

MISSOURI HOCKEY INC., RECREATIONAL TEAM RULE

Recreational Teams registered directly with Missouri Hockey, Inc. –

A. Beginning with the 2010-2011 season, any Team will be accepted as a Recreational Team, provided that the Team properly registers with USA Hockey and complies with the By Laws and Rules and Regulations of Missouri Hockey, Inc.

B. A Recreational Team registered directly with Missouri Hockey, Inc. cannot be affiliated with any organization.

In the event there are multiple recreational Teams in one organization, the organization must make application to the appropriate youth or high school league.

C. The Board of Directors of Missouri Hockey, Inc. hereby establishes the terms a Team must achieve for Recreational status. The terms shall include the following:

The team must have viable coaches & managerial staff.

The Team operates pursuant to by laws, rules and regulations, policies, or procedures consistent with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and policies of USA Hockey and Missouri Hockey, Inc.

The Team must be determined financially solvent and stable.

The Team must be able to procure sufficient ice to support an appropriate number of home games and practices consistent with its program.

The team must fully disclose its recreational level of registration to members, potential members, and the public (i.e. Recreational, etc.).

No Team will register as a recreational Team to circumvent the existing youth division or high school rules, in an attempt to play at any level other than which the team is registered with Missouri Hockey, Inc.

D. Applications by a Team shall be submitted annually to Missouri Hockey, Inc. on or before April 15 for the 2010-2011 playing season, thereafter applications must be made on or before January 15 for the next succeeding playing year. Missouri Hockey, Inc. may deny the request, postpone consideration of the request, grant probationary status as a Team, grant full status as a Team, or take any other action that it determines to be in the best interest of hockey in Missouri. The Board of Directors annually shall establish a deadline for action on all pending applications before Missouri Hockey, Inc.

E. Try-outs and Team selections may not begin prior to September 1 of the current playing season. It shall be the responsibility of the Team to verify and maintain records of all players who are playing or have played for the Team.

F. Decisions of Missouri Hockey, Inc. shall be final unless a notice of appeal is filed as herein provided. Any person or Team affected by the decision of the Missouri Hockey, Inc. may appeal such decision in accordance with the By Laws, Rules and Regulations of Missouri Hockey, Inc. by filing a written notice of appeal to the President of Missouri Hockey, Inc. within ten (10) days after the date that the decision appealed from has been rendered, which appeal shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

G. The Board of Directors of Missouri Hockey, Inc. may promulgate such additional rules and regulations as necessary as it deems necessary to implement the provisions of these rules. Such additional rules and regulations shall be in keeping with the missions and purposes of USA Hockey and Missouri Hockey, Inc.

H. Developmental Hockey Leagues are exempt from this rule:

1. **Developmental Leagues are defined as follows:** Leagues consisting of teams playing exclusively in one rink or facility or under the auspices of a single hockey club, association, or government entity (*e.g. Park Districts*) against other Teams who play exclusively in the same rink or facility or under the auspices of a single hockey club, association, or government entity.