



# CAHA Policy & Procedures Amendment

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## Section 19 – State Championship Eligibility

**Current Language** vs. **Proposed Changes** (Redline Summary)

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### Section 19.2.1

#### Current Language

~~19.2.1. All AA classified teams at 10U and 12U shall participate in the State Recreational Tournament (SRT).~~

#### Proposed Revised Language

19.2.1. All AA classified teams at 10U and 12U that meet CAHA eligibility requirements shall be **eligible for consideration** for participation in the **State Recreational Tournament (SRT)**, subject to bid allocation as determined by CAHA pursuant to Section 19.2.3.

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## Section 19.2.2

### Current Language

~~19.2.2. AA classified teams are required to play every other AA classified team at their age level a minimum of two (2) times.~~

### Proposed Revised Language

19.2.2. AA classified teams are required to play every other AA classified team at their age level a minimum of two (2) times.

Failure to meet this requirement may result in a team being deemed **ineligible for consideration** for participation in the State Championship.

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## Section 19.2.3 (*Primary Amendment*)

### Current Language

~~19.2.3. All AA classified teams shall qualify for the State Recreational Tournament.~~

### Proposed Revised Language

19.2.3. Youth AA Teams at the **10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U** age classifications that have met all required **game requirements, eligibility standards, and mandated criteria** as defined by CAHA Policies and Procedures shall be **eligible for consideration** for participation in the **State Championship**.

The **Colorado Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA)** shall determine, on an **annual basis**, the **number of bids** allocated to each age division based on **ice availability, operational capacity, and budget considerations**.

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## Section 10.4.1.4 (12U ADM Policies)

### Current Language

~~10.4.1.4. All regular season AA teams are required to participate in the league playoff and the CAHA State tournament if they are eligible.~~

### Proposed Revised Language

**10.4.1.4.** All regular season AA teams are required to participate in the league playoff and, **if awarded a CAHA State Tournament bid**, the CAHA State Tournament.

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## Section 10.5.1.4 (14U ADM Policies)

### Current Language

~~10.5.1.4. All regular season teams are required to participate in the league playoff and the CAHA State tournament if they are eligible.~~

### Proposed Revised Language

**10.5.1.4.** All regular season teams are required to participate in the league playoff and, **if awarded a CAHA State Tournament bid**, the CAHA State Tournament.

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## Summary of Intent

These amendments clarify that Youth AA team participation in the State Championship is **not automatic**, but instead contingent upon meeting eligibility criteria **and** being awarded a bid by CAHA based on annual ice availability, operational capacity, and budget. This alignment eliminates internal policy conflicts and reflects actual tournament operations.