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To Our DVHL Families and Friends:

As you all are aware, the Governor has won his appeal. In the past 24 hours, we have been on zoom meetings, conference calls, etc. with attorneys, lobbyists, our clubs, our rinks, and the Atlantic District.

While the rinks have the right to use the 50% capacity for their recreational facility, the league is required to abide by the mandate of the 25-person cap during game play in accordance with CDC and PA State guidelines. We are being told that at this time, there is no getting around it. Our games will not be sanctioned by USA Hockey or insurance companies if we do not abide by the rules. We are under CDC and state mandates.

With that said, our league was to start this weekend. Due to the shortness of time in the announcement and the teams not having enough time to play the hybrid 25-person cap over the past couple of weekends due to the appeal process, it has been requested and approved that we postpone the start of the league until next weekend. All games that are scheduled for this weekend, we are asking that they still be played, using the required hybrid method. However, the games will be considered non-league at this time. By doing this, it will give the teams the opportunity to play/practice the hybrid method prior to the start of the league and not jeopardize their standings toward advancement. The rinks are ready to go. The officials are ready to go. The games need to be played.

However, to be perfectly clear. Regardless if the Governor makes any changes to the rules this coming week (which we are hearing that he may), we will be starting the league next weekend, using the hybrid format (except for DE games) or using the full roster format. Teams need to be prepared for this. The vote was taken by our clubs to play the hybrid format and we will follow this format if we have too. You need to be prepared for this!

As stated before, we appreciate your cooperation. We are doing the best that we can to keep the kids on the ice. We need your support to accomplish this.

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