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Player Movement and Dual Rostered Skaters

Policy: It is the policy of Menomonie Youth Hockey Association (MYHA) to maintain fair and consistent player movement practices in an effort to optimize team success and enhance skill development of all skaters.

Procedure:

1. Player movement: There will be no movement of players from one age level of play (division) to another with the following exceptions:
 - a. Team Numbers: Movement of players to facilitate team numbers will be recommended by the Splitting Committee and approved by the MYHA Board at their discretion. If such a realignment of players occurs, players will be asked based on their birthdate, ie: oldest to youngest. All players have right of refusal. If a player is asked to move to another level of play and he/she accepts, he/she will be assessed the difference between registration fees paid and actual fees for the new level.
 - b. Any player who skates on more than one team must have a primary team. Their primary team will be the skater's age and gender appropriate team. Skaters playing on a second team of the same gender will be assessed an additional \$50.00. All other second teams will be assessed the primary team fees plus ½ of the second team fees and ½ of the work assessment hours. If a skater from the Mite level also skates on U10 or Squirts, the assessment shall be an additional ½ of that level's fees*. See chart below:

LTS + Mites = No additional fees

Mites + U10 = Mite fees + ½ of U10 fees* (\$125.00 + 105.00. = \$140.00)

Mites + Squirts = Mite fees + ½ of the Squirt fees* (\$125.00 + 105.00 = \$230.00)

Squirts + Pee Wees = Squirt fees +\$50 (\$210.00 + 50.00 = \$260.00)

U10 + U14 = U10 fees + \$50 (\$210.00 + 50.00 = \$260.00)

*Rationale behind this is that if a Mite skater moves up to either U10 or Squirt and doesn't play on two teams, they currently pay \$210. In the two scenarios above they would pay slightly more (\$230.00 with current fees) for playing on 2 teams.

- c. Primary Team: As noted above, the skater's primary team is their age and gender appropriate team. If there are game or practice conflicts, skaters are expected to skate with their primary team. There may be rare circumstances when the skater may request to skate with their secondary team in the event of a

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conflict. The primary team head coach may approve this at his/her discretion. If not pre-approved, violations of this expectation will result in the following consequences:

1. First Offense: A formal apology to the skater's primary team, a meeting with the primary and secondary team head coaches, and a one game suspension from the skater's secondary team.
 2. Second Offense: A formal apology to the skater's primary team, a meeting with the primary and secondary team head coaches, and a two game suspension from the skater's secondary team.
 3. Third Offense: Removal from the secondary team roster.
- d. Exceptional Skater: If a skater wishes to advance to a higher age level of play, the following procedure should be followed. If one or more skaters wish to advance to a higher level of play and the numbers do not warrant a splits/tryout process at that level, a splits process must be conducted.
1. Skater must have competed at the "A" level for a minimum of one year. If the skater is new to the association, a recommendation from the previous years coach will be acceptable.
 2. The skater must submit his/her intentions in writing to the Ace Coaching Coordinator two weeks prior to tryouts. The skater and at least one parent or legal guardian must sign the letter.
 3. The skater will then be given the opportunity to tryout at the next division. If the skater's skill is ranked one of the top five at that level, he/she will be allowed to skate on that division's "A" team. If the skater's skill is ranked 6th or more, he/she will return to play with his/her appropriate WAHA age level.
 4. The skater shall also attend his/her own division's tryouts to secure a position on that team should they fail to make the next division.
 5. In the event of an exact 5th rank tie, the petitioned skater will have the right to move up.
 6. If the skater moves up an age level, he/she will be assessed the difference between registration fees paid and actual fees for the new level.
2. When the number of players permits two teams within a division, teams shall be split by ability and classified as A and B. Teams may not be equal in number. When the number of players permits, the B team will be split into two or more teams equal in ability and numbers.
 3. Considerations for dual rostering shall be recommended by the Team Splitting Committee for MYHA Board approval at their December meeting. In general, teams with less than 13 skaters will be considered for dual rostering. If a skater is dual rostered, their primary team remains their age and gender appropriate team but they must play in five (5) games with their secondary team in order to participate in regional and state play for their secondary team as well according to WAHA Rules. The decision to dual roster a skater must be done in accordance to the player movement guidelines above or via a "try out" process similar to those outlined in the Team Classification and Splits policy.

This policy is issued by the Hockey Operations Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

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