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Dear GHC Families,

GHC has received an upsetting number of complaints in the past 30 days from our facility partners and governing bodies regarding the behavior of some GHC members. These accounts include blatant rule violations, insolent disputes with facility staff and vile hand gestures. In all instances, the reported behaviors were in reaction to facility staff attempting to enforce entry and face covering requirements.

These events have placed undue stress on your fellow team members, association volunteers, facility staff and — most importantly — our players.

Female hockey players, from Timbits to professionals, face real obstacles accessing space, safety and suitable programming. Our association relies on the support of our partners and governing bodies to move female hockey forward, and few organizations are in a better position to positively impact female minor hockey in this province than GHC. Make no mistake, these negative encounters damage our reputation, our relationships and ultimately diminish opportunities for our athletes.

If you cannot or will not comply with entry and face covering requirements at our partner facilities, you are not welcome to attend minor hockey events. Please stay home. Further violations will result in severe disciplinary action.

Sincerely,

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