



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

Date: October 28, 2021

To: All JV / High School Teams, Adray Hockey, and Referees
From: Joe Barone, Chairperson, State Playoff Committee
Re: Clarification of new USA Hockey rules

It has been brought to my attention that there is confusion surrounding JV / High School teams and the new USA Hockey rules. Please use this communication as a means for understanding the rules.

Non-Varsity JV Div 1 / Div 2 and Varsity High School fall under High School classification. Therefore, when 2 high school classification teams participate in a game against each other the following rules are to be followed:

- Tag-up offsides is in effect
- Short-handed teams are permitted to ice the puck

M.A.H.A. is allowing Non-Varsity JV Div 1 / Div 2 leagues the ability to have stricter penalty times in their **league games only**. These times follow the 2 / 5 / 10 format. The league is responsible for including these rules and verifying their enforcement.

In any and all **non-league HS JV Div 1 / Div 2 games**, including but not limited to scrimmages, different age classifications play games, tournaments, showcases, MAHA State tournament, the penalty time per USA Hockey rules are to be followed.

Individual teams may not adjust the penalty time to their own benefit. If the referees are uncertain as to the type of game, they are instructed to default to the USA Hockey rules. Any issues with the penalty time should be taken up with their respective league.

Regards,

Joe Barone
Chairperson
State Playoff Committee

