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NOTICE REGARDING NYS HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

The New York State Amateur Hockey Association has been working on holding its 2020-2021 State Tournaments, while adhering to the COVID-19 restrictions under the State of New York “NY Forward” guidelines (see the *forward.NY.gov* website), and the requirements of the County Departments of Health with jurisdiction over a State Tournament held in its county. Also critical is to keep our players, coaching staffs, officials, spectators and others present at our Tournaments safe.

The NYSAHA Board of Directors has decided that it will move forward and plan to hold the State Tournaments, based on being able to do so in compliance with the governmental safety restrictions that are in place. Therefore, we anticipate that the 2020-2021 State Tournaments will be held, unless we are informed otherwise and are required to cancel them.

Based on this, NYSAHA has advised USA Hockey that it intends to send teams to the National Tournaments based on the results of the State Tournaments.

The dates and locations of the State Tournaments will be sent out shortly to all members, together with the safety precautions and governmental restrictions required of all participants. We will also provide a date as to when teams must have their game counts completed. In accordance with USA Hockey, the game count numbers have been reduced as follows: for Youth, from 10-20 to 7-14; and for Girls, from 10-14 to 7-11.

In addition, the NYSAHA Board is determining the applicable dates for when tryouts may commence for the 2021-2022 season, as required under the USA Hockey timeframes.

NYSAHA is working diligently to hold its State Tournaments in a safe manner for all participants. We will continue to keep the membership updated.

Yours in Hockey
New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

NYSAHA Board of Directors

