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To all Chairpersons  
Masters in Charge of Hockey  
School Principals of Public and Private / Independent Schools

Dear All

In consultation with the SASHOC Executive, SAHA and other major School Sport stakeholders and having informed you about the official suspension of school hockey as a contact sporting code. SASHOC would hereby, inform her members that all hockey related activities are suspended and not allowed. You are not allowed to train drills and skills with a hockey stick and ball. No matches and visits from other school teams or outside players. Please educate the players, at all times, to adhere to the protocols of Covid-19.

Accordingly, all tournaments and festivals that require travelling from different schools within and outside the province are suspended. You are putting your players, school and the academic programme at risk by colluding with academies and unsanctioned outside school tournaments.

Schools are encouraged to do physical conditioning to keep the players fit and in shape until and when this suspension is lifted. Keep the players focussed through, virtual or social distancing, team discussions and videos. I reiterate, that we are hopeful that we will return to contact sport sooner than later. Let's do this for the players we serve and the game we so dearly love.

Any deviation from this directive will be unsanctioned. The continued health and safety of our players and officials are critical. We would love to see the players given an opportunity to compete later this year. Do not let our guard down and become complacent.

I thank you

