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***Minnesota Hockey Strongly Recommends All Youth & Amateur
Hockey Activities Be Postponed Effective Immediately***

This is a very difficult time for people everywhere right now as a battle is being fought around the world against the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). This is an unprecedented situation and not something any of us have dealt with before.

As more organizations, schools and businesses close their operations, Minnesota Hockey has announced the postponements of CCM Minnesota Hockey High Performance tryouts and skill clinics scheduled for March and April. Other Minnesota Hockey associations, programs and teams have also postponed planned activities. Minnesota Hockey is appreciative of those efforts, and we would like to take this time to urge all associations to do the same and postpone any activities in the near future if they haven't already. This includes end-of-season banquets, team parties and any on-ice activities.

While we realize that this is the time of year when we should be celebrating the past season and crowning State Champions, the reality is that the health of people in our communities should come before anything else. We must do our part to stop the spread of the disease, as well as to assist those in the medical community who are being put under tremendous strain during this difficult and at times overwhelming period.

It is important that everyone plays a role in minimizing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Schools are closed. Travel bans are in place. Both the World Health Organization and Center for Disease Control have issued significant recommendations designed to keep our population as safe as possible.

To reiterate, Minnesota Hockey strongly advises all youth and amateur hockey activities across the state to cease until clearance is given by the Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health. Those choosing to run events are doing so against the recommendation of Minnesota Hockey.

It is our sincere hope that we get back to hockey sooner than later, and that we all come out of this better than we were before.

Best regards,

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