

**MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.**  
**APPROVED ON APRIL 25, 2012**

**RULE/ POLICY CHANGE TO MISSOURI HOCKEY RULES& REGULATIONS**

- I. **WHEREAS**, USA Hockey mandates that Missouri Hockey, Inc., as its recognized affiliate association, have certain rights, obligations and jurisdiction with regard to the conduct of USA Hockey programs and tournaments as set forth in its By-Laws at Section 3- DISTRICT AND AFFILIATE ASSOCIATION JURISDICTION, subsection B which reads as follows:

Designation as an Affiliate Association will convey authority to conduct certain of the ice hockey programs of USA Hockey within the Affiliate Association's area of jurisdiction, as specified in the respective Affiliate Agreement with such Affiliate Association (each an "Affiliate Agreement") and in this Bylaw 3. Members of each Affiliate Association are required to be Registered Participant Members in good standing of USA Hockey. Except for Junior teams, and subject to the terms of its Affiliate Agreement, these Bylaws and the rules and regulations of USA Hockey, each Affiliate Association shall have the sole and exclusive power to determine the participation of its member teams, or other teams falling within its jurisdiction, in USA Hockey's district playoffs and national championships.

- II. **NOW THEREFORE**, in order to facilitate the above policy, with regard to all USA Hockey district playoffs and national championships the following rules are hereby adopted by Missouri Hockey Inc.:

With regard to all USA Hockey district playoffs and national championships the following timelines will be in effect:

- a. Eligibility rules and qualifying tournament rules and formats may be created by subservient boards and/ or leagues at the request and with the consent of Missouri Hockey, Inc. Any such eligibility rules and tournament formats must be completed and presented to Missouri Hockey, Inc. no later than the third Thursday in October of the season for which they are to be in effect.
- b. All declarations by or on behalf of member clubs indicating the intent to place their teams in any affiliate qualifying tournament for any USA Hockey District or National tournament shall be made and delivered to Missouri Hockey, Inc no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. No declarations will be accepted after that date, there will be no exceptions.
- c. All rules and policies regarding the conduct (format) and/ or qualification (eligibility) for all Missouri Hockey, Inc. qualifying tournaments for District and/or National Championships which are approved by Missouri Hockey, Inc. will be posted to the Missouri Hockey, Inc website no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- d. All appeals regarding eligibility of teams to participate (includes tier level of participation) in any USA Hockey District and/or National Tournament (or the affiliate qualifying tournament) must be filed with Missouri Hockey, Inc. no later than the second Friday in January of the season of the tournament.

III. These rules and regulations to take effect immediately upon passage of this rule change.