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Pittsburgh Viper Stars Join NAPHL for 2010-11 Season

Pittsburgh, PA – The North American Prospects Hockey League (NAPHL), an affiliate of the North American Hockey League (NAHL), has announced that the Pittsburgh Viper Stars AAA Tier I amateur hockey club is one of the 20 programs (46 total teams) from across the United States that will participate in NAPHL play for the 2010-2011 season.

The Viper Stars will field teams in each of the league's three divisions of play: Midget Major U18 (players born between 1992 – 1995), Midget Minor U16 (players born between 1994 – 1995) and Bantam U14 (players born between 1996 – 1997).

The NAPHL, which will begin its second season in 2010-11, has established itself as the premier amateur league in North America. With junior, college and professional scouting presence at all of its events, coupled with a first-class organizational staff, the NAPHL offers unparalleled exposure and opportunity for every participating program.

"We are very excited to have been accepted to participate in the NAPHL," offered 18U AAA Pittsburgh Viper Stars head coach Dave Kosick. "This is a great opportunity for the top players from the tri-state area to increase their exposure to junior, collegiate and professional opportunities tenfold."

The NAHL, which hosts a NAPHL Top Prospects Tournament at its Robertson Cup Championship Tournament, also uses its extensive marketing and media reach to promote the NAPHL, its programs and players through the league's official Web site (www.nahl.com), equipment supplier programs and award sponsors.

The NAPHL will open the 2010-2011 season with the North American Hockey League Future Prospects Tournament, held in conjunction with the NAHL Showcase Tournament, Sept. 16 – 19, at the Schwan Super Rink in Blaine, MN.

The NAHL office, which oversees, operates and manages the NAPHL, guarantees a coach or scout from each of its 24 teams to be in attendance at every NAPHL event and uses an exclusive tendering system for NAPHL players only.

Other member teams of the NAPHL for the 2010-2011 season include:

Midget Major (U18) -

Boston (MA) Jr. Rangers; California Titans; Detroit (MI) Falcons; Indiana (IN) Jr. Ice; Lansing (MI) Capitals; Milwaukee (WI) Jr. Admirals; Motor City (MI) Metal Jackets; Omaha (NE) AAA; Pikes Peak (CO) Miners; Pittsburgh Vipers Stars; San Jose (CA) Jr. Sharks; St Louis (MO) Selects; Team Rocky Mountain (CO); Texas Tornado; TPH (TN) Thunder; DC Capitals; Green Bay (WI) Jr. Gamblers; and the Wenatchee (WA) Wild.

Midget Minor (U16) -

Boston (MA) Jr. Rangers; California Titans; Detroit (MI) Falcons; Indiana Jr. Ice; Lansing (MI) Capitals; Milwaukee (WI) Jr. Admirals; Motor City (MI) Metal Jackets; Omaha (NE) AAA; Pikes Peak (CO) Miners; Pittsburgh Vipers Stars; San Jose (CA) Jr. Sharks; St Louis (MO) Selects; Team Rocky Mountain (CO); Texas Tornado; TPH (TN) Thunder; and the Nevada Stars.

Bantam (U14) -

California Titans; Detroit (MI) Falcons; Indiana Jr. Ice; Lansing (MI) Capitals; Milwaukee (WI) Jr. Admirals; Motor City (MI) Metal Jackets; Pikes Peak (CO) Miners; Pittsburgh Vipers Stars; San Jose (CA) Jr. Sharks; St Louis (MO) Selects; Team Rocky Mountain (CO); and the Texas Tornado.



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The 19-member North American Hockey League, expanding to 26 teams in 2010-2011, is the only USA Hockey sanctioned Tier II Junior A league. The NAHL prides itself on the social maturity and skill development of student-athletes with aspirations of advancing to collegiate and/or professional hockey.

The Pittsburgh Viper Stars AAA program has offered the tri-state region's top amateur ice hockey players an opportunity to showcase their skills on a national and international level over the past 26 years. Drawing players primarily from western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and eastern Ohio, the Pittsburgh Viper Stars showcase players for junior, collegiate and other opportunities.

Included among the highlights from the 2009-10 season, the Viper Stars 18U AAA team's final season record (42 – 27 – 7 – 1) placed them tied for sixth in the nation with wins; and the ranking of center Matt White at #106 on the final rankings of the National Hockey League's Central Scouting draft report.

For more information on the Pittsburgh Vipers or tryout information, call the Viper hot-line at (724) 335-9005 or visit www.pittsburghvipers.com.

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