



The Office of Governor
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Greetings hockey fans!

Welcome to another exciting season of North American Hockey League action! I appreciate the value of high-level competitive sports and the positive impact it can have on developing young people.

In the 33rd year of the North American Hockey League's organized competition, we celebrate Alaska's part in the country's longest running show at the Junior A-level. Alaskans have the opportunity to enjoy the Kenai River Brown Bears, Fairbanks Icedogs and the Alaska Avalanche as they continue to bring quality hockey to fans around the state.

Junior A-level hockey has great potential to elevate skills on the ice. But it also provides a solid foundation for helping young athletes mature into productive, responsible adults off the ice. As a hockey mom myself, I appreciate the competition, energy, and amazing capabilities of the human spirit that it reveals.

Please accept my very best wishes for success for each and every player, coach, and proud supporter as you hone your passion for this game into bonds of friendship and lasting memories. I also extend a special "good luck" to the Alaska teams! Your state is cheering for you, and you have our full support.

Sincerely,


Sarah Palin
Governor