

Dear Jr. Stars and Stars Families:

It has been an awesome first few weeks on the ice. We are excited to see your players at GCIC and the good work the teams have put in already.

We greatly appreciate our hockey family and your commitment to our travel hockey organization – especially during a time of uncertainty about the 2020-2021 hockey season. We remain steadfast in our hope that hockey will be properly reclassified and that we can play competitive games in Illinois this season. We have and will continue to advocate for this change.

We were pleased to announce last week that our teams could move forward with exhibition games and tournaments outside of the State of Illinois. We know our team managers have been working hard to schedule tournaments consistent with our organization's tournament guidelines for those families that are comfortable traveling and engaging in competitive play. We know that tournaments are part of our "normal" as hockey families.

In recognition of your commitment to our organization and the reality that we may only be able to play games outside of Illinois for the foreseeable future, we are modifying our tournament guidelines as follows:

- Each team may participate in up to five (5) tournaments during the 2020-2021 season.
 - We landed on the number 5, so that teams could participate in at least one tournament during each month of our regular season: October, November, December, January and February.
 - Teams may participate in more than one tournament in any month provided the majority of the team supports this decision, you can field a team, and there are sufficient slush funds to participate.
- Teams may now register for tournaments before *and after* November 30, 2020, provided teams don't have to put a deposit down for tournaments after November 30th right now.
- Coach Sylvain must be notified of all tournaments or exhibition games scheduled by a team.

Also, the organization is planning to provide funding to each team in the amount of \$1,500 to Stars teams and \$1,300 to Jr. Stars teams which is based on direct expenses not incurred from playing league games, to be used to participate in one or more tournaments in December, January or February. While tournaments are normally funded through slush funds, we want to fund an additional tournament to say THANK YOU for being a part of our travel hockey organization.

As previously communicated, if a family chooses not to have their player participate in a tournament due to concerns with COVID-19, your slush fund money will not be used to pay for the tournament.

As a further reminder, teams may not attend tournaments where Illinois requires a 14-day quarantine upon return and conversely may not book a tournament in a state where Illinois residents are required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival to that state. If you book a tournament in one of those states, please ensure that entry fees are not required at the time or

they have a refund policy if a team cannot attend due to these restrictions. To find out if a state is on Illinois' list click this link: <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance/> , for other states lists you will need to search for each state's list.

We will continue to provide updates as we learn more information about hockey in Illinois.

Take good care and GO STARS and JR. STARS!