



Steve Laing, President, California Amateur Hockey Association

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To: CAHA Board of Directors, SCAHA and NORCAL Administrator's;

As most of you are aware, on December 23, 2011, USA Hockey's Executive Board sent out a policy decision to temporarily extend the availability of the Coaching Education Program's Online Age-Specific Modules for the 2011-12 season until January 31, 2012. California Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) will not be extending this offer to our coaches. Coaches must complete their Online Age-Specific Modules by December 31, 2011.

Though we appreciate the gesture of this temporary policy, we have to be mindful of the efforts our coaches have made in meeting the December 31, 2011 deadline. The CAHA Board of Directors set this deadline early in the season in cooperation with USAH guidelines.

After some discussion with the SCAHA Commissioner and the NORCAL President, both leagues agree that the CAHA deadline shall remain as scheduled for December 31, 2011. Both leagues have been very diligent in getting their coaches certified for their age specific teams. As of December 26, 2011, California has 1,053 registered coaches. 825 of those coaches have completed their age-specific modules and approx 228 coaches have paid for their modules and are pending completion. This alone, shows a tremendous effort on the part of our coaches and associations.

All youth and girls rostered coaches (including all tier programs) must complete their required modules to ensure compliance by December 31, 2011. No roster with a non-compliant coach will be signed off for credentialing purposes by our USA Hockey Associate Registrars.

Due to the lateness of USA Hockey's temporary policy, any coach who fails to meet the December 31, 2011 deadline may file an appeal with their respective league for extension consideration. Any Tier I coach failing to meet their age-specific module deadline must file an appeal with CAHA Youth Council.

Sincerely,

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