



USA Hockey Director Report

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I attended the USA Hockey Meeting in Colorado Springs June 8-11, 2016

As a member of the safety and protective equipment committee I attended the committees' meeting.

Some of the items of interest from the committee meeting are:

- 1.** Items that were proposed for vote by the full USA Board of Directors at Saturdays General Meeting. These proposals originated from the SPEC Committee Chairman.

Playing Rule Proposal #1: Look-Up Line: The Look-Up Line is not on the ballot for voting. Discussion on this topic has been tabled for future discussion.

General Proposal #1: Sports Concussion Management Program:

Requirement that all affiliates have a Concussion Management Program in place and That all programs are in adherence to the program.

General Proposal #2: Automatic External Defibrillators:

Requirement that all facilities that are host to a USA Hockey (MN Hockey) sanctioned event have a AED in the facility.

General Proposal #3: CPR Training for Coaches:

Requirement that all coaches have CPR training

General Proposal #4: SPEC Member on Executive Committee:

On the USA Hockey Executive committee

General Proposal #5: Program Safety Director:

Requirement that all affiliates and associations have a Program Safety Director.

It was obvious that these proposals were very overbearing and would be hard for affiliates and associations to fulfill.

All general proposals were discussed and there were motions to withdraw each individual proposal. These motions were all approved by the committee.

In lieu of submitting these proposals for legislation it is the committee's decision to move forward with creating a job description of a Program Safety Manager and a Safety Program Blueprint for those associations who have the ability to provide one. The Safety Program Blueprint will include but not be limited to: Sports Concussion Management and Education, Emergency Action Planning, and CPR/AED Education.

These materials, once created, will be incorporated into the Club Excellence program. They will also be made available as a kit to send to USAH Affiliates to provide for associations within them. The information can also be housed on the USAH website under safety and coaching as well as reside in the mobile coaching app.

- 2. PRIVIT PROFILE** It has been decided that USA Hockey will begin a pilot program using Privit for the 2016-17 hockey season with **USA Hockey ADM model programs**. This program will be titled USA Hockey Health. The invite to participate in the pilot was sent out in February. All model programs participated in an online webinar with Privit before deciding to be part of the program. As of today 10 of the 19 model clubs are participating with the potential of 5 more joining in the near future. The clubs involved with the pilot program will be specifically trained by the Privit staff in the implementation and use of the system prior to the 2016-17 season.

The plan is if this program works for these associations it will be rolled to all of USA Hockey. I believe that MSHSL has begun to use the Privit program. I reported on this from the winter USA Hockey meeting. The Privit program is a web based health history information system. This system allows for a parent to enter all health history into the system and designate who also will have access to the information. This information can be built upon as the child/player grows. Information can also be entered by the child's treating doctor and will remain in the system so that health issues can't be hidden or ignored. The system also allows for consent to treat. A teams' coach or mngr. can have access in the event that the parent is not present. Information can be viewed on any smart device and can be readily available to someone treating a injured player including a EMT responding at the rink.

- 3.** The Korey Stringer Institute held a meeting and work session of NGB representatives on January 20-21, 2016 at the NFL Headquarters in New York City. USA Hockey was invited to participate and Kevin Margarucci; Manager of Player Safety attended this meeting. The goal of the KSI was to create a document on best practices for safety in youth sports. This document was created in the format of currently published best practices for NCAA and Secondary School sports. They would like the endorsement of NGBs at the time of publication but have stated they will publish with or without these endorsements. The planned publication is for the September 2016 edition of The Journal of Athletic Training. Deadline for endorsement of the final document is July 1, 2016. The final draft of the document was sent out for review by all NGBs in late April 2016.

The document is titled: *The Inter-Association Task Force for Youth Sports Emergency Health and Safety: Best Practices Recommendations*.

The document consists of the following sections: Emergency Action Plan (EAP), Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), Catastrophic Brain and Neck Injuries, Exertional Heat Stroke, Potentially Life Threatening Medical Conditions, Lightning Safety and Appropriate Medical Services.

The document was distributed for review to Dave Ogreaan, Jim Smith, Casey Jorgenson, Dave Fischer, Kevin McLaughlin and all members of SPEC. A discussion was had during our meeting with the following results:

1. USA Hockey cannot fully endorse this document but feels that Kevin Margarucci should still be recognized as a contributing author of the document and member of the task force.
2. In that regard, USAH Hockey will publish a formal response to the publication of this document.

I report this in case a member of MN Hockey board is asked why USA Hockey did not endorse this publication

4. During the 2016 Winter Meetings in Orlando, Kevin Margarucci, Dr. Michael Stuart and Kevin McLaughlin met with this company. They have provided a discounted pricing structure for ice rink facilities and USAH member associations to purchase AEDs. These packages include the AED unit, all electrodes/batteries, carrying case, fast response kits, instructional DVDs, live CPR/AED training for staff, shipping and maintenance programs for the units. The AED units are Philips HeartStart Onsite. A promotional flyer was created and electronically delivered to all ice rink facilities in the United States by STAR. These will also be electronically delivered to all USAH Association Directors.

The Cost for an AED in this program is:

Basic: \$875.00 Standard Pkg.: \$999.00 Elite AED Pkg.: \$1099.00

I also attended the following committee meetings:

Big 6
Affiliate Presidents
Youth Council

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Respectfully,

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USA Hockey Director.