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REVISED RULES FOR THE CURRENT SEASON

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

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 1/2 minutes the buzzer sounds, signifying only thirty seconds remaining for warm-ups. The buzzer will sound thirty seconds later signifying the conclusion of warm-ups. All players must return to their bench area immediately. The first two periods will be twelve (12) minutes stop time. The referee will determine the length of the third period. 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
 - A. Length: Minor - 1.5 minutes (90 seconds)
Major - 5 minutes
Misconduct - 10 minutes
Game Misconduct - ejection from the game and a one game suspension
Match Penalty - suspension, determination by the board and disciplinary committee.
A player receiving three (3) penalties in a game will be ejected from that game
 - B. All players must proceed to the penalty box immediately after a 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 box during games. A minor penalty will be assessed to the offending team with the coaches designating who will 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 suspensions 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 scheduled 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 to appeal for the first fighting penalty.
 - F. If an official calls a second major penalty on the same player for fighting, the player will be suspended for the game (with the 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, following a decision from the district where incident occurred.
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 league.
6. A "third man in" penalty is a South Shore Conference three (3) game suspension. Additional discipline may 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, nc. reserves the right to suspend a team, coach, player or parent for any cause that in its opinion is not in the best interest of the league..The Executive Committee may assess fines, subject to a review.
 - B. 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 action 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 team is put on probation for the rest of the year. If a program has 2 coaches on different teams put on suspension in the same year, that program is put on probation for the balance of

the year and must appear before 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 may be dismissed from the SSC, pay all game fees for the balance of the year and not be 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 the USA Hockey rules.

3. The South Shore Conference tries to post the standings and suspensions on the website on a frequent basis. Player suspensions posted are subject to our receiving the game reports at the time of the 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 the 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 OCCURRED. IF NOT RECEIVED WITHIN 48 HOURS, IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
- D. No South Shore Conference player, coach, official or fan shall use profane, abusive language; use 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, etc.)
- E. Any abuse to the officials by a player or person will result in a South Shore Conference 3 games suspension. The Executive Board can review the incident and add additional disciplinary action.
- F. Any person going onto the ice without permission from the referee will be assessed a South Shore Conference 2 game suspension.
- G. The shaking of hands will be permitted following the conclusion of the game and then both teams will leave the ice immediately. During the handshake after the game or while leaving the ice the following penalties will be assessed to the player(s) involved:
 1. Fighting and third man in – 3 games
 2. Verbal abuse – 3 games
8. Teams not able to place a full squad on the ice at game time will forfeit the game. Five (5) skaters and a goaltender will constitute a full squad. A maximum of twenty (20) skaters 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). A team skating a non-registered player will forfeit the game and the coach is suspended pending a hearing. Stamped rosters must be submitted on a USA Hockey team registration form to the Roster Committee chairperson, as designated by the president, by November 1st or all games after that date will be forfeited until rosters are properly submitted. Alternates for an "A" level team must appear on the "B" or "B2" roster as submitted to the South Shore Conference. Programs that have "C" teams must submit a separate copy of that roster prior to using any "C" players or "B" alternates. If a hardship exists, the Executive Committee will review each case.
10. Only teams with a responsible coach in charge will be accepted. Each team must have a coach who is responsibly patched and having completed the module for the appropriate level by November 30th on the bench during every game. To avoid congestion at the player's entrance, keep the team in the locker room until five (5) minutes before scheduled game time. Other than players, up to four coaches are allowed on the bench during the 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 players from the same team in the same team colored uniform with permanently assigned numbers. If a team has two sets, the program will try to match the original number. In the case of a conflict of colors, visiting team (listed second on the schedule) must provide an alternate jersey color or wear pullovers. Players on the same team cannot wear duplicate numbers on the jerseys. (Goalies are exempt)

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 minimum of two (2) officials assigned for each game; said officials are to be supplied by the South Shore Conference. 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 Hockey patched official on the premises, the official can referee the game if agreed to by each coach.
15. All coaches should report to the rink office for locker room keys. Keys will be issued 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 the other areas.
17. Coaches, officials and scorekeepers may communicate their suggestions, complaints, etc. to the South Shore Conference, 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 the 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 the incident to a disciplinary committee to schedule a hearing as needed.
18. Game Cancellations:
 - A. A team or teams cannot agree to NOT play a game or take a tie. **THIS IS NOT PERMITTED.** Every game scheduled must be played.
 - B. Chance of scheduled game:
 1. Must be approved by the scheduler.
 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. The team that is not making the change will have the regularly scheduled game ice for its own use.
 4. All requests for game changes must be made to the scheduler 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 make changes with the division vice president in a case where the schedules are not available 30 days prior to the request for change, requests must be made within one week of the release of the schedule.
 5. Games must be rescheduled and played within one week prior or one week after the regularly scheduled game. Any problem with scheduling the game will be resolved by the division vice president.
 - C. Procedure for rescheduling a game:
 1. REQUEST PERMISSION FROM THE SCHEDULER by the Program Director.
 2. Contact the opposing coach to propose an agreeable alternative to the regular scheduled game.
 3. Receive the approval for rescheduling the game from the opposing coach and his definite intended use of the ice from its originally scheduled game. The non-cancelling team/program has the first option to use the regularly scheduled ice, plus referees if needed. If the non-cancelling takes the ice and does not use it, they will have fines of \$100.00 and the Executive Board could assess any other costs incurred. If the non-cancelling team does not use the ice, the cancelling team/program has the 2nd option to use the ice as they see fit, subject to the above rules. If the ice is not going to be

used at all, the ice reverts back to the conference, not less than 7 days prior to the cancellation.

4. Call or email scheduler to get final approval of:
 - Date of proposed game change, rink and time
 - Commitment from non-cancelling team/program or cancelling team/program ice use
 - Whether referees or scorekeepers will be needed for the regularly scheduled ice
 - Send a copy of the game change to g_sch_wabe5:t9@yahoo.com
 5. Scheduler will then notify the referee-in-chief of the game change and the need for referees/scorekeepers at the original ice time. In NO case will the coached be allowed to call the referee-in-chief to schedule referees/scorekeepers.
 6. Game sheets for the rescheduled games must, upon completion, be mailed by the cancelling team's coach to the conference treasurer/scheduler within one week of the date the game is played.
 7. Scheduler must be advised of the place and time when a make-up game will be played.
 8. The league must always be paid for all scheduled games and practice ice. This is enforced with NO exceptions.
 9. Violation of the above rules will result in a forfeit.
19. The member towns and the coaches 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 who or what is at fault, that team will 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 determination.
- A. The South Shore Conference will establish a discipline committee to investigate and conduct a hearing, if appropriate, concerning any major incident involving a spectator or parent. An officer of the SSC can chair the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee will be comprised of three members and a chair. Three committees will be established and the President will assign one to each hearing.
 - B. A major incident shall be defined as, but not limited to, the use of obscene or vulgar language, verbal abuse, taunting of players, coaches, officials or throwing objects in the viewing area, team benches or ice surface, etc.
 - C. When a major incident of 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 (referees, scorekeepers), incident reports or other programs, the affected programs will be notified by the SSC president or designee.
 - D. The program will have 48 hours to respond to the chairperson of the Discipline Committee with recommendations for discipline. 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 or inadequate, the individuals involved will immediately be suspended from all SSC activities until the incident is resolved. The Discipline Committee will convene to investigate the incident and hold a hearing within one week. All parties involved in the major incident will attend the discipline hearing.
 - E. 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 director's meeting.
20. The member towns will pay for any damages or defacing done in any rink used by the South Shore Conference, Inc. when it is determined whose 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 scheduled games a player or goaltender skating at 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 the additional player does not have more than 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 the SSC teams, then a Yankee conference goaltender from another program can be used.
- F. The coach's selection of a goaltender outside his program, either another SSC program or a 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 and c. the coach used his best efforts to use goaltenders from the SSC teams. In the event that a coach fails to demonstrate the aforementioned criteria, then the SSC 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 1st of any year in the season to be played.
- H. The approval by the appropriate division vice president in 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. Failure to follow this rule can result in game forfeits and suspension of the coach based on a decision of the Executive Board.

Amended Goaltender Policy:

In an effort to promote the growth of the position of goaltenders, the following policy will be in place for the 2015-2016 seasons and beyond:

Understanding the lack of goaltenders at the Y12U and Y10U levels, as well as the Girls Divisions (12U & 10U) if a player has the desire to try out the position of goaltender then he/she will be allowed to continue to skate out on one team and play goal on another. This player must be rostered on the team he/she skates out for and a supplemental roster must be filled out for the team for which he/she is playing goal.

Example: A player plays forward for a Y12U A team but there is a need for a goaltender on a Y12U B team and that player wants to try goaltending. That player will be allowed to skate out ONLY on the A team and be rostered on that team and will play ONLY as goaltender on the B team with the approval of the league and a supplemental roster for that B team.

(A player here can only move down one level – A to B or B to 82)

- 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. The president will appoint a three member appeal committee to the original discipline committee which heard the case. The appeal decision will be final.
- 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 of the coach. A player reporting late to a game must advise the referee to have his/her name put on the game sheet.
- 24. All coaches participating in the South Shore Conference must be patched as prescribed by the USA Hockey/MASS Hockey Article II, section 1 and 2 (page 23 of the Mass Hockey book) This rule applies Mites through Midgets. All coaches also must have an age appropriate module and safe sport training.
- 25. Multiple teams, within their respective level, cannot draw players from each other. (e: Y12U B White to Y12U B Gold) Multiple teams within their respective levels are required to roster their teams on an equally balanced basis. The division vice president will review the goaltender policy.

26. Programs cannot send a lower team level to play in place of their higher team. (i.e.: Y12U B team cannot play a regularly scheduled game in place of their Y12U 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 game suspension.
 - 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 to the SSC President and SSC Y19U Coordinator within seven days following the dates of the first suspension.
28. A SSC director cannot miss attending 3 monthly meeting from August through June. The SSC director is responsible to designate an alternative 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. f a check from behind, head contact or head-butt results 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. The Shore Shore Conference will not tolerate cyber-bullying. If evidence is found through any type of media, the individual(s) will be turned over to the proper authority. (i.e.: law enforcement, SSC Executive Board and/or home town program.
32. Team movement: f a program requests that a team be moved down to another level starting from December through the end of the season, that team will be eligible for playoffs.
33. On the Girl's roster, only three (3) out of town players are allowed on a GIOU through G14U roster, which is the state rule currently. Any more than that would have to be:
 - A. Be approved by the district of the member program
 - B. Be approved by the SSC directors via a 2/3 vote
34. The use of "cow bells" will not be allowed before, during or after any SSC sponsored event. The conference is following a long line of organizations that have banned these devices, (i.e.: MIAA, College Hockey and the NHL
35. All elected officials have the right to vote for any new membership.

SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE, INC. CURRENT 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 notify 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 by their coach.)
2. In order to begin the monitoring of rosters early in the season the following policy is in effect:
 - A. By the September South Shore Conference Director's meeting, each program must submit on a USA Hockey Official Player Roster Form for Y19U and Girls 19U players. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a team forfeiting the next game or games until the roster is binding.
 - B. At the October South Shore Conference Director's meeting, each program must submit an the USA Hockey Player Roster form the remainder of their teams skating in the SSC, as well as their "C" team rosters. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the team forfeiting their next game or games until the SSC roster is binding.
 - C. If stamped official rosters are not received by due date, the following will apply:
 1. A \$100 fine up to 15 days
 2. A \$250 fine if 16 to 30 days after due date
 3. After 30 days, games are forfeited with appropriate fines. Program can be suspended or dismissed from the league for the following season
 4. Due Dates:
 - a.) Y19 and Girls 19U – September 1st
 - b.) All other divisions – November 1st
3. Any and all roster changes during the season must be reported immediately to the divisional vice president on a "change roster" form. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a fine of \$100.00 for each incident of the program.

NO PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN A SSC GAME UNTIL THE SSC ROSTER COMMITTEE RECEIVES A COPY OF THE "CHANGE OF ROSTER" FORM. THE MASS DISTRICT REGISTRAR MUST STAMP THE CHANGE.
4. Roster Committee: The roster committee will consist of the vice president 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 roster/game sheets to be less time consuming and any questions or problems can be resolved immediately.
5. Any programs that violate these policies on a consistent basis (to be determined) will be subject to probation.
6. All programs must have an A and a B team in Y10U and Y12U. If a program does not have an A team and it is approved by the executive Committee, that team will not be eligible for playoffs. A program may have multiple B or B2 teams.
7. A coach writing on a game sheet will be issued a warning for the first infraction. Following a second infraction, the Executive Committee will suspend the coach.

8.h the Y19U Division (short season 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" in 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 \$100 plus pay the opponent's game cost for that 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 December (maximum)

2. One bye is allowed from December to the end of the season

3. The coach of a team must request the bye through his program director. The specific director will advise the scheduler of this request on the proper "bye request" form prior to the deadlines below. Requests made after the deadline WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Bye requests from September 1st through November 30th must be received prior to August 1st.

Bye requests for December 1st through February 23rd must be received prior to the October 23rd meeting.

Note: There are no games scheduled for the weekend of February 23-25, 2017.

Bye requests from February 26th through March 18th and the end of the season must be received by January 15th. (Only one per team is allowed this period.)

Byes are NOT allowed in the playoffs.

13. **Y19U Player Policy:**

If a member program places more than one team in the Y19U B full season, then, at times, when the coach knows that he/she is going to have less than 10 skates and a goalie, then that coach can borrow from the other Y19U B team. Only the amount of players needed to bring the roster to 10 skaters and a goalie is allowed. The coach can borrow a player two (2) times during the season, including playoffs. The borrowing of players latterly will be monitored by the SSC Y19U Coordinator and the "B" vice president.

14. **Y19U Division Mission Statement:**

Y19U A - It is the intent of the level to have all older players (players of age 18) and all players who will be playing for their high school varsity teams on line 1,2 and 3. This level should be viewed as a "tune-up" or "get in shape" for the high school season.

Y19U B Short Season- It is the intent of this level to have players who will be playing for their high school hockey teams on lines 4 and 5; also, those players who will be playing for their high school junior varsity on lines 1 and 2. This level should be viewed as a "tune-up" or "get in shape" for the high school season.

Y19U B – Full Season- It is the intent of this level for players who are entering the Y19U level for the first time. It is designed for those players who might not make their varsity or junior varsity 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 have not met high school eligibility because of grades or other issues or have been cut by the varsity team. Players at this level who make their varsity team will be evaluated by the SSC Y19U Coordinator and the SSC vice president of the Y19U B Division.

15. Girl's Division:

Rules and Policies:

- A. Girl's Division follows all South Shore Conference rules, policies and regulations. Playoffs, also, follow all South Shore Conference rules, policies and regulations. Girls 19U are short season divisions.
- B. Girls 10U, 12U and 14U – all teams make the playoffs. Girls 19U – only the top 6 teams will make the playoffs. (single game elimination)
- C. Girls rostered on a 12U B1 or 82 may play as substitute players on a 12U team during the regular season games for up to 8 games per season. Girls on a 12U B2 division team may , play as substitute players on a 12U 81 team for up to 8 games in a season. (no more than 3 consecutive games)
- D. Girls on any 12U team may play as a substitute player on any 14U team during the regular season 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 a substitute player for a higher division in the playoffs.

16. Team Placement

- A. Girls will be placed in divisions based on program requests for A or B divisions or in the case of Girls 12U A, B1 and B2 divisions. Adjustments to the 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 1st 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 division. Appropriate program team placement is important for the start of the season games to ensure the best experience possible for all of the girl's 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 the players and the skill level overall of the players. Programs should not automatically place a Girls team in the 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 team in a B division (or B2 division in the case of U12 B Division) on 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 other division teams until the end of the first game schedule to end in November.
- D. If the team will be competitive with some of the A division teams but not all of the A division teams, the team should be given A level placement for the start of the season. The same applies for Girls 12U B1 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

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 (i.e. 3rd, 6th, etc.), the tie will be broken as follows:

1. Most wins in head-to-head competitions of the teams tied, the one with the best record in the head-to-head competitions places higher
2. Most wins – the team with a 13-5 record places higher than a team with a 12-5-2 record
3. Goals against – team with the lowest goals allowed in league games places higher
4. Goals for – team with the lowest goals allowed in league games places higher
5. Goals against – team with the lowest goals allowed in league games 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- will be based on one or more of the following criteria: best record against the top four teams, best record against play-off teams, playoff games or league play *off* committee

B. Full Season – when any division is split in two (Herman and Re) the following criteria applies:

1. All teams make the playoffs (except if a program doesn't have an A team in Squirt or Peewee)
2. All girls U10, U12 and U14 teams make the playoffs

C. Short Season Division – will be determined by the number of teams in each division – 4 or 6 teams will make playoffs

D. Rules - Current SSC rules and Mass Hockey rules and regulations are in effect, including suspensions, in addition:

1. A player participating in full season team playoffs must participate in at least 15 league 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 \$200.00 cash bond along with the written protest. This must be done within one hour of the completion of the game in question. A refund is given only if the protest is won.

E. Ties – There will be no ties in the playoffs. Any game ending in a tie during regulation time will proceed to break the tie by sudden death overtime as follows:

1. All divisions – a 6 minute overtime period will be played
2. First team to score a goal is the winner
3. Y8Uf game is still tied after 2 6-minute 5 on 5 overtime periods, game will go to a 6 minute sudden death 4 on 4 overtime period. If game is still tied, game will go to a 6 minute sudden death 3 on 3 overtime until winner is declared.
4. Y10U and Y12U Divisions – If game is still tied after 2 6-minute sudden death overtime periods, game will go to one 6-minute 4 on 4 sudden death overtime period. If game is still tied, it will go to one 3 on 3 6-minute sudden death period. If still tied, it will go to a shoot out per Mass Hockey State Tournament Rules.
5. Y14U, Y19U, and Girls Y19U, sudden death 6-minute stop overtime periods will continue until there is a winner.

F. Home Team – The home team in all playoffs is the highest seed.

G. Game Time – In all playoff games three (3) twelve (12) minute stop time periods will be played. One time out per team will be granted per game. If used in regulation, none will be allowed in overtime.

H. No game changes allowed – Games will not be rescheduled or postponed for any reason. This includes trips, tournaments, commitments, lack of players, etc. If, prior to the start of playoffs, a team decides it cannot appear, the next highest ranking team will take its place. The decision must be given one week prior to the end of the regular season.

I. On-site directors – On-site directors will be appointed by the president whenever possible during the playoff games. If a player is abusive in any manner to the on-site director that director 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. **YSU-** All Y8U teams will have 2 playoff games. Each division will have groups of 4 teams as needed with all players receiving a trophy after the last game (champion or finalist)

K. **Playoff and League Awards -**

1. Division winners: each team who wins its division will receive a trophy or appropriate award for each player and coach. This will designate them as SSC Champions.
2. Playoffs – the two finalists will be awarded trophies as follows:
Champions – Team sponsor trophy and individual player and coach trophies or appropriate award
Runner-up/Finalist - individual player and coach trophies or appropriate award
3. Trophies will be presented on-ice whenever possible, to each team and individual players by the SSC officers, officials, and directors as designated by the president of the SSC.

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

Girls Division: follow all the South Shore Conference rules, policies and regulations. Playoff also follows South Shore Conference guidelines.

Girls 19U A and B – short season division. 4 teams in the A division and 4 teams in the B division will make the playoffs this year on the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Single game elimination.

Girls 10U, 12U and 14U divisions – all teams will make the playoffs in the spring.

Inclement Weather If the event that games will be postponed due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, the SSC will first contact the program director, second – the program president, third – the program coach. It will also be posted on our website.

Your cooperation is asked in NOT calling the SSC officers, officials. This only delays the outgoing notification process. If you have any questions, call your SSC 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 questions, policy, rule clarification or other information. Program directors are responsible for the passing of rules that govern the SSC both in play and operations.

Home Teams - The home team for each game is the first team listed 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 SSC 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.)

Y8U will play a 25 game schedule, plus two playoff games.

Y19U short season will play a 13 game schedule, top 6 teams in the A and top 4 in each B division will have playoff games

Girls 19U A – short season will play a 13 game schedule, top 4 teams

Girls 19U B – short season -will play a 13 game schedule, top 6 teams will make the playoffs

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to recognize member programs and display their sportsmanship throughout the season.

Scope: This award will be presented annually to the program who has displayed outstanding sportsmanship and is based on at least number of penalty game suspensions, including gross misconduct and match misconduct, 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. * A major incident during the playoffs can become a determining factor.

Procedure:

1. The Shore Conference treasurer or other designated officer will be responsible for collecting and maintaining the major penalties, including: gross misconduct and match misconduct, 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 criteria set forth.
3. The program that received the least major penalties during the season (which included additional penalties assessed from the above categories) will be eligible for the Phil Re Annual Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship.
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 before or after a game
 - b. Another condition or event that may preclude those programs in contention from being the recipient of the Phil Re Annual Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship

6. A trophy will be awarded to the program at the South Shore Conference meeting room and a master plaque will be displayed in the South Shore Executive Board will announce

Definitions:

- Gross misconduct/match - the player receiving these penalties
- Parental - a game penalty for each incident (not to be served or recorded only)
- Forfeit incident - The team/program will be assessed a 5 game penalty for each incident (not to be recorded only)
- Financial status delinquent - The team/program will be assessed a 5 game penalty served, for record only
- Overall performance - includes: (not to be served, for record)
- A. Attendance at meetings
 - B. Meeting financial obligations on time
 - C. Communications from the program to the conference

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OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENTS

1993-1994 – Hanover Youth Hockey
1994-1995 - Milton Youth Hockey
1995-1996 - Milton Youth Hockey
1996-1997 – Hingham Youth Hockey
1997-1998 – Taunton Youth Hockey
1998-1999 - Sea hawks 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
2013-2014 - WHK Youth Hockey
2014-2015 – Canton Youth Hockey
2015-2016 - South Shore Eagles
2016-2017 – Westwood

PAUL A SCHWABE AWARD

OUTSTANDING SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

1996-1997 – Roger Maiolini, Cape Cod Canal
1997-1998 - Michael O'Shea, Norwood
1998-1999 - Joe Griffin, Hingham
1999-2000 - Russell Madden, Pembroke
2000-2001 - Michael Cantwell, Duxbury
2001-2002 – Frank O'Brien, 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 - Torn Sousa, Falmouth
2012-2013 - Jack Diamond, Hingham
2013-2014 - Courtney Brock, Plymouth
2014-2015 - Glen Strier, Franklin
2015-2016 - Tom Welch, Cape Cod Canal
2016-2017 - John Lombardo, Plymouth

REFEREE OF THE YEAR -- NORM 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 Day
2013-2014	Rick Holmberg
2014-2015	David Mitchell
2015-2016	Bill Lusky
2016-2017	Pat Mccloud

USA HOCKEY

AGE CLASSIFICATION FOR THE 2015-2016 SEASON

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Age Category</u>	<u>Age Division</u>
2000	17 Years	Y19U
2001	16 Years	Y19U
2002	15 Years	Y19U
2003	14 Years	Y14U
2004	13 Years	Y14U
2005	12 Years	Y12U
2006	11 Years	Y12U
2007	10 Years	Y10U
2008	9 Years	Y10U
2009	8 & Under	YSU

South Shore Conference YSU – A, B, and 82 Divisions

Playing Rules for Age-Specific Ice

1. All games will be 4 on 4 with a goalie.
2. Game Time: There will be two periods or halves. A two-minute warm up will be given. A 25-minute runtime first half will be played. A one-minute break on the scorekeeper's buzzer will be given between periods. Second half may be lengthened or shortened to fill the time remaining at the discretion of the YSU Administrator.
3. Face-offs: Use all five locations as follows:
 - a. After goal at center ice
 - b. After penalty at center ice
 - c. After goalie cover-up at nearest circle
4. Penalties: Penalties will be called in accordance with USA Hockey Rules. Referees will explain infraction to the player. The player must then go to the bench for one complete shift. The player will be immediately substituted for and four on four play will continue.
5. Scorekeepers: Game sheets must be filled out. Scores will be kept, with individual statistics. Game sheets must include only the players that are present.
6. Referees: Each game will have one certified Referee.
7. Pulling the goalie for an extra skater is not allowed.

On Rinks with Dividers:

8. Locker Rooms: Home teams will share a locker room. Visiting teams will share a locker room. One parent per player in the locker room is recommended.
9. Teams will share bench using one door each. Teams may switch ends of the bench for second half.
10. Referees and home teams will be responsible for setup and breakdown of dividers. It is recommended that all teams be equipped with a coach's helmet in case needed.
11. Coaching Courtesy: While sharing a bench with another team, coaches must respect and not inhibit the ability of their counterparts to be able to coach their own players. Simply put, "take it down a notch" during shared bench games so all coaches and players may easily communicate.
12. For 82 Division only, dividers will be pushed back to the far blue line creating a two-thirds ice surface. This will be the rink size for the last six regular season games and playoffs. Regular age specific playing rules will apply.

RINKS USED BY THE SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE

Alexio Rink	1 Gordon Owen Parkway	Taunton MA 02780	508-824-4987
Armstrong Arena	103 Longpond Road	Plymouth, MA 02360	508-746-8825
Asiaf Rink	Forrest Ave	Brockton, MA 02302	508-583-6804
Babson College	150 Great Plain Ave	Wellesley, MA 02482	781-239-6056
Bridgewater Arena	20 Bedford Street	Bridgewater, MA 02324	508-179-0600
Canton Sportsplex	5 Carver Circle	Canton, MA 02021	781-821-0304
Canton Ice House	65 North Street	Canton, MA 02021	508-613-8900
Connell Rink	220 R Broad Street	Weymouth, MA 02188	781-335-2090
Falmouth Rink	9 Technology Park Dr.	E. Falmouth, MA 02536	508-548-7080
Foxboro Sports Center	106 Belcher Road	Foxboro, MA 02035	508-698-0505
Gallo Ice Arena	Route 6A	Bourne, MA 02532	508-759-8904
Hetland Skating Arena	310 Hathaway Blvd	New Bedford, MA 02740	508-999-9081
Hobomock Rink	Hobomock Street	Pembroke, MA 02359	781-294-0260
Hyannis Rec Center	141 Bassett Lane	Hyannis, MA 02601	508-790-6345
Mark Bavis Arena	180 VFW Drive	Rockland, MA 02370	781-982-7070
Pilgrim Arena	75 Recreation Road	Hingham, MA 02043	781-749-6660
Quincy Youth Arena	60 Murphy Memorial Dr	Quincy, MA 02169	617-479-8371
Raynham Iceplex	1568 Broadway	Raynham, MA 02767	508-880-3311
Rockland Rink	599 Summer Street	Rockland, MA 02370	781-878-5591
The Bog	188 Summer Street	Kingston, MA 02364	781-585-2111
Ulin Rink	11 Unquity Road	Milton, MA 02186	617-696-9869
Zapustas Arena	240 North Street	Randolph, MA 02368	781-961-0938

SCHEDULE RELEASE DATES

August 6: First three weeks of the Short Season Midget/Girls U19/Midget B Full

September 5 & 6: Coaches Meeting – All games through Thanksgiving

November 20: All games from December 1 – February 18

February 8: All games from March 1 through March 18

March 19: Directors Meeting – Playoff Final Grids with Teams

USA HOCKEY LOCKER ROOM SUPERVISION

USA HOCKEY is concerned with the locker room activities between minor players; minor players and adult players; adults being alone with individual minor players in the locker rooms; and with non-official or non-related adults having unsupervised access to minor participants at sanctioned team events.

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.

SOUTI-1 SHORE CONFERENCE INCIDENT REPORT

Teams Involved: _____

Date: _____ Day: _____ Time: _____

Rink: (Check One)

Asiaf	Bridgewater	Canton	Connell	Babson
Falmouth	Gallo	Hobomock	Mark Bavis	Pilgrim
Armstrong	Randolph	Rockland	Sportsplex	Alexio
The Bog	Ulin	Quincy	Hyannis	Foxboro
Hetland				

Location: (Check One)

On Ice _____ Off **Ice** _____ Inside Arena _____ Outside Arena _____

Level: (Check One Level and A or B)

Y14U- A B 82	Y19U A B BF	Y10U A B 82	Y12U A B 82
Y8U A B	Girls 10U A B	Girls 12U A B	Girls 14U A B
	Girls 19U A B		

Player Involved: Name _____ # _____ Program _____

____ Player Involved: Name _____ # _____ Program _____

____ Player Involved: Name _____ # _____ Program _____

____ Others involved if any: (Describe - parent, coach, etc.)

Describe Incident Completely: _____

(Use back side of white copy if needed)

Submitted by: (Name of coach/referee/other)

Program or referee #:

Date:

SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE
Change of Scheduled Game Form

Date: _____

1. All game changes must be approved by the League Scheduler
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 this form with check to Paul Schwabe and send copy to Division VP.
A \$25 Fee applies for each change and should accompany this form.

Scheduled Game

Level _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Team Requesting Change: _____ Town: _____

Coach: _____ Town: _____ Phone Number: _____

Opposing Coach: _____ Town: _____ Phone Number: _____

Does the opposing team want the ice? **YES** **NO**

Does the 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 and timekeeper? **YES** **NO**

RESCHEDULED GAME

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Approved by Division VP: Name _____ Date: _____

Referee Notified: **YES** **NO**

Time Keeper Notified: **YES** **NO**

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2017-2018 Calendar of Event

South Shore Conference

Mon	8/21	SSC Director's Meeting, Courtya rd, Stoughton	7:30pm
Fri	8/25	Y19U Divisions ga mes begin	
Fri.	9/1	Girls 19U Divisions games begin	
Tues.	9/5	Coaches Meeting, Bourne High School Auditorium	7:00pm
Wed	9/6	Coaches Meeting, Ra ndolph High School Auditorium	7:30pm
Fri	9/8	Y19U Full Season Division begins play	
Sat	9/9	Y 14 U Checking Clinic, Asia f	all day
Sun	9/10	Y 14 U Checking Clinic, Asia f	all day
Fri	9/15	Y 10 U, Y 12 U, Y 14 U, G 10 U, G 12 U, G 14 U begin play	
Mon	9/18	SSC Director's Meeting, Courtyard, Stoughton	7:30pm
Fri	9/22	Y 8 U Divisions begin play	
Mon	10/16	President's Meeting, Courtyard, Stoughton	7:30pm
Mon	10/23	SSC Director's Meeting, Courtyard, Stoughton	7:30pm
Mon	10/23	Request for tea m movement due	
Wed	11/1	Final stamped official rosters due	
Mon	11/20	SSC Director's Meeting, Courtyard, Stoughton	7:30pm
Fri	12/1	Realigned Divisions start play	
Fri	12/15	Mite A full ice ga mes start	
Mon	12/18	Xmas Meeting Fireside Grille, Middleboro, Ma	6:00pm
Sun	12/24	Xmas Eve, no games after 4:00pm	
Sun	12/31	New Yea rs Eve, no games after 4:00pm	
Fri	1/5	Y 8 U division full ice games start	
Mon	1/15	SSC Directors Meeting, Courtya rd, Stoughton	7:30pm
Sun	2/4	Superbowl Sunday, no games after 4:00pm	
Fri	2/23 – Sun 2/25	No games	
Sun	3/11	Y 8 U, Y 14 U, Y 19U Full Seasons End	
Fri	3/16	Y 14 U and Y 19 U Full Season teams begin playoffs	
Sun	3/18	All other divisions season ends	
Mon	3/19	SSC Director's Meeting, Courtyard, Stoughton	7:30pm
Fri	3/23	All remaining divisions begin playoffs	
Sun	4/1	Easter Sunday, no games	
Sun	4/8	All playoffs end	
Mon	4/16	SSC Director's Meeting, Courtyard, Stoughton	7:30pm
Mon	5/21	SSC Director's Meeting, Courtya rd, Stoughton	7:30pm