

## 2020-2021 Season WAHA Rule Changes (passed June 1, 2020):

**NOTE: changes in bold and underlined-page numbers cited are in the printed Guidebook**

### 2020 R-1

Article 1.G.3, page 51

3. A female player wishing to play on a female-only team, **including a “full season” team**, may play for such a team in the nearest association offering one, provided her home association does not offer one at her age level. **Note: The intent of this rule is to allow any girl wishing to play full time girls only hockey the opportunity to do so by transferring to the nearest Association that offers girls only fulltime teams when her home Association does not.**

### 2020 R-2

Article 2.A.1, page 55

- 1) Your team must be registered, and entry fee must be received by **the third Sunday in November, immediately following the WIAA tryout week**. No exceptions allowed.

Article 2.B.1, page 56

1. Teams entering the state tournament must submit the WAHA State Tournament Entry Form and entry fees to the Treasurer of the WAHA on or before **the third Sunday in November, immediately following the WIAA tryout week**

### 2020 R-3

Article 2.B.32, page 63

**32. In any year that WAHA does not offer a State Tournament in a Division and Level, the teams at that Division and Level will have the option to not participate in any State Tournament and receive a refund, or they may choose to move up to a different Division and/or Level. The chart below shows the options to where teams can move:**

<b>Registered Level</b>	<b>Move To One of the Levels Below</b>				
<b>4A</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>2A</b>	<b>1A</b>		
<b>3A</b>	<b>2A</b>	<b>1A</b>			
<b>3B</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>2A</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>1A</b>	<b>1B</b>
<b>2A</b>	<b>1A</b>				
<b>2B</b>	<b>2A</b>	<b>1A</b>	<b>1B</b>		
<b>2C</b>	<b>2A</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>1A</b>	<b>1B</b>	<b>1C</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>1A</b>				
<b>1C</b>	<b>1A</b>	<b>1B</b>			

**The WAHA Section Director of the level with the cancelled tournament will work with the Associations affected and report to the Tournament Committee which option each team chooses. The WAHA Tournament Committee, by a Majority vote, will make a recommendation to the full WAHA Board who will have the final approval.**

## 2020 R-7

Article 1.P.4 (new paragraph), page 55

### **4. Coaches/players/team managers/spectators may not enter the Referee's dressing room before or after a game. The following actions will take place for violation of this rule:**

- a. **For a coach or player - a game misconduct penalty shall be assessed by the on-ice officials and a report of the incident filed using the WHOA Game Reporting System. The report will be submitted to the WAHA Disciplinary Committee for possible further disciplinary action or suspension.**
- b. **For a team manager or spectator (fan) – the on-ice officials shall report the incident on the WHOA Incident Report. The report will be submitted to the WAHA Disciplinary Committee, who will notify the WAHA Region Directors. A mandatory hearing will be held with the team coach and a representative of their association's governing board to discuss possible disciplinary action.**

## 2020 R-8

Article 1.P.5 (new paragraph), page 55

### **5. All WAHA Associations shall designate a Referee Scheduler responsible for assigning on-ice officials for all games involving WAHA-sanctioned teams and must forward their name and current contact information to their WHOA Region Director by October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Each Referee Scheduler will receive access to the WHOA Scheduler's Site where officiating certification and eligibility can be obtained.**

## 2020 R-9

Article 2.B.35, page 74 (NOTE: this is effective with the 2021 Midget State Tournament)

d. State Tournaments will be held on the following weekend:

March – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend: 16U and 18U