



## MEMORANDUM

To: SCYIHA Membership  
From: SCYIHA Board of Directors  
Date: December 8, 2022  
Subject: Expectations of SCYIHA Membership

SCYIHA Board of Directors recognizes the diverse opinions and resulting disagreements among some of our members resulting from the legal suit brought against the State College Ice Hockey Club (IHC) and against the State College Area School District (SCASD). While many of our players participate in both hockey programs, SCYIHA is unrelated to SCASD or the IHC and governed independently. SCYIHA has consistently taken an approach to provide opportunities in the game of hockey to interested local youth regardless of gender, race, or any other defining personal characteristics. Among other initiatives, SCYIHA has promoted female only teams and programming, supported skill aligned diversity on our co-ed teams, and created co-ed programming opportunities which targeted players that lacked other options. We will continue to support opportunities that sustain a positive and encouraging environment for player development and growth, while balancing those opportunities with available ice time to positively impact as many players as possible.

SCYIHA adopted a position of impartiality and neutrality toward the lawsuit, including a requirement that our leadership provide an example to our membership by not engaging publicly in debate or opinion sharing on the topic. Our leaders have been held accountable to this requirement to sustain an environment in which our players and coaches can best grow and develop in the sport of hockey.

The recent ruling regarding Title IX and SCASD has resulted in an increase of public opinion by our membership and the potential for divisiveness between association members. We remind the membership that your actions as parents and players are representative of our Association and that parents provide an example for our players of acceptable behavior. We request our members consider refraining from publicly debating the values or merits of the lawsuit to avoid further increasing the divide within our membership. If you are compelled to comment publicly, please represent SCYIHA with class and dignity by being respectful while discussing your opinions.

SCYIHA is committed to providing a safe and positive atmosphere for our athletes through mutual respect and kindness and requests the same of our hockey community as we continue to grow the sport.

Respectfully,

SCYIHA Board of Directors

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