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Dear USA Hockey member,

We hope you are enjoying a great season. This purpose of this memo is to let you know that effective immediately, your membership has been extended from April 30, 2010 to August 31, 2010.

As you may know, in January, the USA Hockey Board approved different dates for the season. This was done to satisfy the needs of our member programs, provide an opportunity for new members to try hockey during the summer months and to simplify the registration process for individuals. Unfortunately this change was perceived by some as not receiving a full seasons worth of membership. To address those concerns, USA Hockey President Ron DeGregorio has ordered the following changes:

- Return to the September 1-August 31 regular playing season and registration period for all renewing memberships. This means that there is no change from previous years for your membership period.
- Open online registration for the upcoming season April 1 for registration for all members (this is an important need for many of our local programs).
- Membership for new members is effective from the date of registration with full benefits, including insurance, when participating with a member program.
- Membership for all participants is through August 31<sup>st</sup> of the regular playing season for which they are registering.
- The benefit is that all new members can complete registration for a member program as early as April 1 without having to register again on September 1 of the same year. Of course, renewing members will be able to register as early as April 1 for the following September 1 season, easing the administration for our hockey programs.
- For example, a new member registering from April 1 through August 31 will receive membership throughout the summer months along with a full season registration from September 1 through August 31. When a renewing member whose current registration is in place through August 31 is directed by their program to register early (between April 1 and August 31), they will be registering for the upcoming season of September 1 through August 31.
- As always, your local program will instruct you when to register for the upcoming season.

So, effective immediately, your 2009-10 USA Hockey registration is valid through August 31, 2010.

Thank you for your continued participation and membership in USA Hockey.

USA Hockey, Inc