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## **NON-SANCTIONED EVENTS AND THE LOSS OF HOCKEY INSURANCE**

It has come to our attention that some individuals, rinks, programs/Associations and others, including coaches, parents and players (including minor-age players) have been disregarding NYSAHA's Notices to Association Presidents, dated March 22, 2020 and June 15, 2020 and posted on the NYSAHA website, in which NYSAHA suspended hockey activities and sanctioned events until further notice.

The suspension of these activities was taken pursuant to guidance from USA Hockey and in conformity with the legal directives of the State of New York and local governmental authorities, in which the State suspended all non-essential public activities, including amateur athletics such as ice hockey.

Associations and related programs and individuals that violate the suspension of hockey activities and sanctioned events, also violate the legal directives of the State of New York and local authorities. In certain parts of the State ice rinks have been permitted to open to conduct certain activities, but those activities at this time do not include ice hockey. As the legal directives begin to permit ice hockey, NYSAHA will inform the Membership of how the reopening of ice hockey as a sanctioned event in the State will proceed.

By violating the suspension of hockey activities and sanctioned events, Associations and related programs and individuals are placing their USA Hockey insurance coverage at risk, and may be acting with gross or intentional negligence. NYSAHA has not and will not sanction these suspended activities, and those involved are placing themselves at risk of substantial liability and exposure without the benefit of USA Hockey-provided insurance.

NYSAHA asks that everyone concerned abide by its suspension of hockey activities and sanctioned events, and that everyone abide by the Governmental suspension of non-essential public activities, including amateur athletics such as ice hockey. As hockey activities become eligible throughout the State, NYSAHA will notify the hockey community of the sanctioned activities that may safely resume.

Yours in Hockey  
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