



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

"STICK WITH MINNESOTA VFW"

2015 Bantam 'A' Hockey Rules

THESE RULES MUST BE PRESENTED TO YOUR BANTAM 'A' HOCKEY COACH!!!

ARTICLE I - TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Rev. 11/26/14

1. Every Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post sponsored team in the Minnesota State Bantam A Hockey Tournament **MUST** submit an eligibility roster signed by the coach and a VFW Post Officer, on the prescribed form. Rosters must be legible. (One (1) set to be sent to the District VFW Hockey Chairman). These should be sent 1st Class Mail and must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2014. Teams submitting rosters after this date will not be eligible for State VFW Tournament play. After this date, no team may change its roster for State VFW Tournament play.
2. Every member of each team **MUST** present their Birth Certificate, a photostatic copy of their Birth Certificate or a certified affidavit signed by a member of the clergy, for verification of age; at the State VFW Tournament site. (This is also required for District Tournament play.)
3. No High School Players of any kind may participate in this program.
4. The night before the start of the State VFW Tournament, all team coaches and available members of the State VFW Youth Committee will meet to check all age verification certificates, if arrangements can be made. Otherwise, they will be checked one (1) hour prior to the first round.
5. Each team shall be limited to a legible roster of 18 players, plus (2) goalies. (Official "Minnesota Hockey" Rosters must be attached to "State of Minnesota VFW Player Roster Bantam "A" Hockey" — and a Post Officer, Post Youth Chairman, and Team Coach must complete the bottom section of the VFW Players Roster.)
6. All ten teams in the State VFW Tournament must be sponsored by a VFW Post throughout the entire hockey season.
7. Every member of each team must be in proper uniform with number and at least a 3-inch VFW Patch or proper identification that this is a VFW Team. Starting with the 1977 hockey season, a special VFW Patch became the standard patch in place of the Cross of Malta. ALL players will wear the VFW Patch on their LEFT Sleeve. If needed, the patches are available through the Minnesota State VFW Office (651)-291-1757. If you have any questions, contact the State VFW Hockey Chairman or VFW Department Headquarters. **ITEM #7 WILL BE ENFORCED! ! !**
8. All players are required to wear protective face masks, helmet and teeth guards.
9. All goalies must wear protective masks or guard.
10. VFW Districts must submit their District entry to the State VFW Hockey Chairman and State VFW Tournament Chairman at least two weeks prior to the State VFW Tournament, or earlier if possible. They must also submit a digital picture with names as they appear on the picture to the State VFW Tournament Chairman at least two weeks prior to the Tournament.

11. No District VFW Tournament shall be held prior to February 13, 2015.

12. Every VFW District Champion or runner up must participate in the State VFW Tournament or be ineligible for participation for one year, subject to the vote by the VFW State Committee at the State VFW Fall Conference meeting that follows.

DUE DATE FOR VFW PLAYER ROSTERS IS NOW DECEMBER 31st of each year
(Must be Postmarked No Later Than)
PLAYER ROSTER CHANGED TO 18 PLAYERS PLUS 2 GOALIES

ARTICLE II - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. To be consistent with USA Hockey Rules, eligible players must have been born on or after July 1, 1999. (Age change approved at State VFW Fall Conference in St. Cloud on October 2, 1993).

THE AGE ELIGIBILITY DATE IS BORN ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1999!

2. Penalties for using an ineligible player will be forfeiture of any game or games in which said player participated.

3. Any player or coach using profane language heard by any Tournament Committee person or the referee shall be evicted from the game and playing arena.

ARTICLE III - GAMES

1. SINCE 1991 ALL VFW BANTAM A TOURNAMENTS, DISTRICT AND STATE, MUST BE SANCTIONED ACCORDING TO USA HOCKEY, VFW AND MINNESOTA HOCKEY (MH) RULES. THIS RULE WAS NEW FOR 1991 AND WAS PASSED BY THE MINNESOTA STATE VFW COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION AT ITS SEPTEMBER 23, 1990 MEETING IN BROOKLYN PARK. ALL VFW TOURNAMENTS WILL ALSO BE PLAYED UNDER MH RULES! ALL FEES HAVE BEEN WAIVED BY MH. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISTRICT VFW HOCKEY CHAIRMAN AND STATE VFW TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN TO REGISTER TOURNAMENTS WITH MH AT LEAST 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE TOURNAMENT. APPROVED SANCTION FORM MUST BE POSTED IN THE ARENA DURING ENTIRE TOURNAMENT.

ARTICLE IV - TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each VFW District is entitled to send one team to the State VFW Tournament. If each VFW District is not represented, the rotation system will be used to determine the representative for the missing VFW District(s).

2. Each team **MUST** be covered by insurance. Each team **MUST** have a copy of a "Certificate of Insurance" evidencing the insurance policy **IN EFFECT** at the time of the current State VFW Tournament.

3. Each team must have two uniforms. One light and one dark.

4. Transportation to and from the State VFW Tournament site and all meals and housing will have to be borne by the VFW Post or VFW District sending the team, unless the Host VFW Post can manage other arrangements and notifies the VFW Posts in advance.

5. No VFW District shall have more than two (2) teams in the State VFW Tournament.

ARTICLE V - HOST POST AND STATE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The local VFW will organize and direct the Tournament, they will appoint a VFW Member to be the Director.

2. The Director will make sure that all income and expenses of the Tournament will be handled in accordance with the Department Rules, and follow all National and State By Laws. i.e. Monies.

3. On completion of the Tournament, the Director will submit a breakdown of the Tournament income and expenses to the Department Youth Chairman. They will also offer any items of interest that did not or did work to assist future Tournament Hosts.

4. As approved at State VFW Fall Conference in St. Cloud on October 2, 1993, the Host VFW Post shall no longer be responsible for obtaining and paying for any housing of the State VFW Tournament teams or coaches. It is strongly suggested that the Host Post still operate with a housing chairperson to provide assistance in obtaining rooms and inform the host city what to expect in numbers of people etc.

5. The Host VFW Post is responsible for housing of the State VFW Representative, State VFW Hockey Chairman, and State VFW Youth Activities Chairman. They will provide all District Youth Chairmen with Tournament passes to the State Tournaments.

6. The State VFW shall reimburse the Host VFW Post expenses for pucks and referees up to the budgeted amount.

7. Color photographs (10) may be taken of all teams, plus the medal presentations. If taken, it is recommended that team pictures be taken before the start of each first day's game.

8. There shall be a certified athletic trainer, emergency medical technician (EMT) or medical or osteopathic physician in attendance at all games.

9. The Host VFW Post is to provide one or more persons at the headquarters housing location to act as guides or to give information. (The Host VFW Post shall not be responsible for the conduct of any team(s)). (This is entirely the responsibility of the coaches and the sponsoring VFW Post).

10. The Host Post will furnish individual medals to the first, second, third, and fourth place team members. The fifth and sixth place will receive a team plaque or a team trophy.

11. Each participating team will submit a \$100 check to the State VFW Hockey Chairman. (Checks should be made payable to: Department of Minnesota, VFW.) This money (\$1,000) will then be given to the State VFW Quartermaster for the purpose of helping defray the cost of the Championship jackets with notification to State Youth Activities Chairman that the money was given. When the winning team furnishes proof of purchase of jackets, the State VFW Quartermaster will release the \$1,000 check to them. Jackets purchased must be red, white, and blue in color. If jackets are not purchased, the money will be returned to the teams.

12. To determine the site of State VFW Bantam A Hockey Tournament, bids must be sent to State VFW Hockey Chairman and State VFW Youth Activities Chairman one week prior to VFW State Fall Conference Meeting with a complete listing of available facilities. It is recommended that a copy of the bid also be sent to all District Chairmen. Fall Conference Meeting is generally held the 3rd weekend of September. Site of Fall Conference Meeting varies.

13. Any changes to the Hockey Rules, awarding of sites or adding/deleting of activities will be acted upon by the Youth Activities Committee prior to being presented to the Council of Administration for ratification. Any rules changes shall be acted upon at Fall Conference.

14. The **"Code of Sportsmanship"** will be read prior to the first game of each days play, at all Department of Minnesota VFW District and State Tournaments. (Revised at Fall Conference held in Rochester on September 17-19, 2010). Responsibility of Host Post to convey. **"Code of Sportsmanship"** verbiage to be provided by State VFW Youth Activities Chairman. The **"Code of Sportsmanship"** will be included in the mailings to all teams.

ARTICLE VI

1. The State VFW Tournament will be open for bids every year at the State VFW Fall Conference meeting of the Youth Activities committee. All Bids will be awarded at Fall Conference, if no bids for an event are awarded, the Youth Committee will select a site for hosting with Council of Administration approval.

2. The Department of Minnesota VFW will, prior to any Post receiving an award of a State Tournament, make sure the bidder has fulfilled all requirements to the Department involving VFW business. The awarded Bidder must maintain all VFW requirements after awarding. (Revised at Fall Conference in Alexandria, September 13-15, 2013)

3. This years State VFW Tournament will be held in Moorhead sponsored by Dilworth/Moorhead V.F.W. POST 1223 on March 27-28-29, 2015. The 2016 State VFW Tournament will also be hosted by Dilworth/Moorhead V.F.W. Post 1223 on March 18-19-20, 2016.

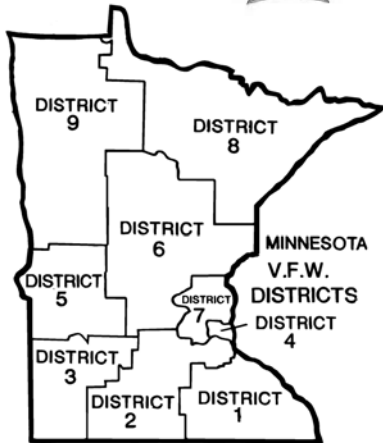
4. The State VFW Tournament will be held the fourth full weekend of March every year (i.e. The 1st of the month must fall on a Thursday or before), unless Easter falls on this weekend. In this case, the Host Post will have the option of hosting on the third or fifth weekend. They will designate on the original bid.

5. The 2015 Tournament will be the fourth full weekend. The 2016 Tournament will be the third full weekend because Easter falls on the fourth full weekend.

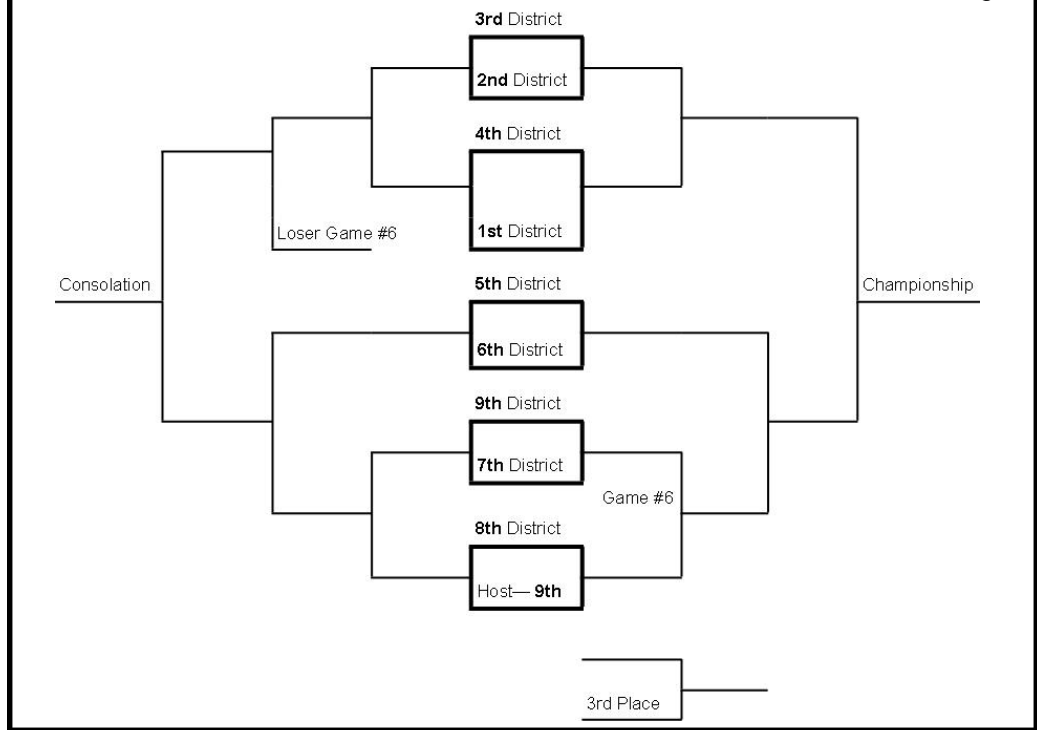
6. All District Youth Chairmen will be required to attend Fall Conference. If they cannot, the District Commander will appoint someone (with letter to State Youth Chairman) that they are filling in and have voting power. If the District Commander does not have a representative or the chairman at the meeting, the District Youth Chairman will be replaced by the State Commander.

VFW STATE HOCKEY
TOURNAMENT
PAIRINGS

2015



Our 60th Year of VFW Hockey



This will be the schedule for the 2015 VFW State Tournament. All games in the 1st bracket will be played as shown. The times of the games, the first day, are at the option of the State VFW Tournament Chairman in cooperation with the Host Post Tournament Chairman. Consideration of travel time should determine the playing times the first day. Please note the addition of an extra game approved at State VFW Fall Conference in St. Cloud on October 2, 1993. This will provide the loser of game 6, in the lower bracket, a chance to get back into the Consolation bracket. See pairings above.

Teams shall not play more than two (2) games per day. There shall be a minimum of two (2) hours between games played on the same day (Changed 1/5/15 per State Hockey Rules) and ten (10) hours on games played on consecutive days. (This time is from the end of one game to the beginning of the next).

A league was established in the 3rd VFW District as of 1998 season. It is presumed that the only Districts having 2 teams in the VFW State Tournament will be the District currently representing the 3rd District; and the hosting District. The hosting District for the current year, 2015, is District 9. The Hosting "District Champion" MUST stay in the Championship slot.

A sample schedule shall be sent to, and approved by, the State VFW Hockey Chairman and the State VFW Youth Activities Chairman before printing.

STATE VFW HOCKEY CHAIRMAN

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STATE VFW YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

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STATE VFW TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN WILL BE:

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
V.F.W. BANTAM "A" HOCKEY

Code of Sportsmanship

We would like to ask all competitors to abide by
"The Student Athlete's Code of Sportsmanship"
which is:

1. We will respect all aspects of the game: ourselves, all coaches, all officials, teammates, opponents, fans, and the rules; regardless of the behavior of others.
2. We will support our teammates and be team players.
3. We will recognize who and what we are representing.
4. We will show no bias, no prejudice, or preferential treatment on or off the ice.
5. We will take responsibility for our own behavior.
6. We will be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

Roster - Youth Activities

District	Title	First	Middle	Last Name	Address 1	City	State	Zip	Phone Number	Post
State	Youth Activities	Richard	L	Bugbee	2825 Lakeview Dr	Fergus Falls	MN	56537	218 998-3517	612
State	Hockey	Rodney	L	Berg	1214 Foothill Ct	Fergus Falls	MN	56537	218 7367073	612
1	Youth Activities	Steven	C	Kahnke	609 2nd Ave NW	Waseca	MN	56093	507 835-5832	1642
1	Hockey	Steven	C	Kahnke	609 2nd Ave NW	Waseca	MN	56093	507 835-5832	1642
2	Youth Activities	Wilbert	E	Burdorf	1121 N Franklin St	New Ulm	MN	56073-1317	507 354-6687	1648
2	Hockey	Wilbert	E	Burdorf	1121 N Franklin St	New Ulm	MN	56073-1317	507 354-6687	1648
3	Youth Activities	Ricky	J	Gagnon	706 Southbend Ave	Marshall	MN	56258	507 537-0767	742
3	Hockey	Ricky	J	Gagnon	706 Southbend Ave	Marshall	MN	56258	507 537-0767	742
4	Youth Activities	Lee	W	Bojarski	2021 Eva Ln	South Saint Paul	MN	55075	612 462-3929	5
4	Hockey	Lee	W	Bojarski	2021 Eva Ln	South Saint Paul	MN	55075	612 462-3929	5
5	Youth Activities	John		Loch	1903 Red Oak Dr NE	Alexandria	MN	56308	320 763-5497	936
5	Hockey	John		Loch	1903 Red Oak Dr NE	Alexandria	MN	56308	320 763-5497	936
6	Youth Activities	Eugene	H	Gardner	10137 Karston Cove NE	Albertville	MN	55301	763 497-3218	5973
6	Hockey	Eugene	H	Gardner	10137 Karston Cove NE	Albertville	MN	55301	763 497-3218	5973
7	Youth Activities	Gerald	E	Wegscheid	4524 Fillmore St NE	Columbia Heights	MN	55421-2436	763 571-4736	230
7	Hockey	James	R	Hesselgrave	7601 166th Ave NW	Ramsey	MN	55303	763 753-4467	5518
8	Youth Activities	Jerry	L	Sanborn	1958 E 25th St	Hibbing	MN	55746	218 263-5575	1221
9	Youth Activities	Richard	L	Bugbee	2825 Lakeview Dr	Fergus Falls	MN	56537	218 998-3517	612
9	Hockey	Louis	S	Karsnia	27730 310th Ave	Underwood	MN	56586	218 205-1164	612