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Dear Tournament Guests/Aspiring Student-Athletes and Family:

Welcome to this year's Maine High School Hockey Invitational. As you can see, there are forty (40) teams participating in this year's tournament, which continues to grow from our first year (6 teams) to now showcasing many new High Schools and regions of talent annually. We have nineteen (19) out-of-state teams and twenty-one (21) of the best in-state teams in the State of Maine. The purpose of this hockey tournament is not only to encourage good sportsmanship and competition, but also to get our student athletes who participate in this tournament the maximum exposure to the College and Junior level of hockey. It is also an opportunity for many student-athletes who would not be participating in College or Junior hockey to have the chance to participate against some of the top competition in the Northeast.

This year we have extended the tournament to teams as far away as Nova Scotia, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland and Florida.

We sincerely appreciate all of your support during this tournament, and hope that you enjoy watching one of the more elite and largest public High School Holiday tournaments in the United States. We fully expect to have this tourney continue on an annual basis and next year we hope to have as many as sixty-two (62) teams playing in potentially five (5) arenas all day and night over the course of five (5) days.

Last, but certainly not least, the Maine High School Hockey Invitational is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Our goal is to seek maximum exposure to Colleges and Junior teams for all those that participate in this tournament, while at the same time giving scholarships and donations to charitable organizations. This year we will be giving out several thousand dollar scholarships to student-athletes in the State of Maine as well as two new scholarships that have been set up for two "out of state" teams to be chosen on an annual basis, through the help of generous donations from our corporate sponsors, as well as gate receipts, and we hope we can do more next year. We also expect to be giving out more money to local area charities to the extent that the proceeds of the tournament allow. In the future, we hope to be able to give charitable donations to such organizations as the Maine Children's Cancer Program, Big Brother Big Sister of Portland, Sweetser School, and Make A Wish Foundation, as well as other charitable organizations that become apparent to us. We will distribute ALL net proceeds from this tournament to these groups. After this year's tournament we will have given out over \$120,000.00 to Maine Student Athletes and various area Maine charities.

Moreover, we are extremely grateful for the generous donation by Tim Horton's Café and Bake Shop, and once again the Wyndham Portland Airport Hotel has made a tremendous effort in making their accommodations second to none; while at the same time helping us raise money for student-athlete scholarships! In addition, I would like to recognize our other gold sponsors Texas Roadhouse, Bingas Stadium Smoke House and Sports Bar, Pape Chevrolet, Woodin & Co., OA Centers for Orthopaedics and Law Offices of Joe Bornstein, who without their corporate donations our scholarships would not be possible. Last, but certainly not least we would like to thank all of our program Ad sponsors who also make this tournament happen. This tournament would not be what it has become without the generous support of our corporate sponsors. Thank you!

We thank you all for your support and hope that you thoroughly enjoy the tournament and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Sincerely,  
Gary M. Prolman  
Chairman of the Board