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August 12, 2009

Dear Team Manager or Coach:

As a new hockey season begins to unfold before us, I would like to ask you to take a moment to discuss the following information with your team, their families and team staff. If you are not the current manager, please pass this on to the appropriate person. As you know, USA Hockey offers the opportunity for all USA Hockey registered girls/women's teams (Tier I U12, U14, U16, U19, and Adult A, B, C and 30 and Over) to participate in District Tournament, March 12-14, 2010 at a location TBD, that lead to the National Championship. and (Tier II U12, U14, U16, U19, to participate in District Tournament, March 19-21, 2010 at a location TBD, that lead to the National Championship. The Girl's Tier I National Championship, this year, will be held in Greenbay, Wisc. (April 8-11, 2010) and the Girl's Tier II Nationals will be held in Lansing, Michigan (April 8-11, 2010). The Women's Nationals will be held in Greenbay, Wisc. (March 26-19, 2010). The same criteria is all teams wishing to participate in advancement tournament to Nationals.

Please note that there is no registration fee for the National Tournament for Girls or Women. To participate in the tournaments that advance to the Nationals, your team must declare its' intentions to me by September 15, 2009. Teams declaring to participate in National Tournament Play-down must continue to advance until unseated. I am asking that you take a moment to review the following guidelines for National Tournament bound teams from Section 9 of USAH/Mid-Am tournament Playing Rules:

- Paragraph A: Any team that fails to advance to Nationals will be prohibited from playing in any National Play-down Championship for 2 years.
- Paragraph B: Any team that fails to advance to Nationals their home association will be prohibited from hosting any USA Hockey sanctioned tournaments for 5 years and the team/association, who fails to advance, will pay the entry fee to the host association. The entry fee must be paid in order for the team and association to register teams for the following year.
- Team officials as listed on USA Hockey rosters for the team that fails to advance will be suspended from all USA Hockey activities for a period of two years.
- USA Hockey play-downs begin with State play-downs.

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The Mid-Am District Play-down Tournament will be hosted by, TBA, this year. We are seeking a host for the Girls/Women's Tier I as well as the Girls Tier II Districts.

I will keep you updated on this exciting event. District Play-downs have always offered teams the opportunity to compete against Mid-Am District's most competitive teams. It is a valued experience for all participants.

In order for me to get an advanced feel of the level of interested participation from Mid-Am District teams, I would ask that you contact me at 814-450-7008 or e-mail: eriehockey@earthlink.net by September 15, 2009. I would also ask that you complete the information section below and return to me by Oct. 20, 2009 regardless of your team's declaration or decline. A District Tournament fee of \$900 must be submitted to Tom Gawlick by December 31, 2009.

I wish you and all your teams the best for this hockey season. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns:

Regards, **Yevet Anderson**

Yevet M. Anderson
Mid-Am Girls/Women's Section Representative

MID AM GIRLS TEAM INFORMATION UPDATE-2009-10

TEAM NAME:

Age Division: _____ Declared: yes no

Home Association: _____

Head Coach: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell: _____

Manager: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____

Address: _____

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City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Cell: _____

League Participating

in: _____

Please return to: eriehockey@earthlink.net by Oct 20, 2008.

Please complete one form for each team in your association.