

Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors

Massachusetts Hockey Rules and Regulation Changes

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Section 3 Youth Mite and Girls 8 & Under Games (Amendment Passed Feb 7, 2011)

A. For the 2011-2012 Season:

1. Youth Mite A and 8 & Under Girls Tier I – Must play a minimum of 15 cross ice games. The game requirement can be filled with league or non-league games.
2. Youth Mite B and 8 & Under Girls Tier II – Must play a minimum of 20 cross-ice games. The game requirement can be fulfilled with league and non league games.
3. Youth Mite C, D, Novice and 8 & Under Girls Tier III – All games must be cross-ice.
4. For all Youth Mites (A, B, C, D, Novice) and 8 & Under Girls (Tier I, II, III)- Teams must submit the cross-ice schedule to their District/Division Registrar. All practices must be organized using the ADM format in accordance with the USA Hockey ADM guidelines.

B. For the 2012-2013 Season:

1. Youth Mite A and 8 & Under Girls Tier I – Must play a minimum of 20 cross-ice games. The game requirement can be fulfilled with league or non league games.
2. Youth Mite B, C, D, Novice and 8 & Under Girls Tier II, Tier III – All games must be cross-ice.
3. For all Youth Mites (A, B, C, D, Novice) and 8 & Under Girls (Tier I, II, III) – Team must submit the cross-ice schedule to their District/Division Registrar. All practices must be organized using the ADM format in accordance with the USA Hockey ADM Guidelines.

C. For the 2013-2014 and subsequent seasons:

1. All Youth Mite and 8 & Under Girls games must be cross-ice.
2. All Youth Mite and 8 & Under Girls must submit their cross-ice schedule to their District/Division Registrar. All practices must be organized using the ADM format in accordance with the USA Hockey ADM Guidelines.
3. Home Town Associations, Tier I and Tier II National Bound Team Associations and Club Team Associations must be 100% compliant with this cross ice requirement or the program will not be eligible for the National Bound or State Bound tournaments at all age levels.

D. Recommended Guidelines for ADM Cross-Ice Games:

1. At least two games with at least two teams each per sheet of ice.
2. 4V4 without goalies with mini nets or 3V3 with goalies and intermediate/regular size nets.
3. Groups formed from both teams (Game Group, Fun zone Group and Rest Group)
4. Rotate Groups every 1.5 to 2 minutes.
5. Lines should match the other teams' competition
6. No referees
7. Home team is responsible for communicating with visiting team and agreeing on format of zones.