



TO: AAHA Member Clubs & Team

FROM: Glenn Hefferan, AAHA President

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RE: AAHA Executive Committee Rescinds Tier I Moratorium

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On November 1, 2018, a notice was issued that placed a temporary moratorium for the application of new Tier I teams and that the AAHA would be restructuring the process and requirements for the approval of Tier I Teams. This was a decision of the AAHA Executive Committee. As a condition for the moratorium, the AAHA Executive Committee required that we obtain from USA Hockey their acknowledgement and support for the Tier I moratorium and restructuring. That request was formally issued on July 10, 2018 and then a follow up on August 6, 2018.

On November 13, 2018, we received notice from USA Hockey indicating that ***"The USA Hockey Executive Committee expressed its support for the AAHA Affiliate evaluating and making modifications to its current process and criteria for selecting Tier I clubs and teams...However, the Executive Committee was not supportive of AAHA imposing a moratorium on any new Tier I clubs because it is believed there are less restrictive ways to address the issue, including the existing national rules and limitations for the approval of Tier I teams and placing caps on the number of Tier I teams in each age level."***

Therefore, the AAHA Executive Committee took up the matter at its scheduled Quarterly Meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018 and based upon USA Hockey's position, the AAHA Executive Committee rescinded the moratorium on new Tier I Team applications.

Those Clubs wishing to make Tier I application should do so and we encourage all applicants to review the AAHA Rules and Regulations in their entirety, and specifically on the Tier I application and all Tier I related requirements as found in the AAHA and USA Hockey Rules and Regulations.

Please contact me with any additional questions at [ghefferan@aahahockey.org](mailto:ghefferan@aahahockey.org).