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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 1st, 2026
TO: PCAHA Member Association Presidents
FROM: Melanie Earland
PCaha President
SUBJECT: USA based PCAHA Member Associations

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PCaha is deeply troubled by recent reports of inappropriate and disrespectful behaviour directed toward teams from the United States who are full and valued members of our organization.

The reports of teams being told to “go back to their own country” are particularly upsetting. Such behaviour runs completely against the values of minor hockey, undermines the sense of community we work hard to foster, and reflects poorly on our entire association. It is distressing to everyone, including parents, players, officials, and volunteers.

A recent incident at a local tournament was directed at a team from the Sno-Kings Amateur Hockey Association. For clarity, in 1990, the Sno King AHA formally applied for and received approval at the PCAHA Annual General Meeting to become a member association and have been a member in good standing ever since. All of our U.S.-based member associations have consistently acted as good members of PCAHA, abiding by our Rules and Regulations and working collaboratively to address scheduling challenges where possible. They contribute positively to our league and to the experience of our players.

To be absolutely clear: U.S.-based teams competing in PCAHA are not “guests,” visitors, or outsiders. They are members of PCAHA, approved by the collective vote of the membership at PCAHA Annual General Meetings, and are entitled to the same respect, safety, and sportsmanship as every other member association. There is no room in our league—on the ice, in the stands, or in our communications—for comments suggesting that any team does not belong.

It is deeply disappointing to see this positive, decades-long international relationship undermined by disrespectful behaviour. PCAHA is a hockey organization, not a political forum, and our focus must remain on providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for ALL participants.

PCaha will continue to stand firmly in support of all its member associations. Respect, sportsmanship, and inclusion are not optional—they are fundamental to who we are.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership within minor hockey.