

MAHSHL LEAGUE RULES & POLICIES

SECTION I

The mission of the MAHSHL is to offer high school students the opportunity to participate in an organized ice hockey league, thereby assisting them in realizing their potential as athletes and valuable community members.

MAHSHL CORE VALUES

1. To offer players the reward, confidence, and satisfaction associated with the experience of playing on and becoming part of a team.
2. To promote positive personal characteristics in all players, such as camaraderie, respect, dedication, sportsmanship, leadership, generosity, and integrity, both on and off the ice.
3. To foster respect, trust, courtesy, and good sportsmanship among all participants, including administrators, players, coaches, officials, fans, volunteers, and parents.
4. To provide club high school teams and/or associations with the necessary tools and organizational structure to enable these teams to better offer high school players a safe, fun, and well-organized hockey league in which to participate.

SECTION II

MID AMERICA HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

The Mid America High School Hockey League is a USA Hockey Sanctioned High School League, operating within the Tri-State Hockey Association's Midwest Affiliate, which is part of the USA Hockey Central District of the United States.

A. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - LEAGUE STANDARDS

1. The Mid America High School Hockey League is exclusively for players of high school age (grades 9-12) who are eligible to participate in their respective local schools' interscholastic athletic programs.
2. Team Representatives are required to submit written documentation confirming each player's eligibility to the Commissioner by November 1st.
3. Teams must adhere to state concussion regulations pertaining to high school interscholastic athletics.
4. The MAHSHL does not permit the participation of billeted players within the league.
5. A maximum of two foreign exchange students per team per year are permitted to participate, provided they are sponsored by a Certified Foreign Exchange Placement Program.
6. Teams are expected to submit their declaration of intent to play at the Varsity and/or Junior Varsity levels by September 1st.

7. **Rosters are due on or before October 1st.**
8. **Amendments or additions to rosters will not be accepted after December 31st.**
9. **Rosters must explicitly designate each player as either Varsity, Junior Varsity, or both.**
10. **Based on the start of season roster, the Commissioner will approve placement of the team in their requested division by October 7th**
11. **Should the requested division not receive approval, Clubs are afforded a 7-day period to appeal to the MAHSHL Board of Directors, with the Commissioner casting the deciding vote.**
12. **Appeal should provide a comprehensive reasoning for the requested division placement**
13. **League approval is required for any new player added to a team roster after the team division assignment.**
14. **MAHSHL players who have graduated from high school during the current season are eligible to participate for the entire season, provided they were enrolled in high school at the commencement of the regular season and their name was duly submitted on the team roster by the stipulated deadline.**
15. **Teams must list a minimum of twelve (12) players on their roster prior to the season. Any team found in violation must obtain approval from the Commissioner.**
16. **Teams found to have utilized ineligible players are subject to disciplinary action from the league, which will include, but not be limited to, forfeiture of any games in which the ineligible player(s) participated. Examples of ineligibility include incomplete registration, failure to pay league fees, or non-compliance with high school district alignment (Legacy Rule), among other circumstances.**

B. JUNIOR VARSITY ELIGIBILITY

1. **Seniors are ineligible to participate at the Junior Varsity (JV) level without prior approval from the League Commissioner.**
2. **Players who participate at both the Varsity and JV levels shall be deemed ineligible for JV play if they achieve an average of 1.0 or more points per game (goals and assists combined) in Varsity games by their team's seventh (7th) regular season game and thereafter.**
3. **JV teams found to have utilized ineligible player(s) are subject to disciplinary action from the league. This may include, but is not limited to, forfeiture of the game(s) in which the ineligible player(s) participated and supplemental discipline for the coach.**
4. **Head Coaches and team representatives bear the responsibility for enforcing league policies.**
5. **The Head Coach and/or team representatives are responsible for reporting any violations of the league's off-ice policies to the Commissioner.**
6. **The Head Coach and/or team representatives are responsible for reporting all game misconducts and/or match penalties incurred by a player during all league or non-league play to the Commissioner.**
7. **Teams are required to comply with the USA Hockey SafeSport Program.**
8. **A Head Coach may submit a written application to the League Commissioner for senior eligibility at the JV level. Any senior approved by the league for JV eligibility will be posted on the league website.**

9. Any senior participating in the JV division who receives a game misconduct is subject to a hearing before the league's Rules and Discipline Committee to determine their continued eligibility.
10. Goalies who have played in more than half of their team's Varsity games by the first weekend of December will not be eligible to play at the JV level, unless approved by the League Commissioner. Exceptions to this rule apply if the team has only one goalie (across both Varsity and JV teams) or if the second rostered goalie is injured or otherwise unavailable to dress or participate.

C. COACHES - TEAM OFFICIALS

1. All registered teams are required to have a Head Coach and Assistant Coach who are in good standing with MAHSHL and USA Hockey. These individuals must provide their USA Hockey CEP number and submit a copy of their USA Hockey registration receipt to the Commissioner by October 30.
2. All team representatives are mandated to comply with and complete the USA Hockey Safe-Sport Program.
3. Each team's Association must formally notify the league office of any changes in coaching staff or coordinators.
4. All coaches must possess a minimum of a Level 1 USA Hockey Coaching Certification and demonstrate "positive progress" toward achieving their Level 3 certification.
5. It is understood that each association's affiliate may impose different minimum requirements, which will take precedence over those established by MAHSHL.
6. All coaches are subject to a background screening conducted by their association for certification to coach league games. Each association is required to provide the league with confirmation of their compliance with USA Hockey and the MW Affiliates' consent-to-screen guidelines.
7. For a Level III (Intermediate) coach's accreditation to be considered "current" for a given season, it must have been obtained during the calendar year in which that season commences, or the preceding calendar year.
8. Should coaches not be accredited, the league will formally notify the involved organizations. It will then be the league's responsibility to follow up with these organizations regarding the activation of current accreditation.
9. If an organization permits a coach who is not accredited or does not possess the appropriate level of certification to remain on the bench after December 31 (the coaching accreditation deadline), the organization will incur a fine of \$175.00 per coach.
10. The Coach will be officially suspended until the requisite certification is procured.
11. All coaches and instructors registered with USA Hockey must properly wear an ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages, and coach/referee seminars (with the exception of a team official or trainer leaving the bench to attend to an injured player).
12. Any Coach and/or Instructor found in violation of this rule by their association or the league is subject to a suspension of no less than 30 days.

D. UNIFORMS

1. Each team is required to be fully uniformed in accordance with league standards.

2. All teams must possess matching hockey sweaters and socks, with a clearly affixed number on the back of each jersey (player names are optional). Non-compliance with this requirement will result in a two-minute bench minor penalty, to be served by the identified player.
3. The designated "home team" shall wear DARK SWEATERS, while the visiting team shall wear LIGHT OR WHITE SWEATERS.

E. PRE-GAME PROCEDURES

1. Varsity team warm-up: Five (5) minutes
2. Junior Varsity team warm-up: Three (3) minutes
3. Player introductions, followed by the playing of the National Anthem, are mandatory prior to all MAHSHL Varsity games.
4. Teams shall access the ice for warm-ups immediately upon the completion of resurfacing (if applicable), the closure of the Zamboni doors, and the presence of Officials on the ice. Should no resurfacing be scheduled, teams shall access the ice for warm-ups as soon as the preceding game's teams have departed the ice and the Officials are present.
5. The home team coach may request to review the visiting team's starting lineup before submitting their team's lineup; however, the lineup must be submitted prior to the team taking the ice for warm-ups.
6. Failure to adhere to this rule shall result in a bench minor penalty assessed to the offending team for delay of game.
7. Teams are to assemble on their respective goal lines.
8. The Public-Address Announcer shall introduce the visiting team's starting lineup first.
9. As each name is announced, the corresponding player shall skate to the blue line, facing center ice.
10. Following the announcement of the starting lineup, the remainder of the team shall advance to the blue line, facing center ice. This procedure shall be repeated for the home team.
11. All players shall remove helmets and face the flag.
12. All MAHSHL players and team officials are expected to stand at attention and conduct themselves with respect during the playing of the national anthem.
13. Any player who fails to comply shall be assessed a minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct at the discretion of the Head Referee or Commissioner.
14. In all MAHSHL games, the players on the ice for the presentation of the starting lineups must correspond to those indicated on the official starting lineup sheet presented to the officials.
15. If a player or players fail to appear when their name is called, or if an incorrect player appears when a name is called, the team shall be assessed a bench minor penalty for delay of game.
16. Should a player or players listed on the starting lineup sheet be unable to commence the game for any reason, the coach must apprise the off-ice officials of the alteration and rectify the starting lineup sheet before the announcement of the starting lineups commences. No exception to the

aforementioned penalty will be granted for failure to notify the officials of a change in the starting lineup.

17. If a player or players announced in the starting lineup fail to commence the game, the offending team will be assessed a bench minor penalty for delay of game.

F GAME FORMAT

1. Mid America High School Hockey League (MAHSHL) games shall be conducted in adherence to the rules established by USA Hockey.
2. The league shall comprise both Junior Varsity (JV) and Varsity divisions, each with a 22-game regular season schedule.
3. All Varsity games shall consist of three (3) periods, each fifteen (15) minutes in duration with a stop clock, and an ice scrape shall occur after the second period.
4. All JV games shall consist of three (3) periods, each thirteen (13) minutes in duration with a stop clock, and an ice scrape shall occur at the conclusion of the game.
5. All Varsity and JV games shall be officiated by three (3) qualified and certified officials.
6. The League Commissioner shall validate the qualifications and certifications of each official annually, in cooperation with local officials' associations.
7. All MAHSHL regular season games concluding in a tie at the end of regulation shall remain tied, with each team receiving one point in the standings.
8. Each team is permitted one (1) timeout during MAHSHL regular season games.
9. Should a five (5) goal differential be established in the third period, a running clock will be implemented.
10. Team Representatives are responsible for enforcing League policies, reporting any violations of the league's off-ice policies to the Commissioner, and reporting any major and/or match penalties incurred by a player during non-League play to the Commissioner.

****Teams are required to comply with the USA Hockey *SafeSport* Program.**

G. OFF-ICE OFFICIALS - Game Personnel

(Scorekeepers, PA Announcers, Penalty Box Personnel, Trainer/Medical Personnel)

1. Each team is required to coordinate the assignment of qualified off-ice game personnel with the League Commissioner without exception.
2. Each team must submit a list of game personnel to the League Commissioner's office for approval prior to November 1st.
3. Teams must adhere to state concussion laws regarding high school interscholastic athletics.
4. Teams hosting MAHSHL events are required to have a Certified Athletic Trainer on-site or an equivalent Emergency Medical Response Plan in place, which must be communicated to the visiting team's club upon arrival at the rink.
5. Clubs found in violation are subject to a fine of \$200.00. (2019)

H. SUSPENSIONS

1. All major and/or match penalties incurred by a player during league and non-league play will be subject to USA Hockey Progressive Suspensions.
2. Any player who receives a game misconduct will be ineligible to participate in their subsequent MAHSHL game at the level at which the infraction occurred.
3. Should a player receive a game misconduct in a varsity game, they shall be precluded from participating in a junior varsity game until the suspension has been served at the varsity level (and vice versa). The suspension must be served at the level at which it was received.
4. A second (2nd) Game Misconduct received by a player within the same season will result in a two (2) game suspension.
5. A third (3rd) Game Misconduct received by a player within the same season will result in an immediate suspension from all MAHSHL activities until a hearing with the MAHSHL Rules and Discipline Committee is scheduled and reinstatement is granted.
6. Suspensions are applicable to both USA Hockey and MAHSHL regulations and will be enforced as stipulated.
7. Game Misconducts for FIGHTING will result in a two (2) game suspension.
8. A second Game Misconduct for FIGHTING will result in a four (4) game suspension.
9. Suspensions may be appealed.
10. All appeals shall adhere to USA Hockey bylaw 10.E and must be submitted via email to the MAHSHL Commissioner and Board of Directors within seven (7) days. If the suspension is upheld, the player will serve the suspension during the next eligible game. All suspension rules listed above will remain in effect.
11. If a team accumulates twelve (12) or more penalties in a single game, the Head Coach will receive a one (1) game suspension, in accordance with USA Hockey rules.
12. If a player receives four (4) penalties in the same game, the player will incur a game misconduct and subsequently a one (1) game suspension.

Section III

A. SCHEDULE

1. The MAHSHL Commissioner shall establish the game schedule.
2. The schedule shall be disseminated to all member teams and associations at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the first game.
3. Any objections to the schedule must be submitted to the Commissioner within 48 hours of its publication.
4. It is incumbent upon the league(s) to apprise their representatives and members of all Tournament Schedules and related Information.

B. POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT

1. The MAHSHL Postseason Tournament will follow a single-elimination format.
2. Teams will be ranked based on their final regular season standings.
3. In the event of a tie in points at the end of the regular season, the following tie-breaking procedures will be applied:
 - Head-to-head record
 - Number of wins
 - Goals against
1. Teams that lose their opening-round game will be granted a second game, designated as a "Consolation Game."
 - If Consolation Games conclude in a tie, it will proceed to a three-player shootout.
1. Any team or teams receiving a first-round bye in the tournament bracket seeding are ineligible for a second consolation game.
2. Teams are required to have a minimum of 12 eligible players on their postseason roster to participate in the postseason tournament. If a team has fewer than 12 eligible players, that team will forfeit its position in the standings, and all other teams lower in the standings will advance one spot.
3. Any player who has participated in at least 70% of combined Junior Varsity and/or Varsity regular season games with their respective team may participate in the postseason tournament. If any player falls below the 70% participation threshold, that player will be ineligible for postseason play.
4. All players participating in the postseason tournament must have dressed, been listed on the score sheet, and played a minimum of 70% of the regular season games (16 out of 22) to be eligible. Players listed on game sheets as injured who are unable to participate in the required number of regular season games to be eligible for the postseason tournament must obtain league approval to participate in the postseason playoffs.
5. For games ending in a tie, teams will play an overtime period (Junior Varsity - 13 minutes, Varsity - 15 minutes) until a winner is determined by sudden death.
6. Ice scrapes for overtime: For Junior Varsity, a scrape will occur after the third period, providing new ice at the start of the overtime period. For Varsity divisions, ice scrapes will occur after every two periods of play. In overtime, a scrape will take place after the completion of the first overtime period.
7. Each team is allotted one timeout per game. If the game proceeds to overtime, each team will receive one additional timeout per overtime period.

Section IV

A. RULES AND DISCIPLINE - Requests for consideration must adhere to the following:

- 1. All review requests must be submitted by the Head Coach (team representative) within five days following the incident date.**
- 2. Requests challenging an official's call or rule application must clearly identify, in writing, the specific USA Hockey or MAHSHL rule in question and provide a detailed explanation of the request's basis.**
- 3. Video evidence may be submitted solely to support the written request.**
- 4. All Game Misconducts and Match Penalties will be administered in accordance with USA Hockey guidelines.**
- 5. MAHSHL Supplemental Discipline was approved by the League's Board of Directors in 2016.**
- 6. Any player(s) assessed a penalty for Fighting will incur a total two-game suspension.**
- 7. Any player(s) receiving two Game Misconducts within the same season will result in an additional two-game suspension.**
- 8. A third Game Misconduct received by any player(s) in the same season will result in the immediate suspension of that player from all MAHSHL events. The player(s) must then appear before the Rules and Discipline Committee for a hearing within 30 days of the infraction.**
- 9. All game suspension penalties shall be served in the division where the infraction occurred.**
- 10. All game misconduct and/or match penalties incurred by a player during league and non-league play will be applied to USA Hockey's Progressive Suspensions.**
- 11. A player participating in both Varsity and Jr. Varsity will be suspended from all games until the suspension has been served in the division where the infraction occurred. The number of post-season games served is subject to review by the Commissioner.**
- 12. Any unserved regular-season game suspensions will carry over to year-end tournaments and the subsequent season.**
- 13. Any unserved game suspensions by a non-returning player will be served by the team's coach. The number of games served is subject to review by the Commissioner.**
- 14. Coaches assessed a game suspension for 15 penalties in a game are permitted to coach until the next scheduled game in the division in which the infraction occurred, at which time the suspension must be served.**
- 15. Coaches serving a game suspension are prohibited from having any contact with the team from 30 minutes prior to the game until its completion.**

B. CODE OF CONDUCT

ADMINISTRATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. Adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by USA Hockey and your respective association to ensure the enhancement of the association's philosophy and objectives.**

2. **Support programs dedicated to the training and education of players, coaches, parents, officials, and volunteers.**
3. **Actively promote and publicize your programs; seek financial support whenever feasible.**
4. **Maintain open communication with parents by organizing parent/player orientation meetings and by remaining accessible to address inquiries and concerns throughout the season.**
5. **Strive to implement programs that uphold principles of fairness for participants and foster both fair play and sportsmanship.**
6. **Recruit volunteers, including coaches, who exemplify qualities conducive to serving as positive role models for the youth involved in our sport.**
7. **Encourage coaches and officials to participate in USA Hockey clinics and advise board members of the imperative nature of their training sessions.**
8. **Make every concerted effort to ensure that all individuals, across all skill levels, are provided with an opportunity to participate.**
9. **Familiarize yourself thoroughly with the contents of the *USA Hockey Annual Guide* and USA Hockey's official playing rules.**
10. **Develop other administrators for advancement to positions within your association, potentially including your own.**

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **Winning is a consideration, but not the sole or most important objective. Prioritize the well-being of the child over the outcome of the game. Players participate in hockey for enjoyment and recreation.**
2. **Serve as a positive role model for your players. Exhibit emotional maturity and ensure the physical safety of all participants.**
3. **Offer praise when merited; maintain consistency and honesty; ensure fairness and impartiality; refrain from public criticism of players; strive for effective communication and coaching; avoid yelling at players.**
4. **Accommodate the personal needs and challenges of players; be an attentive listener; never verbally or physically abuse a player or official; provide all players with opportunities to enhance their skills, build confidence, and develop self-esteem; instruct players in fundamental techniques.**
5. **Organize practices that are engaging and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques, and strategies of hockey; encourage all players to foster a team-oriented approach.**
6. **Maintain open communication channels with players' parents. Articulate the goals and objectives of your association.**
7. **Be invested in the holistic development of your players. Emphasize healthy habits and a clean lifestyle.**
8. **Participation in the game is commendable; a passion for the game is paramount.**

ON-ICE OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. Maintain a professional and businesslike demeanor at all times, taking your role seriously.**
- 2. Strive to cultivate a safe and sportsmanlike environment conducive to players' proper display of their hockey skills.**
- 3. Possess a comprehensive understanding of all playing rules, their interpretations, and their appropriate application.**
- 4. Recognize that officials serve as educators and should set a commendable example.**
- 5. Render decisions with quiet confidence, eschewing arrogance.**
- 6. Manage and assist in controlling games cooperatively with coaches to ensure a positive and safe experience for all participants.**
- 7. Violence is strictly prohibited. Exercise fairness and impartiality at all times.**
- 8. Respond to all reasonable inquiries and requests.**
- 9. Adopt a "ZERO TOLERANCE" stance toward verbal or physical abuse.**
- 10. Refrain from using foul or vulgar language when communicating with players, coaches, or parents. Respond to questions with honesty and integrity.**
- 11. Acknowledge and admit any errors made.**
- 12. Never openly criticize a coach, player, or fellow official.**
- 13. Maintain emotional control.**
- 14. Utilize only USA Hockey-approved officiating techniques and policies.**
- 15. Preserve physical health through a conditioning program.**
- 16. Commit to personal improvement and the ongoing maintenance of officiating skills.**
- 17. Respect the supervisor and their evaluation of your performance.**

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. Do not compel children to participate in sports; rather, support their desire to engage in their chosen athletic pursuits. Organized sports are intended for children's enjoyment; therefore, ensure the experience is positive.**
- 2. Encourage adherence to the rules of the game. Children learn most effectively by example, so commend exemplary plays from both teams.**
- 3. Refrain from embarrassing your child by admonishing players, coaches, or officials. A positive demeanor toward the game and all participants will significantly benefit your child.**
- 4. Emphasize skill development and practice, highlighting their benefits for young athletes. In lower age groups, de-emphasize the importance of games and competition.**

5. **Acquire and understand the rules of the game, and support officials both on and off the ice. This approach fosters the development and support of the sport. Any critique of officials is detrimental to the game.**
6. **Commend effort in both victory and defeat, and reinforce the positive aspects of the game. Never reprimand or physically abuse your child after a game or practice, as such actions are destructive.**
7. **Strive to eliminate physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.**
8. **Recognize the vital role of volunteer coaches. They are integral to your child's development and the sport's progression. Maintain open communication and offer your support.**
9. **If you find the game enjoyable, educate yourself thoroughly about hockey and consider volunteering your time.**

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **Prioritize enjoyment and dedicate effort to skill development.**
2. **Cultivate teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.**
3. **Ensure punctuality, adhere to established rules, and consistently demonstrate good sportsmanship.**
4. **Show respect for coaches, teammates, parents, opponents, and officials.**
5. **Refrain from disputing officials' decisions.**

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship. Always show respect for players, coaches, and officials.**
2. **Maintain appropriate decorum; refrain from taunting or disturbing other spectators; foster a shared enjoyment of the game. Applaud commendable plays from all participants; avoid booing opponents. Offer positive encouragement and advocate for fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are considered offensive.**
3. **Contribute to a secure and enjoyable environment; the act of throwing any items onto the ice surface poses a risk of injury to players and officials.**
4. **Do not lean over or pound on the glass; the glass enclosing the ice surface is an integral component of the playing area.**
5. **Support the referees and coaches by placing trust in their judgment and integrity.**
6. **Assume responsibility for personal safety – remain vigilant to prevent accidents resulting from flying pucks and other avoidable circumstances.**
7. **Respect locker rooms as private areas designated for players, coaches, and officials. Offer support post-game – regardless of the outcome. Acknowledge earnest effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.**

ZERO TOLERANCE

To enhance the desirability and rewarding nature of ice hockey for all participants, USA Hockey implemented a zero-tolerance policy, effective with the 1992-93 season. This policy mandates that all players, coaches, officials, team officials, administrators, and parents/spectators uphold a sportsmanlike and educational environment before, during, and after all USA Hockey-sanctioned games. Consequently, the following points of emphasis must be enforced by all referees and linesmen:

PLAYERS - A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Should a player persist in any of these actions, a misconduct penalty shall be assessed. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
4. Coaches who overtly dispute or argue any official's decision will be assessed a minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance).

OFFICIALS

1. Officials are required to conduct themselves in a professional, sportsmanlike, impartial, and constructive manner at all times.
2. The actions of an official must be beyond reproach.
3. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited.
4. Officials serve as ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

PARENTS - SPECTATORS

1. Game officials will halt play when parents/spectators exhibit inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with other spectators or the game itself.
2. Game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the viewing and game areas.
3. Upon removal, play will resume.
4. Lost time will not be replaced, and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body.
5. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior includes:
 - The use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner at any time towards anyone.
 - Taunting of players, coaches, officials, or other spectators through baiting, ridiculing, threats of physical violence, or actual physical violence.

- Throwing any object within the spectator viewing area, players' bench, penalty box, or on the ice surface, in a manner that creates a safety hazard.

1. SOCIAL MEDIA ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT

- The use of social media and other electronic communication to perpetrate abuse and misconduct by any participant in a USA Hockey Program constitutes a violation of USA Hockey's SafeSport Program and will result in disciplinary action.

Section V Indemnification

1. **Member Teams and Associations shall indemnify and hold harmless the Mid America High School Hockey League (MAHSHL), its Board of Directors, and all other elected, appointed, employed, or volunteer representatives of the MAHSHL from any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges, and expenses whatsoever, arising from the acts and omissions of MAHSHL. This indemnification shall not apply to the extent (i) that the MAHSHL or its aforementioned representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges, or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default, or (ii) that such acts or omissions were the direct result of compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules, or decisions of the Board of Directors of the MAHSHL. Furthermore, Member Teams and Associations understand and acknowledge that the MAHSHL and its aforementioned representatives have assumed this understanding, agreement, and condition with the expectation of being so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described in this by-law.**

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