



September 2019

Happy September ACHA Members,

I hope this finds everyone well and ready for the start of the 2019-20 season!

After a busy summer preparing for the season, it is inevitable that the old saying *“the time will come when Winter will ask you what you were doing all Summer”* will pop in my head sometime in December or January. No matter how much work we do in advance there always seems like there was more to do! If you feel the same way at times, just remember how fortunate we are to be involved in this great sport at the collegiate level! I appreciate all the work that goes into your season and your commitment to our student-athletes and teams, thank you!

I want to take this time to share a few important items and updates that you should be aware of. Please take 5-minutes to review and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and all my best this hockey season!

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#### **ACHA STAFF UPDATES**

The 2019-20 staff contact list can be found on the ACHA website under ABOUT > CONTACTS. We will continue to update when changes take place but here are the key people and contacts for our members to know:

##### Commissioners:

M1: Brian Moran – [bmoran4@achahockey.org](mailto:bmoran4@achahockey.org)  
M2: Jon Eccles – [jeccles@achahockey.org](mailto:jeccles@achahockey.org)  
M3: San Kelly – [skelly@achahockey.org](mailto:skelly@achahockey.org)  
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##### Hockey Operations:

Director: Mo Stroemel – [mo@achahockey.org](mailto:mo@achahockey.org)  
Asst. Director: Dave Kurtz – [dkurtz@achahockey.org](mailto:dkurtz@achahockey.org)

#### **ACHA MEMBERSHIP**

As our Hockey Operations team continues to work with our members and USA Hockey on the new Registration system, our most recent count for 2019-20 membership is at **520+ teams** as of August 31.

Speaking of our new Registration system...

#### **ACHA REGISTRATION**

The timing of creating a new Registration System with USA Hockey this summer was perfect. With the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee establishing new criteria and interpretations of the Federal SafeSport Law, this system will enable us to be compliant while at the same time, provide a more streamlined registration system for our

members. Yes, we may have some hurdles to get this system where we all need it to be, but there has been significant progress made over the past few weeks.

**Here are 2 IMPORTANT things to know:**

1. Please read the registration instructions in the e-mail you received from Mo (this was sent to your teams contact person that was listed on your ACHA Team Declaration email to Mo this summer). It really is a simple and easy to use process *IF* we read the instructions.
2. If your teams contact person has not yet received the registration instructions, contact Mo asap – [mo@achahockey.org](mailto:mo@achahockey.org)

**GAMES vs. NON-ACHA TEAMS**

If your team is scheduled to compete against a non-ACHA team(s) in 2019-20, we have developed a simple document outlining the steps and items **required** per USA Hockey and ACHA policies in order to protect the safety of all teams, players, coaches and officials. **Please refer to the front page of the ACHA website for details** –look for “Required Information for playing non-ACHA teams” banner on the website.

**2020 TOURNAMENT DATES**

M2 Regional Tournaments:

Central:	February 28 – March 1, Allendale, MI
Northeast:	February 28 – March 1, Keene, NH
Southeast:	February 28 – March 1, Lawrenceville, NJ
West:	February 27 – 29, Boise, ID

M3 Regional Tournaments:

Dates will be March 6 & 7 (North and Pacific regions) and March 7 & 8 (Atlantic and South regions).  
Locations will be announced shortly.

ACHA National Tournament:

March 19 – 29, 2020, Frisco, TX

**2021 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

The ACHA announced last week that the 2021 National Tournament will take place at the New England Sports Center (NESC) in Marlborough, MA which has 8 NHL regulation size sheets of ice. This will provide an opportunity to have all 5 Divisions playing under the same roof at the same time creating a unique, festive atmosphere. The tournament will take place March 25-31, 2021. More details and news to follow. Check out the press release on the ACHA website.

**ACHATRAVEL.COM**

The ACHA recently announced its new travel solutions website to assist membership with booking hotels for teams, parents and fans. In partnership with HPN Global, a worldwide leader in the travel booking industry, an easy to use travel website was developed which consistently pulls the lowest possible rates available from hundreds of hotel brands. Check it out at [www.ACHATRAVEL.com](http://www.ACHATRAVEL.com)

**BACK to the RINK STICK SALE – Warrior and the ACHA**

The ACHA announced a “Back to the Rink Stick Sale” last week in conjunction with Warrior, our Preferred Hockey Stick and Equipment Supplier! Through the month of September, ACHA members can purchase the top-of-the line Warrior Alpha DX Pro Team or Warrior Covert QRE Pro Team sticks in a 3-pack bundle for \$300. Check out the ACHA/Warrior Online store for more details at [www.squareup.com/store/ACHA](http://www.squareup.com/store/ACHA)