



2026 Preseason Meeting

Meeting Points



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We will have time at the end for questions



You can also post questions in the chat section

Agenda



Staff/Last Season



Competition Committee



Rule Changes/Administrative Items



2026 Tour Breakout / Hall of Fame



Dates/Rinks



Q and A

MOIHA Staff

- ▶ **Commissioner – Jon Hilke**
- ▶ **Assistant Commissioner – Dillon Dale**
- ▶ **Referee In Chief – David Sapienza**
- ▶ **Assistant Referee In Chief – Jonathan Pfeiffer**

2025 High School Champions

- ▶ Varsity 1 – Francis Howell
- ▶ Varsity 2 – Parkway
- ▶ Varsity 3 – Lindbergh
- ▶ Junior Varsity – SLUH
- ▶ C Division – Francis Howell



2025 Junior High Champions

- ▶ Elite – North Point
- ▶ Tier 1 - Fox
- ▶ Tier 2 – Francis Howell
- ▶ Tier 3 – North Point
- ▶ Tier 4 - Seckman

Competition Committee Members

Brian Cohen

Chris DeGroat

Don Hager

Paul Humphreys

Chris McGuire

Ziggy Ziegler

Committee Responsibilities

1

The committee's focus is on improving and enhancing the overall experience for the players, coaches, managers, and parents of MOIHA

2

Share/discuss changes to rules and processes

3

Provide guidance/input on proper division assignments

4

Be the ears for the league and come to the table with unbiased opinions



Rules & Processes for 2026

Program Coordinators & Coaches Meetings

- ▶ All NEW program coordinators & all NEW coaches are required to attend one of the three available sessions (Virtual – Microsoft Teams).
- ▶ Date options: February 23rd & 25th (7pm-9pm)
- ▶ Program coordinators must email me a list of all new coordinators/coaches by Monday, February 16th (need their first/last name and an email address to send sign up link to).
- ▶ A google form will be sent out for sign up on Feb. 17th. Meeting link will be sent out the day before each meeting.
- ▶ Topics to be discussed are roster rules, game rules, etc.

Rule Changes

- ▶ Breakout/Preseason Tournament:
 - ▶ MOIHA does recognize that the Mid States Club Hockey Association Challenge and Wickenheiser Cup take place during the High School Breakout Tournament. High school teams still participating in one of these events at the time of the binder check-in, can email the Commissioner of MOIHA asking for an exemption from the High School Breakout Tournament. All exemption requests must be emailed to the league by the end of the scheduled binder check-in date. If the exemption request is granted, the top-level varsity team will still be required to participate at the Varsity 1 level.
- ▶ Protesting a Game:
 - ▶ If a team wishes to file a formal protest, it must be submitted in writing to MOIHA accompanied by a \$250.00 protest fee. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is deemed to be valid. All protests must be submitted to the league within 24 hours of the scheduled start time of the game being protested.

Rule Changes

► HOCKEY ACADEMY ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Any hockey academy participating in MOIHA must require “on-site” academic learning sessions with approved curriculum. These approved curriculums are Edmentum, Launch and Missouri Connections Academy.
- B. Any student who is taking their academic curriculum through an approved hockey academy is required to participate exclusively with that hockey academy’s team.
- C. Students who are taking their academic curriculum through a traditional school district and are enrolled in a hockey academy have two participation options:
 - Option 1: Play for the hockey academy team.
 - Option 2: Play for the team representing the school in which they are taking their academic curriculum through.
- D. Once a student athlete commits to a team, either the hockey academy or the school district team, they are required to remain with that team for the duration of their MOIHA career (Junior High & High School). This commitment is binding if the selected team continues to participate in MOIHA. Requests to switch teams after the initial commitment will not be permitted.
- E. All parent/legal guardians of the student athletes subject to a team selection decision must submit the “Hockey Academy Team Commitment Form” to MOIHA by the established binder check-in date. This document can be found on the league website under the “Registration” tab (once registration opens) and must be complete, accurate and signed by all required parties. Failure to submit this document by the deadline may result in the student athlete being ineligible for that season.

Rule Changes

- ▶ **STUDENT ATHLETE TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY:**
 - ▶ A. Any student athlete who transfers schools during the MOIHA season and has participated in one or more games for their original school, will be required to participate with that school for the remainder of that MOIHA season.
 - ▶ B. Any student athlete who transfers schools during the MOIHA season and has not played any games for their original school will be eligible to participate with the school in which they transferred. These student athletes may be added to a roster up to the start of a team's seventh junior high game or eighth high school game.
- ▶ **Roster Changes:**
 - ▶ New players may be added up to the start of the team's seventh junior high game or eighth high school game. All Players that are added to rosters must be from the school.
- ▶ **Scheduled Game Times:**
 - ▶ 55 Minute game slots at Fenton Monday-Friday this season (start time will still be 6pm).

Roster Eligibility

- ▶ **Roster Size – 16 players/4 goalies/EBG**
- ▶ **7th and 8th graders can play BOTH high school and junior high leagues with no impact to eligibility**
- ▶ **4th and 5th graders will remain eligible for junior high league**
- ▶ **Playoff eligibility:**
 - ▶ **High School – 7 games minimum (with the same team)**
 - ▶ **Junior High – 6 games minimum (with the same team)**
- ▶ **Junior High players must be eligible for Junior High playoffs to participate in High School playoffs**
- ▶ **Use swing players to supplement days with low participation**
- ▶ **Junior Ice Players/out of town – enrolled locally, rostered, must meet game eligibility**

Goalies

- ▶ **Goalie Problems:**
 - ▶ If your program is struggling to find one internally...find one (teams cannot be in the same division).
 - ▶ If using a goalie outside of your program, that goalie must prioritize his/her primary team first!
- ▶ If your goalie does not make it to a game, you may use one from a previous game (emergency goalie).
- ▶ Each roster will contain a slot for “Emergency Goalie” and you will be required to have scorekeeper put their name in game notes.
- ▶ Your rostered and declared goalie will have to play in the playoffs (NO EMERGENCY GOALIES IN PLAYOFFS).

Draft Players

- ▶ No team fees can be collected from draft eligible players until they are assigned.
- ▶ Draft eligible players cannot attend tryouts for participating organizations until they are assigned. If this occurs, teams may lose their eligibility and/or the player will be deemed ineligible for that season's draft.
- ▶ Reminder – Drafted players remain with your program unless the school that they attend has a team for the upcoming season. Potential new teams for this season are Springfield & St. Marys.
- ▶ Hard cutoff for players entering the draft– February 18th.
- ▶ Schools cutting players are not eligible to receive draft players.
- ▶ Players will be placed before breakout tournament.
- ▶ Players not paying \$200 non-refundable fee will not be eligible.
- ▶ See rules online for placement process.

Swing Players

- ▶ Each team is allowed to swing an unlimited number of players for high school divisions during the season, but once those players have played in 7 games with the higher-level team, they are locked on that team. Junior High teams are allowed an unlimited number of players and are locked after they have played in 6 games with the higher-level team. Players can only be rostered on a maximum of two teams for both the high school and junior high leagues (only exception is goalies).
- ▶ Remember when swinging players, rosters cannot exceed 16 players!

2026 Divisions

- ▶ High School Divisions:
 - ▶ Varsity – Tier 1-3
 - ▶ Junior Varsity
 - ▶ C Division
- ▶ Junior High Divisions:
 - ▶ Tiers 1-4

Reminders

Forfeited games -
\$250 fines will be
enforced

Teams playing with
an illegal player will
receive
penalties/fines

Reschedule
requests – 2 weeks
advance/blackout
period (\$250 Fee)

Minimum GPA 1.0 to
be eligible for
probation/2.0
standard

Uniforms reminder –
matching jerseys,
same color pants

All rule changes are
highlighted on the
website

Line of
communication

Binder Check

- **Wednesday, February 18th at the St. Peters Rec-Plex (2nd floor) 4pm-8pm**
- **Binder Checklist:**
 - **“School Roster Sheet”**
 - **Updated sheet can be found under the registration tab on the website**
 - **All sections on the roster sheet must be filled out completely & accurately**
 - **Identify draft players & school (per report card)**
 - **Leave the ID & RC section blank for check in process**
 - **MUST BE TYPED!**
 - **Email to jhilke@moiha.net by Feb. 17th**
 - **Copy of players identification – school ID preferred (in order of roster will speed up check in process)**
 - **Copy of current report card for each player (showing proof of school, name of player and date to show its current)**
 - **Players should only be listed on one team (list each team as if playoffs were to start). The exception to this is if a junior high player is also playing on one of your high school teams. Goalies can be listed on more than one team if not enough goalies are available for your program.**

Administrative Reminders

- ▶ All registration forms can be found on the website (starting tomorrow)
- ▶ Fees – Junior High \$2,600 & High School \$2,900 (\$500 deposit due by binder check & any remaining balance by March 27th)
 - ▶ Forms of payment - cash or checks
- ▶ Schedule Requests – Two “blackout” dates (Prom & Graduation)
- ▶ Reminder – please provide your contact information for the website as well as tryout dates so we can advertise
- ▶ Website Roster Upload Submittal Due by March 11th (Email sent out on March 9th - Chris DeGroat)
 - ▶ School Name (organization that they will play for)
 - ▶ Division
 - ▶ First/Last Name
 - ▶ Jersey Number
 - ▶ Position
 - ▶ Draft Player (Yes or No)
 - ▶ School (Per Report Card)



- ▶ **Dates:**
 - ▶ **High School: Feb. 26th - March 1st @ Midwest & All American**
 - ▶ **Junior High: March 5th – 8th @ Fenton & Midwest**
 - ▶ **Registration Deadline – February 18th**
- ▶ **ALL high school teams (excluding Varsity 1) and junior high teams are required to play to be slotted in appropriate tiers for regular season!**
- ▶ **Entry Fee - \$550 per team due at binder check**
- ▶ **Alumni division during the High School Breakout!**

- ▶ Nominees wanted!
- ▶ Do you know a player, team, coach, contributor/builder or referee?
- ▶ Directions and guidelines are on the website
- ▶ 2026 induction will be during the High School Championships



Rinks & Dates

- ▶ Rinks – All American, Midwest, Fenton & Vetta 70
- ▶ Dates:
 - ▶ Jan. 15th : Registration for Breakout, regular season, & Draft Begins
 - ▶ Feb. 18th : Registration for Breakout, regular season, & Draft Ends
 - ▶ Feb. 18th : Binder Check 4pm – 8pm @ St. Peters Rec-Plex (2nd floor)
 - ▶ Feb. 26th - March 1st: High School Tour Breakout @ All American/Midwest
 - ▶ March 5th – 8th: Junior High Breakout @ Midwest & Fenton
 - ▶ Fenton will be available for practice times starting March 9th (March 9th – 12th will be completely open – NO GAMES)
 - ▶ March 13th: High School Regular Season Starts
 - ▶ March 20th: Junior High Regular Season Starts
 - ▶ March 27th: Final Payments Due
 - ▶ May 4th – 10th: Playoffs
 - ▶ May 9th: Envious All-Star Game (Need players name & sizes by March 23rd)





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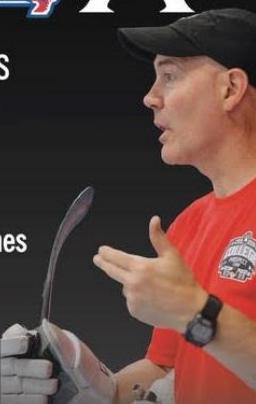
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