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Hello Members of the Vegas Jr. Golden Knights,

On behalf of the Pacific District and the leadership of the Vegas Jr. Golden Knights, I am pleased to share this announcement with you.

Background

In 2016, the Pacific District began a collaborative working relationship with the Player Safety personnel at USA Hockey. Having implemented the first district-wide concussion protocol within USA Hockey, the Pacific District has shown its commitment to furthering player safety for all member athletes. A result of this partnership was a request from USA Hockey in June of 2017 for the Pacific District to pilot the position of Player Safety Coordinator. Under the umbrella of player safety, the Pacific District was asked to test an injury reporting and data management system. After thorough vetting of several vendors, USA Hockey selected Players Health for further, real-time evaluation. The Pacific District then identified NAHA, and specifically the Vegas Jr. Golden Knights program, as an ideal, manageable test market for this opportunity.

The Program

To ensure a successful test pilot, every aspect of the software platform needs to be evaluated by a small group of users across a diverse representation of a hockey affiliate organization. That is what makes NAHA ideal for this project. On November 24, a parent/guardian of each member of the teams selected to participate will receive an email from Players Health inviting them to log in and create an athlete profile. This is critical to the success of the program.

For the pilot, only data on incidences of concussion will actually be recorded and monitored – not all injuries and illnesses. The data collection and reports are HIPAA compliant and will only be accessible to a small group of administrators. We are testing the software, not managing athletes, in this pilot program.

We understand you will have questions, and further information about this program will be posted on the NAHA Website in the coming days. Managers and program administrators will be trained the first week of December, and in addition to Jaime Campbell and the Players Health support team, Kendell Galor (NAHA Concussion Protocol Coordinator) will also be an accessible point of contact.

It is an honor for the Pacific District and for NAHA to be selected to pilot this cutting-edge program for further consideration by USA Hockey. We look forward to sharing the results with your affiliate and throughout USA Hockey in the summer of 2018. In advance, we appreciate your support and participation in this program.

Sincerely,

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