



Date: August 18, 2020

RE: Statewide Amateur Hockey of Florida (SAHOF) Statement on Invitational Tournaments and Rosters for the 2020–2021 Hockey Season

At this time, SAHOF will only sanction Invitational Tournaments (or special sanctioned events) that will be played within the Affiliate through December 31, 2020. These sanctions will only be granted to Tournaments that will only include USA Hockey teams registered within SAHOF.

No teams from outside the Affiliate may participate in any Invitational Tournament games held prior to December 31, 2020. Any Invitational Tournament sanctioned to play games within SAHOF before December 31, 2020 must send a listing of all teams participating in the Tournament along with their COVID-19 plan with Policies and Procedures for the event to the Affiliate Associate Registrar at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. SAHOF will review the status of Invitational

Tournaments to be played within SAHOF after January 1, 2021 no later than November 15, 2020 and determine if those tournaments may include USA Hockey teams registered from outside of SAHOF.

If any team or association elects to travel outside of the Affiliate to play in a tournament it is the obligation of the association and the team's coaches to determine that the tournament is indeed a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament and that they are in compliance with the State and local CDC recommendations for Florida residents travelling to that State. Participation in a non-USA Hockey Tournament or event by a team or association will result in the denial of any USA Hockey insurance coverage for any players, coaches, or associations for that event.

Participation in a non-USA Hockey sanctioned tournament or event and failure to comply with State and local CDC guidelines and procedures may also result in disciplinary action including suspension of any team coaches and ineligibility of the team(s) to advance to any Affiliate, Southeastern District or USA Hockey Championship. The SAHOF Board of Directors will continue to review developments on COVID-19 within the State of Florida and around the country and make additional policy statements as needed.

Affiliate Associate Registrars (Cindy Friedman) will start approving rosters as of August 15, 2020. It is the obligation of the association and any team coaches to ensure that any team instruction, practices and/or games comply with current State, District or local jurisdiction guidelines and mandatory requirements, whichever apply, on participation in recreational or youth sports and/or facility restrictions. Teams traveling outside of the SAHOF to play USA Hockey games in another state must comply with guidelines and mandatory requirements of that state or local jurisdiction. USA Hockey insurance does not cover or include the risks and dangers of illness or sickness and any disease, virus or infection, including the virus responsible for COVID-19 and any similar viruses or infections like COVID-19.