HOCKEY

# JUNIOR A HOCKEY



Unites States Hockey League – NO Pay to Play – Tier I



North American Hockey League – NO Pay to Play/Billet Fees Only



Tier II

Western States Hockey League



Atlantic Junior Hockey League



Tier III

Northern Pacific Hockey League



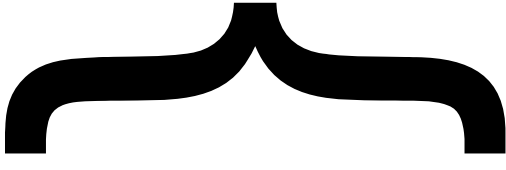
Eastern Junior Hockey League



Minnesota Junior Hockey League

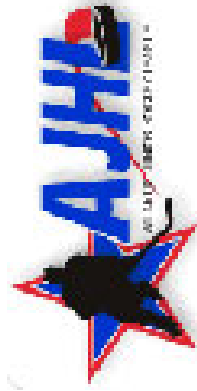


Central States Junior Hockey League



PAY TO

PLAY



**1768 PLAYERS**

**TIER III**

**JUNIOR 'A' HOCKEY**



## 4554 Players

2009-2010

### Stats: League Players by Age (Protected)

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League	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	OTHER	TOTAL
AJHL	47	109	77	44	11	1	0	0	289
CSHL	41	111	108	41	9	4	0	0	314
Eastern	66	148	66	35	13	1	0	0	329
Empire	36	81	131	157	86	34	2	0	527
Great Lakes	30	47	61	51	24	4	0	0	217
Ind D	12	33	32	20	9	5	0	0	111
Metropolitan	45	91	145	166	68	22	2	0	539
Minnesota	48	79	68	22	5	2	0	0	224
NAHL	135	182	113	36	4	0	0	0	470
N Pacific	59	81	83	48	17	5	0	0	293
Prem	34	61	77	64	36	18	0	0	290
Southeast	14	23	30	38	41	32	0	0	178
USHL	32	92	100	79	37	3	0	0	343
WSHL	78	103	69	53	13	3	0	0	319
CHA Sel	0	1	12	33	46	19	0	0	111
	677	1242	1172	887	419	153	4	0	4554

Midgets represent 58% of Junior Rosters = 2635 Players

JR. B teams represent 1973 Total Players = 44% JRs

1447 of 2635 Midgets play in Jr. B Leagues = 75% rosters

1188 Midgets play in the 8 Jr. 'A' Leagues

138 Midgets played on 13 Teams in the WSHL = 10/Team

Pre 02-03 age brackets – WSHL 42 Midgets = 14% = 3+/Team

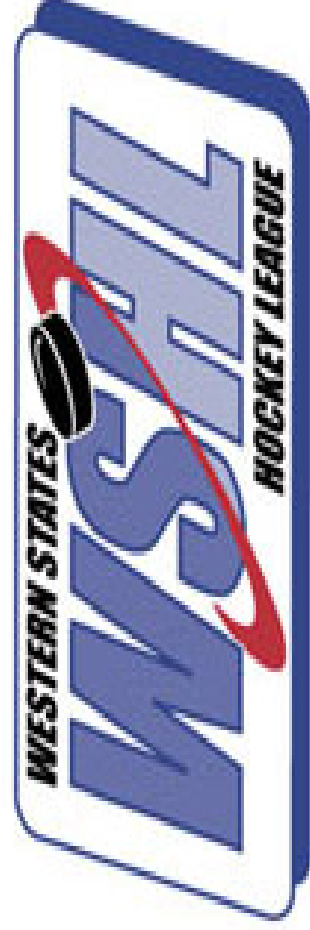


### **WESTERN DIVISION**

LONG BEACH BOMBERS – 16 YEARS  
VALENCIA FLYERS – 8 YEARS  
SAN DIEGO GULLS – 9-YEARS  
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS – 7 YEARS  
FRESNO MONSTERS – 4 YEARS  
IDAHO JR. STEELHEADS – 6 YEARS  
PHOENIX POLAR BEARS – 11 YEARS  
AZ REDHAWKS – 2 YEARS

### **MIDWEST DIVISIONS**

BOULDER BISON – 4 YEARS  
TULSA RAMPAGE – 6 YEARS  
NEW MEXICO RENEGADES – 5 YEARS  
EL PASO RHINOS – 5 YEARS  
JR. BRAHMAS – 5 YEARS



How do we improve communications between Junior Leagues, Junior teams and the Affiliates Associations where Juniors play?

1. Broadcast Email Lists for frequent news releases
2. District /Affiliate Meetings open to WSHL to attend to update District/Affiliate Representative
3. Take the brown bag off the legitimate junior programs

How do we build a working relationship between the Junior teams and local Associations

1. Continue the current relationships between WSHL Junior teams and youth programs
2. Understanding the system of progression in sport for the more competitive athletes

- a. Long Beach Bombers – L.A. Hockey Club, Junior Ice Dogs - [Glacial Garden Skating Arena](#)
- b. Valencia Flyers – Valencia Vipers – [Valencia Ice Station](#)
- c. San Diego Gulls – San Diego Gulls Youth – Iceoplex Arena
- d. Phoenix Polar Bears – Polar Bears Youth – Arizona Hockey Union
- e. Arizona Redhawks -  
- Arizona H.S. League
- f. Idaho Jr. Steelheads – Idaho Jr. Steelheads Youth
- g. El Paso Rhinos - El Paso Youth Hockey – [Sierra Providence Ice Center](#)
- h. Jr. Brahma's – Jr. Brahma's Youth – [NYTex Ice Arena](#)
- i. Boulder Bison – Boulder Youth – [Boulder Valley Ice](#)
- j. Fresno Monsters – Fresno Jr. Falcons
- k. Bakersfield Condors – Bakersfield Dragons



## ON CURRENT ROSTERS

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# COLLEGE PLACEMENT 2009-2010

2009-2010	NCAA Division III Freshmen			
Last Name	First Name	Team & Years		College Team
	<b>26 PLAYERS</b>	<b>All players rostered 2008-2009</b>		
Alonzo	Justin	Capital Thunder	VSHL-AtJHL-	Castleton State
Bagwell	Brandon	San Antonio Diablos	VSHL	Concordia WI
Barnes	Dan	El Paso Rhinos	VSHL/EI Paso- OP-JHL-	Nichols
Billiar	Jake	Tulsa Rampage	VSHL	Colby
Bowman	Tim	Tulsa Rampage	VSHL/Tulsa	Worcester State
Brown	William	El Paso Rhinos	VSHL/EI Paso-EJHL-	Lebanon Valley
Calma	Nicholas	Valencia Figers	VSHL/	Framingham State
Cetnarowski	R.J.	Tulsa Rampage	VSHL	Concordia MN
Crook	Brice	Capital Thunder	VSHL/	Elmira
Giles	Justin	Tulsa Rampage	VSHL/Tulsa-NAHL-	UV Stout
Gorup	Nick	El Paso Rhinos	VSHL	MSOE
Goude	Cameron	Beaver Valley Nitethawks	VSHL-KUJHL-	Finlandia
Hale	Zach	El Paso Rhinos	VSHL/EI PasoNAHL-	Buffalo State
Hollinger	Arthur	El Paso Rhinos	VSHL	Castleton State
Kohn	Zach	El Paso Rhinos	VSHL/EI Paso-EJHL-	Nichols
Kruegger	William	El Paso Rhinos	VSHL	Lebanon Valley
Landsem	Wesley	San Antonio Diablos	VSHL	Lebanon Valley
Monesi	Andrew	Valencia Figers	VSHL	Suffolk
Mosey	Evan	Tulsa Rampage	VSHL Tulsa-NAHL-	Minnesota State
Richards	Malcolm	Phoenix Polar Bears	VSHL/	Bethel
Schmudlach	Jeffrey	El Paso Rhinos	VSHL	MSOE
Schoeneberger	Ben	Hartford Wolfpack	VSHL/EI Paso-AtJHL-	Castleton State
Soto	Edgar	San Antonio Diablos	VSHL	Johnson & Wales
Thompson	Derek	Tulsa Rampage	VSHL	Worcester State
Turilli	Dom	Phoenix Polar Bears	VSHL	Geneseo State
Vilkovich	Justin	San Diego Gulls	VSHL	Lebanon Valley
	<b>2 PLAYERS</b>	<b>All players rostered 2008-2009</b>		
2009-2010	NCAA Division I Freshmen			
Langlois	Jeremy	Phoenix Polar Bears	VSHL	Quinnipiac University





## Challenges

Share what are some of the challenges that Juniors are facing – within your leagues

1. Much like minor league pro teams, financial caps on tuition are strained
2. Increase awareness in affiliate areas, more coordination would increase spectator attendance
3. Renegade Junior Leagues that are NON USA HOCKEY members
4. Western Teams gaining exposure for players with Eastern Colleges/Universities
5. Player /Parent reality of prospects at playing at higher levels.
6. Recruiting of Players



## Realities of JR Hockey & WSHL

There are some good Junior Tier II and Junior Tier III programs exist (i.e. El Paso), but not all programs are equal – how do we work with those that are not as good of a partner as others.

1. **As in any sports league few teams are equal in most areas other than operating by the rules that are enforced.**
2. **WSHL operates as closely to USA Hockey Junior Guidelines as possible to insure that the “Players Rights and Responsibilities” are closely followed.**
3. **Financial Operations certainly can vary between Metro teams and Small Market Teams i.e. Phoenix vs El Paso.**

Midget Tier I hockey has become very expensive (+\$10K/season) while Juniors offers a program for half the cost, albeit with some hardships.

1. **Actually in my opinion T-1 Midget and JR programs operate significantly in the same manner in many important areas:**
  - a. **Scheduling**
  - b. **Billetting of Players**
  - c. **School Absence, although Juniors is likely less.**
  - d. **Ice Time, Games**
2. **Major Differences:**
  - a. **Tuition Cost – Regulated in WSHL to max \$6500**
  - b. **NHL Regulation Games – 15 min warm up, ice cuts, overtime**
  - c. **Set rules on Billetting for both team and player**
  - d. **Set rules on Financial Refunds / Tampering**
  - e. **Set rules on minimum team requirements i.e. Practice hours, equipment provided, etc.**
  - f. **Tuition in JRs is all inclusive of all regular season practices, games, travel, meals/lodging certain equipment.**



**SPECIFIC TO MY JOB AS COMMISSIONER OF THE WSHL IS TO GET 13  
COMPETITIVE TEAMS TO WORK IN UNISON FOR THE BETTERMENT OF  
THE LEAGUE AND EACH OF YOU HAVE SIMILAR JOBS WITHIN YOUR  
SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION.**

**SPECIFIC TO OUR JOB AS LEAGUE OFFICIALS, AFFILIATE  
REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AS IT RELATES TO  
USA HOCKEY IS TO COMPETE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE GAME  
AND THE PLAYERS WHILE WORKING TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH  
THAT GOAL ON A MORE REGIONAL BASIS WITHIN THE GUIDELINES  
AND GOVERNANCE OF USA HOCKEY.**

USA Hockey Pacific District  
Coach in Chief Report  
For  
October 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 District Meeting

To date, we have held 22 clinics throughout the Pacific District. Our attendance numbers are slightly up from last year including the Level IV in August where we had 115 Coaches in attendance and we have the following (17) certification clinics pending:

Level I Clinics – Medford OR, Oxnard CA, 2-San Jose CA, Spokane WA

Level II Clinics – Medford OR, Oxnard CA, 2-San Jose CA, Spokane WA

Level III Clinics – Eugene OR, Everett WA, Oxnard CA, Portland WA, 2-San Jose CA, Spokane WA

Next year the coaching clinic certification process will change significantly in several respects:

- A) Coaches will no longer be allowed to take multiple coaching certification clinics in the same season.
- B) USA Hockey will provide age specific on-line coaching clinics that will allow coaches to be exposed to coaching material specific to the age group they are coaching. Coaches will be required to take the age specific clinics annually as they change the age level they are coaching. Fees will be very nominal.

Much focus and attention is being given to the ADM and LTAD programs (see attached material) and our District will be sending six coaches to an important symposium in Chicago next month to be exposed to valuable coaching material relative to the ADM and LTAD programs.

The coaching program is being encouraged to help to promote the cross-ice segment of the ADM. In SoCal four rinks have embraced cross-ice hockey for Mites (Bakersfield, Valencia, Simi Valley and Oxnard) and formed The Northern Corridor Mite Program. It has proven to be very popular as it is more affordable than the traditional Travel Mites and the young players are able to have many more touches with the puck while playing on a surface that is more appropriately sized for 8 and under hockey players.

Larry Bruyere  
Pacific District CIC



**ALASKA DISTRICT CIC REPORT**  
**Pacific District meeting, Seattle, WA**  
**October 16, 2010**

**2010-11 Clinic Information:**

Alaska has held 2 clinics this season to date **highlighted** below among those listed.

**Anchorage**

Level I – **October 9**, November 20  
Level II – **October 10**, November 21  
Level III – December 11

**Fairbanks**

Level I – November 20  
Level II – November 21  
Level III – December 4

**Juneau**

Level I – October 28  
Level II – October 30  
Level III – October 31

**Kenai**

Level I – November 13  
Level II – November 14  
Level III – November 20

**CIC Staff in Alaska**

Rick Trupp, CIC  
Mark Brooks, Associate CIC – Southern Alaska  
(formerly ACE director)  
Mike MacDonald, Associate CIC – Northern  
Alaska

**CEP Staff**

Blasé Burkhart, CEP instructor, Southern Alaska  
Louis Mass, CEP Instructor, Southern Alaska  
Jayson Kempf, CEP Instructor/ Director,  
Kenai/Homer Area  
Tom Ainsworth, CEP Instructor/ Director, Juneau  
Aaron Swanson, CEP Instructor, Kenai/Homer  
Area  
Deborah Brooks, CEP Staff

**Level 4:** A level 4 clinic was held at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks during Aug 6-8<sup>th</sup>. The UAF Hockey coaching staff coordinated a great level 4 clinic that hosted 45 participants. Coaches from all elite hockey programs in Alaska participated by speaking at the clinic.

**Administration of Program:** The move to online registration system and to computer data over paper materials has reduced workload of CEP staff.

**American Development Model:**

Joe Doyle, Regional representative has visited AK twice and presented to associations, parents and coaches information about the ADM. Louis Mass from Anchorage will attending from Alaska the ADM symposium in Chicago next month.

**Plan forward to 2010:**

We will continue to promote the upcoming curriculum changes, new lockerroom policy, and the American Development Model thru our clinics.

We will continue to add quality CEP staff to the sessions to improve the content and presentations for the coaching community.

We plan to host workshops/seminars this season to support more learning opportunities for coaches in seminar/on ice format.

Rick Trupp  
Alaska CIC

# Girls/Women's Report

## October 16, 2010

### Request from G/W Section

#### *District/Affiliate ADM Female Liason*

- Liason will work closely with Michele Amidon
- Michele would like to have each district appoint an ADM liaison to focus on female hockey. Right now, the ADM focus is on 8U hockey and it will be helpful to have a contact in each district who can serve as the contact for female hockey as it pertains to the ADM. This ADM Liaison needs to be someone who can work with the coaches and hockey directors to help implement the ADM initiatives.

#### *Grow the Sport coordinator*

- Each G/W affiliate rep would appoint a person to help grow the sport by implementing programs: PBN, 2+2, etc.

#### *Play Like a Girl electronic newsletter*

- Deadline for articles - October 15 and February 1
  - Articles / pictures should be sent to Margo Dreyer for submission
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### Events

#### *2011 NCAA Women's Frozen Four Tournament*

- Mercyhurst Tullio Arena - Erie, Pa -- March 18 – 20, 2011

#### *World Hockey Summit – Toronto, Canada August 23-26, 2010(Female)*

- Key Issues
  - Leadership in the game
    - Canada and USA are forerunners but everyone else needs to catch up
    - Registration numbers – CA 85,624; USA 60,104; Finland 4,694
    - Clubs and rinks other than CA and USA – Finland 62 clubs – 124 rinks; Japan 85 clubs – 40 rinks
  - Societal views
    - Smaller countries have social, cultural and political issues
  - Grassroots vs Elite growth
    - Player Development extremely important 4-11 most important developmental years; 11-16 is the crucial for growth from grassroots to elite growth
  - Opportunity and funding - the big picture issues
    - Female budgets – Canada: \$2.1 million, USA: \$1.4 million, Finland: \$1 million, China: \$1.1 million, Sweden: \$700,000
  - Increase in female directors
    - Canada and USA have female directors; however, the other National federations need to bring females into the fold.
- For more information on the summit visit: [www.worldhockeysummit.com](http://www.worldhockeysummit.com)



### *Girls/Women's Section Long term goals*

- Develop initiatives, programs, incentives, and resources that will provide direction and guidance for our members in trying to reduce cost and time commitment needed to play female hockey.
- Assist USA Hockey Membership Department with the development and implementation of a marketing and branding strategy focusing on the female athlete. (*Pacific District rep is on this committee*)
- Increase awareness of the importance of finding and keeping an effective volunteer base and how they can more actively involve the local community in supporting female hockey

### *USAH Membership coordinator for the Pacific District*

- Courtney Welsch – [courtneyw@usahockey.com](mailto:courtneyw@usahockey.com)
- Membership commercials – membership would like each affiliate to pursue the possibility of having these commercials run on cable channels

## **Pacific District**

### *California Girls/Women's Rep – Welcome Bridget Hopkinson*

### *Senior Women's C Waivers – The waivers were discussed at the Chicago meeting*

- 3 Women asked for waivers
- 2 were approved and 1 was approved as partial – that being allowed to play with the team but unable to participate in any play down that will determine placement to the District or National tournaments – letters stating such have been sent to each player from the Girls/Women's Section Chair

### *Player Development – Girls ranked well at camps*

### *Wine Tasting Tournament*

- Very successful! Silver division – 5 teams; Bronze division – 6 teams
- 2011 tournament – August 5-7

### *2011 Pacific District Select tryout dates – April 21 – 24, 2011, Olympicview Arena, Mountlake Terrace, Washington*

GIRLS 8 & U BY AFFILIATE

ALASKA

GIRLS YOUTH HOCKEY 4 TO 8 YEAR OLDS - SUMMARY											
	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	
TOTAL	190	194	203	224	221	230	243	244	273	283	
	N/A	2.1%	4.6%	10.3%	-1.3%	4.1%	5.7%	0.4%	11.9%	3.7%	
NEW	102	91	116	98	110	110	121	121	133	133	
	N/A	-10.8%	27.5%	-15.5%	12.2%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	9.9%	0.0%	
RETAINED	88	103	87	126	111	120	122	123	140	150	
	N/A	17.0%	-15.5%	44.8%	-11.9%	8.1%	1.7%	0.8%	13.8%	7.1%	
LOST	43	48	55	47	41	56	56	70	52	63	
	N/A	11.6%	14.6%	-14.5%	-12.8%	36.6%	0.0%	25.0%	-15.7%	21.2%	
RR	46.3%	53.1%	42.9%	56.3%	50.2%	52.2%	50.2%	50.4%	51.3%	53.0%	

**NEW:** VERY SPOTTY OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS - THREE YEARS OF 0% GROWTH COMBINED WITH TWO YEARS OF 10% GROWTH  
**RETENTION:** CONSISTENT GROWTH WHICH HAS DRIVEN OVERALL GROWTH  
**NEAR-TERM:** NEED MORE CONSISTENT INFLOW OF NEW GIRLS

CALIFORNIA

GIRLS YOUTH HOCKEY 8 & UNDER - SUMMARY											
	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	
TOTAL	60	58	68	67	71	69	87	108	93	114	
	N/A	-3.3%	17.2%	-1.5%	6.0%	-2.8%	26.1%	24.1%	-13.9%	22.6%	
NEW	44	40	43	44	40	41	55	73	47	64	
	N/A	-9.1%	7.5%	2.3%	-9.1%	2.5%	34.1%	32.7%	-35.6%	36.2%	
RETAINED	16	18	25	23	31	28	32	35	46	50	
	N/A	12.5%	38.9%	-8.0%	34.8%	-9.7%	14.3%	9.4%	31.4%	8.7%	
LOST	16	14	10	14	15	17	15	15	28	17	
	N/A	-12.5%	-28.6%	40.0%	7.1%	13.3%	-11.8%	0.0%	86.7%	-39.3%	
RR	26.7%	31.0%	36.8%	34.3%	43.7%	40.6%	36.8%	32.4%	49.5%	43.9%	

**NEW:** WILD SWINGS IN ACQUISITION. HOWEVER, MOST PUZZLING IS THE MINISCULE NUMBER OF GIRLS PLAYING  
**RETENTION:** AT THIS POINT IS MORE A FUNCTION OF ACQUISITION GROWTH  
**NEAR-TERM:** THIS IS AN AFFILIATE THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM MORE NEW PROGRAMS AS A WAY TO ATTRACT NEW GIRLS

NEVADA

GIRLS YOUTH HOCKEY 8 & UNDER - SUMMARY											
	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	
TOTAL	8	7	4	2	5	0	4	4	6	12	
	N/A	-12.5%	-42.9%	-50.0%	150.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%	
NEW	4	4	1	2	5	0	4	3	5	8	
	N/A	0.0%	-75.0%	100.0%	150.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-25.0%	66.7%	60.0%	
RETAINED	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	
	N/A	-25.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	300.0%	
LOST	1	3	2	1	2	5	0	6	2	4	
	N/A	200.0%	-33.3%	-50.0%	100.0%	150.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-66.7%	100.0%	
RR	50.0%	42.9%	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	16.7%	33.3%	

**NEW:** ACQUISITION, ACQUISITION, ACQUISITION. NEW INFLOW IS EVERYTHING. IS ADDING GIRLS PROGRAMS A VIABLE OPTION?  
**RETENTION:** SMALL NUMBERS MAKE STRATEGY DIFFICULT  
**NEAR-TERM:** MORE NEW GIRLS. PERIOD.

OREGON

GIRLS YOUTH HOCKEY 8 & UNDER - SUMMARY											
	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	
TOTAL	5	5	7	3	7	7	9	7	2	5	
	N/A	0.0%	40.0%	-57.1%	133.3%	0.0%	28.6%	-21.2%	-71.4%	150.0%	
NEW	5	2	4	2	6	3	5	6	1	3	
	N/A	-60.0%	100.0%	-50.0%	200.0%	-50.0%	66.7%	20.0%	-83.3%	200.0%	
RETAINED	0	3	3	1	1	4	4	1	1	2	
	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	-66.7%	0.0%	300.0%	0.0%	-75.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
LOST	1	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	4	0	
	N/A	100.0%	-50.0%	200.0%	-66.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
RR	0.0%	60.0%	42.9%	33.3%	14.3%	57.1%	44.4%	14.3%	50.0%	40.0%	

**NEW:** ACQUISITION! THE ONLY WAY TO GROW AT THESE LEVELS  
**RETENTION:** NOW IS THE TIME TO FOCUS ON BUILDING A GREAT RETENTION PROGRAM FOR 2011-12 - SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT  
**NEAR-TERM:** NEW INFLOW IS CRITICAL. HOWEVER, AS THAT PROGRAM GROWS, RETENTION MUST BE THERE AS WELL

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

GIRLS YOUTH HOCKEY 8 & UNDER - SUMMARY											
	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	
TOTAL	63	68	80	77	78	79	68	77	87	101	
	N/A	7.9%	17.6%	-3.8%	1.3%	1.3%	-13.9%	13.2%	13.0%	16.1%	
NEW	44	39	46	43	47	47	39	44	49	59	
	N/A	-11.4%	17.9%	-6.5%	9.3%	0.0%	-17.0%	12.8%	11.4%	20.4%	
RETAINED	19	29	34	34	31	32	29	33	38	42	
	N/A	52.6%	17.2%	0.0%	-8.8%	3.2%	-9.4%	13.8%	15.2%	10.5%	
LOST	19	24	19	29	27	24	25	23	28	31	
	N/A	26.3%	-20.8%	52.6%	-6.9%	-11.1%	4.2%	-8.0%	21.7%	10.7%	
RR	30.2%	42.6%	42.5%	44.2%	39.7%	40.5%	42.6%	42.9%	43.7%	41.6%	

**NEW:** ODD DROP IN NEW IN PO YEAR OF 2006-07 - CONSISTENT NEW INFLOW EVER SINCE  
**RETENTION:** CONSISTENT RETENTION SINCE UNCHARACTERSTIC DROP IN 2006-07  
**NEAR-TERM:** CO TINUE TWO-PRONGED SUCCESS FROM LAST THREE SEASONS OF HEALTHY ACQ AND RET GROWTH

**POSITION:** Local Association Growth Coordinator

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To acquire and retain youth hockey players in the 4 to 8 year old age range for local association.
- Growth Coordinator will work with and be supported by USA Hockey's Programs Services department.
- There are many opportunities available for growing youth hockey; it is up to the Growth Coordinator in determining what will work in their community.

**GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Work with association leadership on acquisition & retention programs
- Incorporate USA Hockey growth models
- Have a presence at community activities
- Main contact for potential new families
- Communicate with parents to maximize program satisfaction
- Coordinate loaner equipment
- Recruit volunteers to assist with growth initiatives

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A passion to grow the game in local community
- Excellent communication and organization skills
- Enthusiastic



## **MAHA ANNOUNCES SUPPORT OF THE DETROIT RED WINGS FOR THE AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL**

In January 2010, the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association approved the creation of a two-year pilot program designed to incentivize the implementation of the ADM (American Development Model) for players eight years old and younger. The goal is to get all Michigan hockey associations to adopt this new program over the next few years. The program is designed to create more interest in hockey at the youngest age levels, lower the cost of the initial entry programs, increase the skill level of new players, be more fun for all players and increase the retention rate for players moving to the next level. Those associations who adopt this program and follow the criteria will be designated as "Premiere Programs".

During the President's Report at the MAHA summer meeting, President George Atkinson announced that the Detroit Red Wings have agreed to participate in the success of this program by endorsing those associations that follow the "Premiere Program" criteria as Minor Wings (tentative program name) Certified Programs. Only those associations that are willing to follow the criteria of the ADM pilot program will be eligible to become Minor Wings Certified Programs. Associations must agree to comply and continue to follow the prescribed programs as well as attend in-season training sessions in order to continue to remain in the program. The criteria for the program is as follows:

1. Minimum six week low-cost introductory program
  - Recommended cost at \$75 or less
2. All coaches must have correct 'USAH CEP' certification
3. Offer in-season coaching development sessions
4. All teams at U6 and U8 programs must follow ADM recommended ice allocation and practice ratios
5. Cross - Ice program up until age 8
6. Current travel players grandfather clause
  - Mite A eliminated 2010-11
  - Mite AA eliminated 2011-12
7. Conduct player evaluations
8. Follow USAH 'Red, White & Blue' Cross-Ice Hockey Program guidelines
9. Encourage use of young officials for cross-ice games
  - Help develop young officials
  - Give a basic understanding of rules to player
  - Help facilitate cross-ice game play
10. Mite programs are able to participate in unlimited Association exchanges
11. Cross-Ice Jamborees are limited to 6 per year

Participating associations will not only be eligible to be designated a Minor Wings Certified Program, but they will also receive other incentives from MAHA and USA Hockey. These incentives and recognition will only be provided to those programs that follow the criteria and qualify as a Minor Wings Certified Programs. These qualifying programs are eligible to receive equipment and grants worth approximately \$4,000. They include:

1. Receiving recognition on website, newsletters, hockey publications etc.
2. Minor Wings/USAH Banner for Rink
3. Equipment Supplied by USA Hockey - cross-ice boards - for associations that do not already have them
4. Blue pucks
5. Age appropriate nets
6. Reversible jerseys for under 8 players
7. Top priority for MAHA grants for OneGoal equipment and other needs
8. Program instruction for coaches by ADM Manager throughout season
9. MAHA provides "Learn to Play" clinics
10. Recruiting materials provided by MAHA
11. DVD with materials and video explaining program for parents

The goal of the program is to reverse a declining membership trend by getting as many associations as possible to adopt the ADM. The ADM will create a focus on the recruitment and development of the 4-8 year-old player. The Minor Wings Certified Program will incentivize local associations to follow the criteria laid out in the ADM program. The Minor Wings Program will become a selling feature for local associations.

MAHA feels the Minor Wings Program will make the appeal of the ADM Program even stronger. With the Red Wings endorsement, MAHA feels it can get the program implemented faster and with more participation by our associations. "Our goal is to get 90% of our associations onboard with this program in three years" said Atkinson. "Additionally we want to see participating programs increase membership at the 8-and-under level by five percent per year. This is the most important goal, as this will build the base of amateur hockey back up." Presently MAHA has fewer than 9,000 players at the 8-and-under level, down from a high of over 11,000 in the early 2000's. "In four to five years, we can be back to that level again if we continue to achieve our goal each year," said Atkinson. This program will help serve as the draw to attract those additional new players each year.

## **Atlantic District Mite ADM Proposal (Rev. 3/1/10)**

### **2010-2011 Season**

This will serve as a transitional season where the player's currently playing full ice will be afforded the opportunity to continue to do so if they choose by moving to squirts or may elect to play in the modified ADM/AAHA Major division.

#### **6 & Under Cross Ice Division (Atoms)**

- '04 & younger as well as any '02 or '03 who wish to participate
- Cross Ice practice and games
- In House competition schedule. Neighboring facilities can set their own schedule
- Mini nets with rotating goalies
- Blue pucks
- Season Length: 20 weeks as determined by facility
- Coaches serve as officials
- April 20 registration with ability to register additional players based on season length

#### **8 & Under Major Full Ice Division (2010-2011 only)**

- '02 & '03 birthdates may be a rare '04 who played full ice in 2009-2010
- Half/Cross ice practice
- Half./Cross ice games until December 1, 2010
- December 1, 2010 – March 1, 2011 full ice games
- Standard regulation nets
- Blue pucks
- Current 2 man officiating system
- Season Length: 10/1/10 – 3/1/11
- Maximum 20 games/40 practices plus 2 tournaments
- Games would be played within geographic zones with common sense flexibility to accommodate smaller clubs

- 2 cross ice Jamborees (pre & post season) goal is to play them at NHL venues (COS)
- Rosters would be open to 9 year olds
- On site player movement to create balance in ice time is acceptable
- April 20, 2010 Tryout
- # of teams per club to remain consistent with current # of registered '02-'03s
- At the end of season '03s would have choice to play half ice in 2011-2012 or play 3 years of squirts, 04s would be placed in half ice.

### 8 & Under Minor Half Ice Division

- Designed for small clubs to aid in the transitional period
- Teams comprised of '05, '04, '03 and '02 players beginner or intermediate levels
- Half/cross ice practice
- Half ice games
- Season length 10/1/10-3/1/11
- Maximum 20 games/40 practices
- Games played within geographic zones
- Two cross ice jamborees

### **2011-2012 Season**

### 6 & Under Cross Ice Division

- '05 & younger
- Cross Ice practice and games
- In House competition schedule. Neighboring facilities can set their own schedule
- Mini nets with rotating goalies
- Blue pucks
- Season Length: 20 weeks as determined by facility
- Coaches serve as officials
- April 20 registration
- Smaller clubs would be afforded the opportunity to play 8 & under half ice

## 8 & Under Half Ice Division

- '03-'04 birth years
- Half ice practice/games
- Regulation size nets
- Rotating goalies with equipment
- Blue pucks
- Games played within geographic zones
- Cross zone boundaries as needed for small clubs
- 20 week season (dates TBD)
- Maximum 20 games/40 practices
- Coaches serve as officials (possible officials mentoring program)
- Roster flexibility to include 9 year olds
- Pre & Post season Jamborees (COS)
- April 20 Registration with the ability to add players based on season length

## Education/Administration

- ADM District Meeting recorded or streamed
- Monthly ADM report that includes updates from around the country highlighting success of program (COS)
- CEP/ADM Seminar
- NHL/Olympic testimonials (COS)
- Half Ice Boards (COS)
- Affiliate Compliance - Tier I/II
- Flip Charts (COS)
- Changing language of existing AAHA mite policy to comply with ADM

\* Note: COS = Colorado Springs



# **Mid-Am District ADM Policy Statement**

## **American Development Model Compliance**

Beginning with the 2011-2012 season, all Mid-Am member organizations are expected to be knowledgeable of and adopt the USA Hockey American Developmental Model (ADM) and to implement ADM principles and practices into their day-to-day hockey operations. For the 2011-2012 season adopting the USA ADM Model shall be defined as limiting 8U games to cross-ice hockey and skill development ("Red, White, and Blue Hockey").

29 June, 2010

## **NEW YORK DISTRICT Mandate**

### **9. TOURNAMENT-BOUND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

All tournament-bound Associations must have a **registered USA Hockey Cross Ice Skill Development Program**. **BEGINNING WITH THE 2010-2011 SEASON IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL 8U AND BELOW AGE CLASSIFICATIONS BE STRICTLY CROSS ICE PROGRAMS. BEGINNING WITH THE 2012-2013 SEASON THE 8U AND BELOW AGE CLASSIFICATIONS WILL BE CROSS ICE ONLY WITH NO EXCEPTIONS. THEREAFTER ASSOCIATIONS THAT DO NOT HAVE A REGISTERED USA HOCKEY/ NYSAHA 8U AND BELOW Cross Ice Skill Development Program may be declared ineligible for Sectional or State competition.** In order for all local Associations to be considered registered in the Cross Ice Skill Development Program, Associations must register Cross Ice Skill Development Program teams prior to December 31 of each year. In addition, coaches listed on team rosters must have Cross Ice Skill Development Program certification.

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**FINAL 8 & Under RULES – 2010/2011**

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**The following policies are the 8 & Under rules for the 2010 – 2011 season:**

1. All teams will play cross ice or half ice games for the entire season.
2. Blue pucks will be used at all Mite levels.
3. All associations must follow the CCYHL player selection rules for their teams.  
(See CCYHL 2010-2011 'Player Selection' rules sheet)
4. Players must be registered through USA Hockey by Association only and are not required to be rostered on a particular team within that Association.
5. No Mite teams can travel out of state during the season unless the association petitions in writing and is granted approval by the league.
6. The priority of acceptance into a jamboree are CCYHL teams, then CDYHL teams, then teams from Wyoming or New Mexico only. Teams from other states may not be accepted into a jamboree.

**Season Length (Start/Stop Dates)**

1. Association may run skills & drills/small area games/cross-ice beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 for all Mites
  - a. Associations select teams week of 15 November
2. Playing season runs from November 20th, 2010 to March 6th, 2011.
3. 2 to 3 ice sessions per week over 5 month season.
4. Maximum of 20 cross-ice/half-ice games.

**Game Procedures**

1. Game lengths should be 50-60 minutes in length.
2. 4-6 teams per cross-ice/half-ice game session.
3. 9-13 skaters per team.
4. Some variation of 5 v 5 or 4 v 4 based on number of players on each team to ensure a 3 to 1 or 2 to 1 work to rest ratio.
5. Running time with 90 second or 2 minute buzzers for line changes.
6. The use of scoreboard or scorekeeping is not allowed.
7. USA Hockey referees are not required (coaches may 'referee').

## Selection of 'Mite' Players within Associations 2010-2011

'Returning' players are grouped into a top half (Advanced) and bottom half (Intermediate) and balanced teams are formed within each group. (First year/Beginner players regardless of age are grouped together separate from above groups)

**Example:** Association 'X' has 108 Players between 5 and 8 years old

- 1) 36 are first year/beginner players and are grouped together regardless of age for practice purposes and cross ice games
  - a. All ice sessions (practices and cross ice games) are in their Associations home rink
  - b. Can move up to Intermediate or Advanced if warranted
- 2) 72 players are 'Intermediate or Advanced'
  - a. Top 36 are divided up into three, 12-player, equally balanced teams and play in an 'A' or 'Burgundy' CCYHL division (Advanced)
  - b. Players 37-72 are divided up into three, 12-player, equally balanced teams and play in a 'B' or 'White' CCYHL division (Intermediate)
  - c. Players can move from Intermediate to Advanced or vice-versa if necessary over the course of the season
  - d. Play some mix of 'League and/or Jamboree Schedule' against like division teams and adhere to game count

\*\*\* All associations must follow this agreed upon player selection format

Posted 5/4/10

**Mite Major 2010/11:**

- The 2010/11 season will be the bridge year for Mites within the Affiliate (Tx/Ok).
- The season will consist of 16 full-ice, officiated games and at least 4 cross-ice jamborees (coach run).
- Tryouts for this group shall not start before the Tier 2 weekend (i.e. June 12th).
- Each association will be allowed 1 Mite Major team consisting of a minimum of 13 players and maximum of 15 players (including goalies) with no more than 3 minor-year players per team.
- No teams from outside the DFW metro area will be allowed to participate in a travel league.
- A Mite team may only travel once outside the Affiliate during the 2010/11 season.
- No Mite Major division will exist in the Affiliate beyond the 2010/11 season.
- All Mites beyond 2010/11 will play in rink-based Mite ADM programs.

**Mite ADM Program (Minor):**

- The 2010/11 season will be a rink-based ADM program (bridge year).
- Rink operators shall work with the travel associations to provide coaches of all levels to participate in practice games and jamborees.
- The program will consist of 50 sessions:
  - 30 ADM practices
  - 10 Cross-ice games (jamborees)
  - 10 Full-ice officiated games (no more than 10 games will be allowed).
- Cross-ice, skill-development play between different rinks in the same community is encouraged.

Additional Details to be determined by the rink operators include:

- Program start dates
- Jamboree plans and details
- Integration plan with travel associations

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**Mite Major 2010/11:**

- The 2010/11 season will be the bridge year for Mites within the Affiliate (Tx/Ok).
- The season will consist of 16 full-ice, officiated games and at least 4 cross-ice jamborees (coach run).
- Tryouts for this group shall not start before the Tier 2 weekend (i.e. June 12th).
- Each association will be allowed 1 Mite Major team consisting of a minimum of 13 players and maximum of 15 players (including goalies) with no more than 3 minor-year players per team.
- No teams from outside the DFW metro area will be allowed to participate in a travel league.
- A Mite team may only travel once outside the Affiliate during the 2010/11 season.
- No Mite Major division will exist in the Affiliate beyond the 2010/11 season.
- All Mites beyond 2010/11 will play in rink-based Mite ADM programs.

**Mite ADM Program (Minor):**

- The 2010/11 season will be a rink-based ADM program (bridge year).
- Rink operators shall work with the travel associations to provide coaches of all levels to participate in practice games and jamborees.
- The program will consist of 50 sessions:
  - 30 ADM practices
  - 10 Cross-ice games (jamborees)
  - 10 Full-ice officiated games (no more than 10 games will be allowed).
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Additional Details to be determined by the rink operators include:

- Program start dates
- Jamboree plans and details
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