

## **2016 MINNESOTA HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS**

### **Peewee & Bantam AA Region/State Tournaments**

Peewee A and Bantam A teams will be split into "A" and "AA" sub-divisions at the end of the season for the purpose of State Tournaments and associated play-downs. The process to do this will be as follows:

1. The AA sub-division was initiated during the 2012-13 season. The default sub-division at which teams participated (A or AA) was determined by the Minnesota State High School League classification of the boys' high school programs that the association served. Associations that co-op were assigned to the sub-division that corresponded to the highest high school classification of the co-op associations.
- Associations were allowed to request a change from AA-to-A or A-to-AA sub-divisions.
2. Going forward, teams will be assigned to the same sub-division as they were the previous season - the process as indicated below can be used to request a sub-division change. For new teams, the subdivision will be assigned by default as indicated above; submit form to request change. Any team that by default qualified to be AA, petitioned down to A, and then won the A state tournament will need to resubmit their form to continue to participate at the A level, or upgrade to AA the following season.
3. Associations may request to change their sub-division from AA-to-A or A-to-AA using the "Sub-Division Change Form". The form shall be completely and honestly filled out, including rationale as to why their Peewee and/or Bantam teams should change sub-divisions, and must be signed by the Association President. Bantams and Peewees can be in different sub-divisions (one at A – the other at AA).
4. Associations can have multiple AA teams, or one AA team and one or more A teams. If an association having an AA team wants to have multiple A teams, the A teams have to be picked equal.
5. Any request found to have false information will be cause to have the decision reversed.
6. All "Sub-Division Change Forms" must be received by the cognizant Regional VP and copied to the District Director by a date established by the District but in all cases no later than November 25th.
7. Final determination will be made by the MH Competition Committee by December 1st. The committee will consist of the VP Maroon and VP Gold Coordinators and two District Directors from each of the Maroon and Gold Divisions selected by the VP's. The committee will consult with the cognizant District Director before a final determination is made.
8. NOTE: The A and AA sub-divisions are sub-groups of the "A" division – both are considered "A" teams through the regular season. AA and A teams may play in the same district league, using a balanced or unbalanced schedule, or may be split into separate leagues at the District Director's discretion.

### **Peewee & Bantam AA Region Format**

1. The Peewee and Bantam AA Regions will use double-elimination bracketing and each will advance two teams to State. However, the Regions will be configured differently than the "A" and "B" Regions.
2. The North Region will consist of Districts 11, 12, 15 & 16. Each District will send (2) teams to the regional tournament. In the event a district has less than (2) AA teams, the participating Directors will determine how to bring in additional seeds or modify the tournament.
3. The South, East and West Regions will consist of Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10. Each of these districts will advance a minimum of one team to these regions. The districts will be awarded additional teams to regions proportional to the number of AA teams in each district to fill out the 24 teams. After the number of teams in each classification is finalized on December 1 the Competition Committee will meet to determine district allocations and seeding based on a pre-established formulary outlined in section 4. Districts will be notified of seeding to the three region tournaments immediately after the conclusion of all district tournaments. Tournament hosts must block rooms if the location is not in the Minneapolis St. Paul metro area.
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