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**MANUAL AND RULES 2012-2013 SEASON**

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**REVISED RULES FOR THE 2013-2014 SEASON  
MITES THROUGH MEDGETS INCLUDING GIRLS DIVISION**

**THE SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE WILL RUN AND OPERATE ALL DISIONS  
UNDER THE BELOW LISTED RULES:**

1. All rules established and published by USA Hockey/Mass Hockey shall apply except as amended herein.
2. All games will start on time. Two (2) minutes will be allowed for warm-ups. After 1 ½ minutes the buzzer sounds, signifying only thirty seconds remaining for warm-ups. The buzzer will sound again 30 seconds later signifying the conclusion of warm-ups. All players must return to there bench area immediately. The first two periods will be twelve (12) minutes stop time. The referee will determine the length of the third periods. If a team is leading by more than five (5) goals, the two-minute stop time in the last period will be waived.

3. PENALTIES

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| A. Length | Minor 1.5 minutes     |
|           | Major 5 minutes       |
|           | Misconduct 10 minutes |

Game Misconduct- ejection from game and a one game suspension

Match penalty- suspension, determination by the board and disciplinary committee

\*\*A player receiving (3) penalties in a game will be ejected from that game

- B. All players must proceed to the penalty box immediately after penalty is called. Otherwise, another minor penalty (may) be assessed.
- C. There will be no stick throwing, stick banging or profanity by the players or coaches in the player's boxed during the games. A minor penalty will be assessed to the offending team with the coaches designating who shall serve the penalty. No player is allowed to sit on, lean on, or lean over the boards during game action.
- D. The South Shore Conference will not tolerate MAJOR FIGHTING!!
- E. If an official calls a major penalty for fighting in any period of the game, the player will receive a game misconduct for the current game plus a minimum of three (3) game suspension will be assessed, the player may not participate in any other South Shore Conference game until his/her suspension is served. The suspension must be served in the next schedules South Shore Conference game(s). The Five minute major penalty must be served by a teammate, unless offset by a similar penalty against the opposing team. There is no right of appeal for the first fighting penalty.
- F. If an official calls a second major penalty on the same player according to USA/Mass Hockey Rule, the player will be suspended for the game(with five minute major being served by a teammate, if necessary) plus, the remainder of the season pending a hearing

4. Deliberate intent to injure another player will result in immediate dismissal from the league. A program with a dismissed player(s) may request a hearing by the Disciplinary Committee, for reinstatement into the league.
5. A player receiving two (2) fighting Majors in a given season, including playoffs, is automatically suspended and is subject to a hearing to determine further participation in the conference.
6. A third man in penalty is a South Shore Conference 3 game suspension. Additional discipline can be assessed by the Executive Committee.
7. During a suspension of a player, if a forfeit (win) is credited to his/her team, the game will be counted against the suspension. Cancelled games are NOT counted.
  - A. The South Shore Conference, Inc. reserves the right to suspend team, coach, player parent for any cause that, in its opinion, is not to the best interest of the League. The Executive Committee may assess fines subject to a review.
  - B. A suspension list may be posted in all lobbies of the rinks used by the S.S. Conference and a suspension list will be posted on the SSC website. If any suspended or illegal player is playing in a SSC game while under suspension by the Conference, the following will be taken:
    - 1) The game will be forfeited to the other team.
    - 2) If a Program has a coach put on suspension for using an illegal player, that level is put in probation for the rest of the year. If a Program has 2 coaches on different teams put on suspension in the same year, the program is put on probation for the balance of the year and must appear in front of the Executive Board before being able to register for the following season. Any additional coaches caught playing illegal players from the same program, that program can be dismissed from the SSC, pay all game fees for the balance of the year and not accepted into the SSC in the future. Subject to a hearing, any illegal player will come before the Disciplinary Committee to review the incident. Coaches and Officials using illegal players will be suspended for Thirty (30) days subject to a hearing and could be suspended up to a minimum of not less than one (1) year by USA Hockey rules.
    - 3) The South Shore Conference tries to post the standings and suspensions on web site on a frequent basis. Player suspensions posted are subject to our receiving the game reports at the time of posting. It is the responsibility of the coach to enforce any suspension shown on the game sheet. If a question exists, the game scheduler should be called. If not available call the president.
  - C. Relative to dispute involving illegal or suspended players, the South Shore Conference will go back to the two previous weeks from the time the incident report is received. **ALL INCIDENT REPORTS MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE TIME OF THE GAME/INCIDENT OCCURRING.**
  - D. No South Shore Conference player, coach, official, fan shall use profane, abusive language; obscene gestures or show unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the ice. The penalty is a South Shore Conference 2 game suspension. (i.e.: Abuse is defined as an insult, vilify, mistreatments, profane language, swearing and etc.)
  - E. Any abuse to the officials by a player or person will result in a South Shore Conference 2 game suspension. The Executive Board can review the incident and add additional discipline.
  - F. Any person going into the ice without permission from the referee will be assessed a South Shore Conference 2 game suspension. No parent or fan can approach the team bench unless summoned by the coach or referee.

- G. The shaking of hands will be permitted following the conclusion of the game, and then both teams will leave the ice immediately, only the referee can stop a hand shake line due to a unsafe situation. During the handshake after the game or while leaving the ice following penalties will be assessed to the player(s) involved:
1. Fighting-3 games
  2. Verbal Abuse-2 games
  3. All other penalty assessments will prevail
8. Teams not able to place a full squad on the ice at the game time will forfeit the game. Five (5) skaters and a goaltender will constitute a full squad. Twenty players are allowed to dress for the game.
  9. Only players registered for the team will be allowed to skate (except a goaltender may be substituted until the registered player arrives). Any team skating a non-registered player will forfeit the game and the coach is suspended pending a hearing. Rosters will be submitted on a USA HOCKEY team registration form to the roster committee chairperson as designated by the president by November 1<sup>st</sup> or all games after that date will be forfeited until rosters are properly submitted. Alternates for a "A" Level team must appear on the "B" roster as submitted to the South Shore Conference. Programs that have a "C" teams must submit a separate copy of that roster prior to using any "C" players and "B" alternated. If a hardship exists, the executive committee will review each case.
  10. Only teams with the responsible coach in charge will be accepted. Each team must have a responsible coach patched and completed module for appropriate level by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the bench during every game. To avoid congestion at the players' entrance, keep team in locker room five (5) minutes before scheduled game time. Other than players, up to four coaches are allowed on the bench during a game. The Executive Committee has the right to revoke the 4- coach on the bench privilege due to any incident.
  11. It is the intent of the South Shore Conference to have all the players in matching uniforms with permanently assigned numbers. If a team has two sets, program will try to match original number. In case of a conflict of colors, visiting team (listed second on schedule) must provide an alternate jersey color or where pullovers. Players on the same team cannot wear duplicate numbers on the jerseys.
  12. In accordance with USA HOCKEY rules, all players must wear helmets and full face guards. No player will be allowed on the ice without these items. Where required, a mouthpiece not in proper position while on the ice is a misconduct penalty. Approved USA HOCKEY face shields must be worn.
  13. During the course of the season, if a coach is requested to prove the age of any player registered, he must do so. Birth certificate will be given to the president or designee.
  14. There will be a minimum of two (2) officials assigned for each game, set officials are to be supplied by the South Shore Conference Inc.. The South Shore Conference will also provide time keepers for each game. Due to unforeseen circumstances if only one referee is present, the game will be played and counted in the standings. If there is a USA patched official on the premises, the official can referee the game if agreed by each coach.
  15. All coaches should report to the rink office for locker room key. Keys will be issued only to coaches, not to a player.

16. Referees have complete control of the boxes and the ice. Rink Management and/or South Shore Conference officers will control all other areas.
17. Coaches, officials, and scorers may communicate their suggestions, complaints, etc. to the South Shore Conference, Inc. by filling out an incident report and forwarding it to the appropriate league vice president and/or league president within 48 hours of the incident. If the incident is a complaint, it will either be acted upon or you will be contacted by phone to explain why it cannot be acted upon. All incident reports will be picked up at the designated place in each rink where game sheets are picked up or may be given to the scorekeeper who will place them at the designated pick up location.
  - A. The President will assign incident to a disciplinary committee as needed.

18. GAME CANCELATIONS

- A. A team or teams cannot agree NOT to play a game or take a tie, NONE WILL BE PERMITTED. Every game scheduled must be played.
- B. CHANGE OF SCHEDULED GAME:
  1. Must be approved by the division vice president.
  2. Team responsible for a change will also be responsible for all ice costs and all referee and scorekeeper costs for the rescheduled game. The referee and scorekeeper must be paid prior to the start of the rescheduled game.
  3. Team that is not making the change will have regular scheduled game ice for its own use.
  4. All requests for game changes must be made to the division vice president at least 30 days prior to the regular scheduled game by the Program South Shore Conference Director. Coaches are not allowed to make calls or changes with the division vice president. In case where schedules are not available 30 days prior to the request change, requests must be made within one week of release of schedules.
  5. Games must be rescheduled and played within one week prior to or one week after regular schedules game. Any problem with scheduling the game will be resolved by the division vice president.
- C. PROCEDURE:
  1. REQUEST PERMISSION FROM DIVISION Vice President by the program SSC Director
  2. Contact opposing coach to propose an agreeable alternative to the regular scheduled game.

3. Receive from the opposing coach his approval of the reschedule, and his definite intended use of the ice from its originally scheduled game. The non-canceling team/program has the first option to use the regular scheduled ice, plus referees if needed. If the non-canceling team takes the ice and does not use it they will be fined \$100.00 and the Executive Board could assess any other costs incurred. If the non-canceling team does not use the ice, the cancelling team/program has the 2<sup>nd</sup> option to use the ice as they see fit subject to the above rules. If the ice is not going to be used all, the ice reverts back to the Conference, not less than 7 days prior to the cancellation.
  4. Call division vice president to get final approval of:
    - i. -date of proposed game change, rink and time
    - ii. -commitment from non-cancelling team/program or cancelling team/program ice use
    - iii. -whether referees, scorekeepers will be needed for the regular scheduled ice.
    - iv. -Send copy of game change to [pschwabe519@yahoo.com](mailto:pschwabe519@yahoo.com)
  5. Division vice president will then notify the referee in chief of the Game change and the need for referee/scorekeepers at the original ice time. IN NO CASE WILL COACHES BE ALLOWED TO CALL the referee in chief to schedule referees/scorekeepers
  6. Game sheets for rescheduled game must, upon completion, be mailed to the conference treasures within one week of the date of the game is played by the cancelling teams coach.
  7. The division vice president will advise the game scheduler the date(s), place(s) and the time(s) when a makeup game will be played.
  8. The league must always be paid for all scheduled games and practice ice. This will be enforced with no exception.
  9. Violation of the above rules will result in a forfeit.
19. The member towns and coach of each team are responsible for the behavior of the spectators from their town. If the spectators get unruly or abusive during the game, it is up to the direction of the referee to stop the game and determine who is at fault. If it can be determined whom or what town is at fault, they shall forfeit the game. If it cannot be determined who is at fault or it is unsafe to continue the game, it will be stopped and the Disciplinary Committee will make a decision.
1. The South Shore Conference will establish a discipline committee to investigate and conduct a hearing if appropriate, concerning any major incident involving spectator or parent. An officer of the SSC may chair the Discipline Committee.
  2. A major incident shall be defined as, but not limited to, the use of obscene or vulgar language, verbal: physical abuse, taunting of players, coaches, officials and throwing of objects in the viewing area, team benches, or ice surface, etc.

3. When a major incident on the ice rink property used by the SSC involving a parent or spectator is brought to the attention of the SSC Executive Board by rink officials, ice officials (referee or timekeepers), incident reports or other programs, the affected programs will be notified by the SSC President or designee.
  4. The program(s) will have 48 hours to respond with recommendation for discipline to the chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee. The program will identify everyone involved. If the program's action is deemed acceptable, no further action shall be taken. If the chairperson of the Discipline Committee deems the program's recommendation unacceptable and/or inadequate, the individuals involved will immediately be suspended from all SSC activities until the incident is resolved. The Discipline Committee shall convene to investigate the incident and to hold a hearing within one week. All parties involved in the major incident shall attend the discipline hearing.
  5. Annually prior to the start of the hockey season, each program will be responsible for sending written or electronic notice to the membership advising them of RULE #19, a copy of the letter will be submitted to the South Shore Conference President no later than the September directors meeting.
20. The member towns will pay for any damages or defacing done in any rink used by the South Shore Conference, Inc. whose team/players/coaches caused the damage.
  21. A player or goaltender cannot skate in more than one game in a given weekend unless the SSC schedules two games for that player's team.
    - a. Request for a player or goaltender to skate at a higher level and/or for an additional game, must be approved by the appropriate division president.
    - b. After the first two (2) scheduled games a player or goaltender skating to a higher level for four (4) consecutive games, or a total of eight (8) games including playoffs, will belong to the higher level team.
    - c. NO PLAYER OR GOALTENDER MAY PLAY ON A LOWER LEVEL.
    - d. With the permission from the vice president of the division of the higher level, a team may play a player for two games in one weekend, providing the team requesting an additional player does not have more than thirteen (13) skaters, Mites through Bantams.
    - e. All teams must use goaltenders from within their town program in all SSC games. If no goaltender is available from the town program, a team can use a goaltender from another SSC team if there are no goaltenders available from SSC teams, and then a Yankee conference goaltender from another program can be used. The goaltender must be registered by USA/MASS Hockey to be eligible to play.

- f. The coach's selection of a goaltender outside his program, either another SSC program or Yankee conference program, is subject to review by the division vice president. The coach must demonstrate that: a. it was unforeseeable that a team's goaltender was not available to play the subject game; b. the town program goaltenders from the SSC were not available; c. the coach used his best efforts to use goaltenders from SSC teams. In the event that the coach fails to demonstrate the aforementioned criteria then South Shore Conference may take disciplinary action against the coach including but not limited to forfeiting the subject game and/or suspension.
  - g. Any relief from these rules must be petitioned to the Executive Board prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of any year in the season to be played
  - h. The approval by the appropriate division vice president of moving a player or players to a higher level for a given game takes effect with the first scheduled SSC game. This applies for all levels from Mites to Midgets. Failure to follow this rule can result in game forfeiture(s) and suspension of the coach based on a decision of the Executive Board.
22. Any player, coach, assistant coach or member of the Conference, who has been given a suspension of 30 days or more, has the right of appeal.
  23. A coach must submit a roster listing only those eligible players participating in that game. Names of suspended and/or absent players must not be listed on the game sheets. Violations of this rule will result in a minimum of a one game suspension to the coach. A player reporting late to the game must advise the referee to have their name put on the game sheet.
  24. All coaches, including the select division, participating in the South Shore Conference must be patched as prescribed by the USA HOCKEY/MASS HOCKEY Article II, section 1 and 2 on page 23, Mass Hockey. This rule applies Mites through Midgets.
  25. Multiple teams within their respective level cannot draw players from each other. (IE Pee wee B White to Pee wee B Gold) Multiple teams within their respective levels are required to roster their teams on an equal balanced basis. The division vice president will review goaltender policy.
  26. Programs cannot send a lower level team to play in place of their higher level team. (I.e. Pee wee B team cannot play a regular scheduled game in place of their Pee wee A team). This applies to all levels including playoffs.
  27. A midget player(s) receiving his /her three game suspensions for fighting can result in an additional one or two more games.
    - A. A player must serve the minimum three game suspensions, no appeal, but can appeal for a hearing on the additional suspension.
    - B. A written letter must be submitted within seven days following the dates of the first suspension to the SSC President and the SSC Midget Coordinator.

28. A SSC Director cannot miss attending 3 monthly meetings from August through June. The SSC Director is responsible to designate an alternate officer or director of the program. Failure to do this will count as an absence.
29. A check from behind and/or head butt results in a 2 game suspension. If a check from behind or head butt result in injury, the suspension will be reviewed by the SSC and is subject to additional suspension and/or hearing.
30. Any team having more than the number of major penalties as stipulated below WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAYOFFS:
  - a. All short season teams- maximum of 7 game misconducts
  - b. All full season teams- maximum of 15 game misconducts.
31. South Shore Conference will not tolerate Cyber Bulling. If evidence is found thru any type of media, the individual/individuals will be turned over to the proper authority. (I.e. Law Enforcement Agencies, SSC Executive Board and or Home Town Program.
32. Team Movement, if a program requests a team to be moved down to another level for December on, that team will NOT be eligible for the playoffs. If a program requests that a team be moved up, that team moves up with 0 points. And there record on the higher level is at a percentage that would place them in the Playoffs; they would be seeded to play a preliminary round game vs. the 12<sup>th</sup> (or last) seeded team. Winner moves on. No team would be removed from the playoffs due to this procedure. Team who moved up would always fit in the preliminary round only as a play in game. If for any reason the Conference would move a team without request, the same scenario would hold.
33. Girl's roster, only three (3) out of town players on a u12 thru u16 roster, which is the state rule currently, will be allowed. Any more than that would have to be:
  - a. Approved by the District of the member program
  - b. Be approved by the SSC Directors via a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote.
34. The use of "COW BELLS" will not be allowed before, during, and after any SSC sponsored event. The Conference is following a long line of organizations that have banned these devices such as: MIAA, College Hockey, NHL
35. All Elected Officials have the right to vote for any new membership

**SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE INC.  
2013-2014 CURRNT SEASON POLICIES**

1. In order to give every program a chance to balance out their teams in the beginning of the season the following policy is in effect.
  - a. Coaches are allowed to bring no more than three (3) players up for one (1) game in order to determine if they are capable of skating at the A or B level. In order to do so the coaches must abide by the following.
    1. Coaches must advise their SSC representative in advance of the player(s) name. The representative must then notify the divisional vice president, prior to the game for approval.
    2. At the end of the game the coach must advise the SSC representative who then must advise the divisional vice president of the placement of the player(s)
    3. Player tryouts will not be allowed or approved after the teams second scheduled league game.
  - b. Any violation of the above will result in a two game suspension of the head coach. Suspension will be imposed as soon as the violation of this policy is known. (Team players should not be punished as a result of a violation of their coach)
2. In order to begin the monitoring of the rosters early in the season the following policy is in effect:
  - A. At the September South Shore Conference Directors meeting, each program must submit on a USA Player Roster form, the Bantam A and Midget players indicating the following information.
    - i. The players names in alphabetical order
    - ii. The jersey number assigned to player
    - iii. If two jerseys are used, report both numbersFailure to comply with this policy result in the team forfeiting the next game or games until the SSC roster is binding
  - B. At the October South Shore Conference Directors meeting, each program must submit on the USA player roster form, the remainder of their teams skating in the Conference as well as their “c” team rosters.
    - i. The players names in alphabetic order
    - ii. The jersey number assigned to the player
    - iii. If two jerseys are used, both numbersFailure to comply with this policy will result in the team forfeiting their next game or games until the SSC roster is binding.

3. Any and all roster changes during the season must be reported immediately to the divisional vice president on a "change of roster" form. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a fine of \$100.00 for each incident to the program.
  - a. NO PLAYER WILL BE ALLOEW TO PLAY IN SSC GAME UNTIL THE SSC ROSTER COMMITTEE RECIEVES A COPY OF THE "CHANGE OF ROSTER" FORM. THE MASS DISTRCIT REGISTRAR MUST STAMP THE CHANGE.
4. Roster Committee- the roster committee shall consist of the vice presidents of both levels.
  - a. A copy of the SSC game sheets will be forwarded weekly to the divisional presidents in order to review the game sheets.
  - b. This will enable the verification of the rosters/game sheets to be less time consuming and any problems or questions can be resolved immediately.
5. Any program that violated any of these policies on a consistent basis (to be determined) will be subject to probation.
6. All programs must have and A team to have a B team
  - a. If a program has 3 teams on a specific level, the program can have one A and two B's or two A's and 1 B team
  - b. If a program has 4 teams. You can have two A's and two B's or one A and three B's or three A's and one B team. ( Also a program can have multiple B2 teams in 2011-2012 with Executive approval and have a B2 without a B team)
  - c. If a program has 5 teams, you must have at least two A's and three B's or Three A's and two B's
  - d. If a program has 6 teams, you must have at least two A's and four B's or Three A's and three B's. The key is no less that 2 A's before you have four B teams/
7. A coach writing on a game sheet for the first time will be issues a warning. Following a second infraction, the Executive Committee will suspend the coach.
8. In the midget divisions (short season division only), a player or goaltender skating to a higher level on one of these teams for 2 consecutive games or a total of 4 games including playoffs will belong to the higher level team.
9. There is no time out during regular season games in the SSC
10. During an injury, the clock will continue to run up to the 2-minute mark remaining in the game
11. Forfeit assessments:  
 If a team forfeits a game, they are assessed a fine of \$150 plus pay the opponents game cost for that game, currently \$208 per game. If a team forfeits a second game, they are assessed a fine of \$200 plus pay the opponents game cost for that game, currently \$208 per game. If a team forfeits a third game during the season, they can be dismissed from the league and pay all costs due for the season.

12. Bye policy:

- a. All teams are permitted to draw up to a maximum of 2 byes for the season. This is in addition to any team that qualifies for the state tournament.
- b. Conditions attached to bye requests for the state tournament are as follows:
  1. One bye is allowed prior to January (maximum)
  2. One by is allowed after January (maximum)
  3. The coach of appropriate team must request the bye through his program director. The appropriate director will advise the scheduler of this request on the proper form prior to the deadlines below. Requests made after the deadline will not be accepted
- c. Bye requests from September 1 through November 30<sup>th</sup> must be received prior to august 15<sup>th</sup> to be processed
- d. Bye requests from December 1 through February 28<sup>th</sup> must be received prior to October 20<sup>th</sup> to be processed  
Note: *There are NO games scheduled for the weekend of February 24, 25, & 26, 2012*
- e. Bye requests from March 1 through the end of the season must be received by January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Byes are not allowed in the playoffs

13. Midget player policy:

- a. If a member program places more than one team in the midget B full season for the 2011/2012 season than at times during the season when the coach knows he/she is going to have less that 10 skaters and a goalie, then that coach can borrow from the other Midget B team only the amount of players needed to bring the game roster up to 10 skaters and a goalie. That coach can only borrow a player two (2) times during the season, and includes the playoffs. The borrowing of players latterly will be monitored by the SSC Midget Coordinator and the “B” vice president.

14. Midget Divisions Mission Statement:

Midget A- It is the intent of the level to have all older players (players of the age of 18) and all players who will be playing for their High School Varsity on lines 1, 2, 3. This level should be viewed as a “tune-up” or “get in shape” for High School Hockey.

Midget B Short Season- It is the intent of this level to have players who will be playing for their High School Hockey team on lines 4 & 5. Also those players who will be playing for their High School JV team on line 1 & 2. This level should be viewed as a “tune-up” or “get in shape” for High School Hockey.

Midget B Full Season- It is the intent of this level for players who are entering the Midget level for the first time. It is designed for those players that might not make their Varsity or JV teams. It is not designed for players who have graduated from High School and are seeking a place to play hockey. It is not designed for players who either flunk off or are cut from their varsity team to skate at this level. Players at this level who make their Varsity team will be evaluated by the SSC Midget Coordinator and the SSC Vice President B Division.

## **GIRLS DIVISION**

### **Rules/Policies**

- A. Girls Divisions follow all South Shore Conference rules, policies and regulations. Playoffs also follow all South Shore Conference rules, policies and regulations. Girls 19 & under are short season divisions.
- B. Girls U10, U12 and U14- all teams make the playoffs. Girls U19 – top 6 teams will make playoffs (single game elimination).
- C. Girls rostered on a U12 B1 or B2 team may play as substitute players on a U12 A team during regular season play for up to 8 games per season. Girls on a U12 B2 Division team may play as substitute players on a U12 B1 Division for up to 8 games in a season. (no more than 3 consecutive)
- D. Girls on any U12 team may play as a substitute player on any U14 team as substitute players during the regular season play for that team up to 8 games per season.
- E. Girls rostered on a higher division team are not permitted to play “down” at any time on a lower division team even if age eligible for the lower division.
- F. Girls on a lower division team are not permitted to play on a higher division team for playoffs. The South Shore Conference requires a minimum of 15 league games to be played with a team for any player to be eligible for the playoffs, which disqualifies Girls from playing as substitute players for a higher division team in the playoffs.

### **Team Placement**

- A. Girls team will be placed in divisions based on program requests for A or B divisions or in the case of Girls 12 & under, A, B1 and B2 divisions. Adjustments to team placement in divisions may be made by the South Shore Conference at its discretion either on program request or on its own action prior to December 1 of each season for full season teams.
- B. All teams will be scheduled for games based on program team placement from early September to the end of November for each season (10-12 games). Appropriate program team placement is important for the start of the season games to ensure the best experience possible for all Girl teams.
- C. Programs should look to placing teams in A or B divisions based on consideration of the teams competitiveness from the prior season, age of players, and skill level overall of players. Programs should not automatically place a Girl team in an A division (or B1 Division in the case of the B2 Division) if the program only has one team in that division. Consideration should also be given to lower level division placement for that team. Similarly, programs should not place a Girls team in a B division (or B2 Division in the case of the U12 B Division) the basis that the team can move to a higher Division in December if the team will be competitive with some or all of the higher division teams. Both Situations can lead to poor competition for that team and the other division teams until the end of the first game schedule to the end of November.
- D. If the team will be competitive with some of the A division teams but not all the A division teams, the team should be given A level placement for the start of the season. The same applies for Girls U12 B1 Division and B2 Division- if the team will be competitive with some of the B1 Division teams but not all B1 teams, the team should be given B1 placement for the start of the season.

SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE  
PLAYOFF FORMAT AND RULES  
2013-2014 SEASON  
MITES THRU BANTAM  
AND MIDGET B FULL

A. **QUALIFICATIONS** (tie breakers)

The top team in each division as indicated below will qualify for the playoffs. In the case of a tie in the standings for any position (3<sup>rd</sup>, 6th, etc.) the tie will be broken as follows:

1. **Most wins- head to head competition**-of the teams tied, the one with the best record in the head to head competition places higher
2. **Most wins**-the team with a 13-5 record places higher than a team with a 14-4-2 record

Note: Percentage will only be used if uneven amount of games of two tied teams exists.

3. **Goals against**- team with the lowest goals allowed in all league games place higher
4. **Goals for**-team with the most goals scored in all league games places higher
5. **Goals against in head to head competition**- the team with the least goals allowed in head to head completion places higher
6. **Goals for in head to head competition**- the team with the most goals scored in head to head competition places higher.
7. **League and playoff committee decision** -Decision will be based upon one or more of the following criteria: best record against top 4 teams; best record against playoff teams; playoff games or league/playoff committee decision.

B. **COMPETITION**-8 teams in final competition. (Applies to any division not split with 8-17 teams in it) **or** 12 Teams in final competition. (Applies to any division not split with 18 or more teams in it.

C. **SPLIT DIVISIONS**-When any division is split in two (Herman & Re), the following criteria apply;

1. All teams make the playoffs
2. All Girls U10, U12 and U14 teams make the playoffs
3. Short season division, top 4- 6 teams make the playoffs

D. **Rules**- Current SSC rules and Mass Hockey rules and regulations in effect, including suspensions. In addition;

1. A player participating in full season team playoffs must participate in at least 15 games on the roster team to be eligible to participate in the playoffs.
2. A team wishing to protest a playoff game only must submit a \$100 cash bond along with the written protest. This must be done within 1 hour of the game in question being completed. A refund is given only if protest is won.

- E. **Ties-** There will be no ties in the playoffs. Any game ending with a tie in regulation time will be broken by sudden death overtime as follows:
  - 1. All divisions- a 5 minute overtime period will be played
  - 2. First team to score is the winner
  - 3. All divisions- if a game is still tied after 3 overtimes, a 2 minute rest period will be given. After 6 overtimes, a 3 minute rest period will be given.
- F. **Home Team-**The home team in all playoff games is the highest seed.
- G. **Semi final and final round only-**In the semi final and final championship round only, 3 12 minute stop time periods will be played. Regular SSC times apply for all other rounds
- H. **No game changes allowed-** Games will not be rescheduled or postponed for any reason(s). Including trips, tournament commitments, lack of players, etc.. If, prior to the start of the playoffs, a team decides it cannot appear; the next highest ranking team will take its place. Decision must be given 1 week prior to the end of the regular season.
- I. **On sit directors-** On site directors will be appointed by the president wherever possible during the playoff games. If a player is abusive in any manner to the onsite director, he/she will file an incident report. A member of the coaching staff must be present during the player sign in if conducted in the confines of the locker room.

**J. PLAYOFF & LEAGUE AWARDS**

- 1. Division Winners- each team who wins their division receive a trophy or appropriate award for each player and coach. This will designate them as SSC Champs.
- 2. Playoffs- the two finalists will be awarded trophies as follows:
  - a. Champions-team sponsor trophy and individual player and coach trophies or appropriate award.
  - b. Runner up/Finalist- individual player and coach trophies or appropriate award(somewhat smaller than champions)
- 3. Trophies will be presented on ice whenever possible to each team and individual players by the Conference officers/officials/directors as designated by the president of the SSC.

**K. FORFEIT RULE**

If a team forfeits any playoff game, the team will be disqualified from any other playoff games and will pay all expenses incurred. The Executive Committee has the right to review this rule.

**GIRLS DIVISION**

Follow all South Shore Conference rules, policies, and regulations. Playoffs also follow South Shore Conference guidelines.

Girls U16 and U19 is a short season division. Top 6 teams will make the playoffs this season on the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. (Single game elimination).

Girls U10, U12 and U14 divisions-all teams make playoffs in the spring.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event that the games will be postponed due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, the Conference will FIRST contact the program director to the South Shore Conference, SECOND, the program president, THIRD, the program coach. It will also be posted on our website.

Your Cooperation is asked in not calling the Conference officers/officials. This only delays the outgoing notification process. If you have any questions, call your South Shore Conference director. The names and phone numbers are included in this manual.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTORS**

Each member program appoints or elects a director to the South Shore Conference. They become the key go between in all Conference matters with the hometown programs. *Coaches should always contact their director on any question, policy, or rule clarification, or other information.* Program directors are also responsible for the passing of rules that govern the South Shore Conference both in play and operations.

## **HOME TEAMS**

The home team for each game is the first team list on the schedule. That team is requested to take the bench marked home. All rules affecting home teams, including line changes, apply to the team identified as the home team on the schedule.

## **NUMBER OF GAMES**

This season, the Conference is attempting a 30 game schedule for all full season divisions. This can be affected by inclement weather, though we try to maintain an equal number of games per level. (No less than 29 or no more than 31 games are anticipated to be played prior to playoffs in each division.) Mites will play a 25 Game schedule as with Girls U10

Midget short season team will play a 13 game schedule.

Midget short season teams have playoffs, top 4 or 6 teams.

Girls U19 short season teams will play 13 game schedule and have playoffs, top 4 teams

All full season boys' teams will split into 2 divisions for December and forward. All teams will make the playoffs. Midget B full does not split.

Girls U10, U12, and U14 teams will be realigned as needed for December.

## PHILIP RE ANNAUL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP

**PURPOSE-** The purpose of this award is to recognize member programs that displayed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the season

**SCOPE-** This award will be presented annually to the program who has displayed outstanding sportsmanship and is based on the least number of penalty game suspensions including gross misconduct and match, etc. received throughout the season, any forfeits incurred, spectator/parent problems raised through incident reports, financial status, and overall performance of the program, during the regular season.

**NOTE:** A major incident during the playoffs can become a deciding factor.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. The South Shore Conference treasurer or other designated officer will be responsible for collecting and maintaining the major penalty game including gross misconduct and match, etc. suspensions, forfeits, spectator/parent incidents, financial status, and overall performance of each member program.
2. At the completion of the season, all data will be presented to the South Shore Conference Executive Board for review and final selection of the program that best meets the criterion set forth.
3. The program who received the least major penalties during the season (which includes the additional penalties assessed from the categories above) will be eligible for the Philip Re Annual Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship and overall performance.
4. In the event of more than one program receiving equal assessed penalties from all categories, the Executive Board will review additional statistics to determine:
  - A. If any program has had bench minors, the removal of coaches from games, or any incident that occurs before or after a game.
  - B. Any other condition or event that may preclude those programs in contention from being the recipient of the Philip Re Annual Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship.
5. Upon the completion of the data review, the South Shore Conference Executive Board will announce the winner or winners of the Philip Re Annual Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship.
6. A trophy will be awarded to the program and a master plaque will be displayed in the South Shore Conference meeting room.
7. **Gross misconduct/match-**The player receiving these penalties will be initially assessed a 4 game suspension, (including the 30 day suspension), plus any additional district and South Shore Conference penalties.  
**Parent incident** – The team/program will be assessed a 2 game penalty for each incident (not to be served, record only.)  
**Forfeit incident-** The team/program will be assessed a 5 game penalty for each incident (not to be served, record only.)  
**Financial status delinquent-** The team/program will be assessed a 5 game penalty (not to be served, record only.)
8. Overall performance includes:
  - a. Attendance and participation at monthly meetings
  - b. Meeting financial obligations on time
  - c. Communications from program to Conference
  - d. Program leadership

**Philip Re**

**Outstanding Program Award Recipients**

1993-1994 Hanover Youth Hockey  
1994-1995 Milton Youth Hockey  
1995-1996 Milton Youth Hockey  
1997-1998 Taunton Youth Hockey  
1998-1999 Seahawks Youth Hockey  
1999-2000 Braintree Youth Hockey  
2000-2001 Canton Youth Hockey  
2001-2002 Norwood Youth Hockey  
2002-2003 Milton Youth Hockey  
2003-2004 Milton Youth Hockey  
2004-2005 Falmouth Youth Hockey  
2005-2006 Coastal Stars Youth Hockey  
2006-2007 Plymouth Youth Hockey  
2007-2008 Pembroke Youth Hockey  
2008-2009 Brewins Youth Hockey  
2009-2010 Braintree Youth Hockey  
2010-2011 None Awarded  
2011-2012 Canton Youth Hockey  
2012-2013 Hingham Youth Hockey

**Paul A Schwabe Award**

**Outstanding South Shore Conference Director**

1996-1997 Roger Maiolini, Cape Cod Canal  
1997-1998 Micheal O'Shea, Norwood  
1998-1999 Joe Griffin, Hingham  
1999-2000 Russell Madden, Pembroke  
2000-2001 Micheal Cantwell, Duxbury  
2001-2002 Frank O'Brian, Canton  
2002-2003 Ernie Nadeau, Brockton  
2003-2004 Peter Feloney, Milton  
2004-2005 Glenn Taylor, Cape Cod Canal  
2005-2006 Steve Foohey, Coastal Stars  
2006-2007 Mark Zayac, Plymouth  
2007-2008 Andrew Potts, Canton  
2008-2009 Carol Flaherty, Norwood  
2009-2010 Dan McGlone, Weymouth  
2010-2011 Bob Christian, Hanover  
2011-2012 Tom Sousa, Falmouth  
2012-2013 Jack Diamond, Hingham

**Referee OF The Year- Norn Canelias Award**

**2005-2006 Jim Troupe**  
**2006-2007 Ernie Beard**  
**2007-2008 Norm Colson**  
**2008-2009 Jim Manning**  
**2009-2010 Scott Peterson**  
**2010-2011 Darryl Church**  
**2011-2012 Todd LeMay**  
**2012-2013 Richard Dray**

**USA HOCKEY**  
**AGE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE 2012-2013 SEASON**

<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>AGE CATEGORY</b>	<b>AGE DIVISION</b>
1996	17 Years	Midget
1997	16 Years	Midget
1998	15 Years	Midget
1999	14 Years	Bantam
2000	13 years	Bantam
2001	12 Years	Peewee
2002	11 Years	Peewee
2003	10 Years	Squirt
2004	9 Years	Squirt
2005	8 Years & under	Mite

**2012-2013 LEAGUE & PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS**

<b><u>DIVISION</u></b>	<b><u>LEAGUE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAYOFF</u></b>
MITE A 1 HERMAN MITE A 1 RE MITE A 2 HERMAN MITE A 2 RE	PEMBROKE WEYMOUTH FALMOUTH/TRI COUNTY/WESTWOOD WHK	PEMBROKE CANTON TRI COUNTY MILTON
SQUIRT A HERMAN SQUIRT A RE SQUIRT B HERMAN SQUIRT B RE SQUIRT B2 HERMAN SQUIRT B2 RE	MILTON COASTAL STARS PLYMOUTH BREWINS BRAINTREE DUXBURY	MILTON SEAHAWKS PLYMOUTH BREWINS BRAINTREE BREWIN WHT
PEEWEE A HERMAN PEEWEE A RE PEEWEE B HERMAN PEEWEE B RE PEEWEE B2 HERMAN PEEWEE B2 RE	BARNSTABLE SEAHAWKS SOUTH SHORE PANTHERS FALMOUTH CANTON MILTON WHT	BRAINTREE WHK BARNSTABLE FALMOUTH DUXBURY MILTON RED
BANTAM A HERMAN BANTAM A RE BANTAM B HERMAN BANTAM B RE BANTAM B2 HERMAN BANTAM B2 RE	FRANKLIN WEYMOUTH FALMOUTH TRI COUNTY BREWIN BLACK PLYMOUTH	FALMOUTH WEYMOUTH FALMOUTH MILTON RED PEMBROKE PLYMOUTH
MIDGET A MIDGET B SHORT MIDGET B FULL	WEYMOUTH MAROON	BREWIN WHT HANOVER WEYMOUTH MAROON
GIRLS U10A GIRLS U12A GIRLS U12 B1 GIRLS U12 B2 GIRLS U14A GIRLS U14B GIRLS U19	PLYMOUTH CANTON PLYMOUTH PARKWAY FALMOUTH/K-P WALPOLE PEMBROKE	HINGHAM BREWINS SOUTH COAST PANTHERS PARKWAY K-P WALPOLE PEMBROKE DUXBURY

## RINKS USED BY THE SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE

Alexio Rink, Route 44 Taunton, MA 02780	508-824-4987
Armstrong Areana, 103 Long Pond Rd, Plymouth, MA 02360	508-746-8825
Asiaf Skating Rink, Forest Ave, Brockton, MA 02301	508-583-6804
Bridgewater Arena, 20 Bedford St, Bridgewater, MA 02324	508-279-0600
Canton Rink, Route 138, Canton, MA 02021	781-575-6660
Canton Sportsplex, 5 Carver Cir, Canton, MA 02021	781-821-0304
Connell Rink, 220 R Broad St, Weymouth, MA 02188	781-335-2090
Falmouth Skating Rink, Skating Lane, Falmouth, MA 02540	508-548-7080
Gallo Ice Arena, Route 6A, Bourne, MA 02532	508-759-8904
Hobomock Rink, Hobomock St, Pembroke, MA 02359	781-294-0260
Hyannis Rec. Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601	508-790-6345
Mark Bavis Arena, 180 VFW Dr, Rockland, MA 02370	781-982-7070
Pilgrim Arena, 75 Recreation Rd, Hingham, MA 02043	781-749-6660
Quincy Youth Arena, 60 Murphy Memorial Dr, Quincy, MA 02169	617-479-8371
Rockland Rink, 599 Summer St, Rockland, MA 02370	781-878-5591
The Bog, 188 Summer St, Kingston, MA 02364	781-585-2111
Ulin Rink, 111 Unquity Rd, Milton, MA 02186	617-961-0938
Zapustas Ice Arena(Randolph Rink) 240 North St, Randolph, MA 02368	781-961-0938

### Schedule Release Dates

- AUGUST 15, First 3 weeks of short season Midget/Girls U19 plus first week of bantams and midget B full
- September 6, Coaches Meeting- all games through Thanksgiving
- November 21, Directors Meeting- all games from December 1-February 19
- February 27, Directors Meeting- all games from March 2-March 28
- March 19, Directors Meeting-Playoff final grids with teams

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**It is the policy of USA HOCKEY and USA HOCKEY INLINE that all affiliates, Districts, leagues, and local hockey programs have at least one responsible adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants, coaches and players, approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room. Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult to be with the coach.**

**Further, responsible adults must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice.**



# **S.S.C . WEBSITE**

## **[WWW.SSCHOKEY.ORG](http://WWW.SSCHOKEY.ORG)**

### **SSC**

- **GAME SCHEDULES**
- **RESULTS**
- **STANDINGS**
- **SUSPENSION LISTS**
- **TEAM CONTACTS**
- **RINK DIRECTIONS**
- **RED BOOK ONLINE**
- **DOCUMENTS/FORMS**
- **LINKS TO USA HOCKEY, MASS HOCKEY, BOSTON BRUINS, HOCKEY EAST AND MORE**
- **BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS**

### **DYNAMO'S**

- **BULLETINS**
- **SCHEDULES**
- **LINKS TO MASS HOCKEY FOR STANDINGS**
- **TRYOUT SCHEDULES**

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**(NOTE: This is to be inserted between sections D & E of the policies section of the 2009-2010 Annual Guide on page 35. Subsequent policies will be re-lettered.)**

**CHANGE OF SCHEDULED GAME FORM**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**RULE 15 B**

1. All game changes must be approved by the Division Vice President
2. The team responsible for the change will also be responsible for all ice costs and all referee and scorekeeper costs for the rescheduled game. The referee and scorekeeper must be paid prior to the start of the rescheduled game.
3. The team that is not making the change will have regular scheduled game ice for its own use.

NOTE: WHEN COMPLETE MAIL FORM TO THE DIVISION VP  
WITH A COPY TO PAUL SCHWABE  
**A \$25 FEE APPLIES FOR EACH CHANGE AND SHOULD**  
**ACCOMPANY THIS FORM**

SCHEDULED GAME \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
TEAM REQUESTING CHANGE \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
COACH \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
OPPOSING COACH \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
DOES OPPOSING TEAM WANT THE ICE YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
DOES OPPOSING TEAM WANT THE REFEREE & TIMEKEEPER YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
IF THE OPPOSING TEAM DOES NOT WANT THE ICE WILL YOUR PROGRAM USE  
THE ICE. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
DOES YOUR PROGRAM WANT THE REFEREE & TIMEKEEPER YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESCHEDULED GAME**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED BY DIVISION VP: NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
REFEREE NOTIFIED: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME KEEPER NOTIFIED YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_











