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To South Carolina High School League (SCHSL):

Thank you for the "SCHSL High School Fall Sports Season " application for exemption request submitted on 08/26/2020. Following a careful review of your application, the relevant [Executive Order](#) from the Governor, guidance from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC), and applicable law, your event request has been **GRANTED**.

Each application is evaluated individually. Events anticipating at least two hundred and fifty (250+) attendees must be able to comply with social distancing guidelines and best practices as issued by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") and SC DHEC, and compliance with all local, state, and federal laws.

Please be advised that the Governor's Executive Orders are not permanent and are subject to change and modification by further Executive Order. Newly issued Executive Orders may modify or revoke the approval of your event without notice.

Each event's hosts are responsible for ensuring that the Event's approval is current and valid under the most current statewide guidance. Accordingly, all hosts should monitor the issuance of Executive Orders subsequent to its initial approval to determine whether a more recent Executive Order modifies or revokes current approvals, even if previously approved by the South Carolina Department of Commerce and SC DHEC.

If a subsequent Executive Order potentially modifies or revokes the approval of your event, you should seek further confirmation by submitting another application. Reliance on prior clarification by the Department of Commerce and DHEC will not prevent closure by law enforcement if the event's approval is not valid under the most recent statewide guidance. Any changes to the event (including, but not limited to: entering a new phase of re-opening, the venue, event host, etc.) will require a new event request form submittal for each instance.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, State, county, or city official have been authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of Executive Order 2020-50 and any prior orders issued in connection with the present State of Emergency. The penalty for violation of any provision

of this and prior executive orders is a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, the violator must be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days. This event approval WILL NOT protect the applicant from action by law enforcement if applicant fails to comply with its representations made within its application.

This event approval is based on information and representations provided to the South Carolina Department of Commerce and DHEC by the event host. Notwithstanding any and all Federal and State requirements, resuming activities and events remains in your discretion. The South Carolina Department of Commerce and DHEC make no representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, regarding the adequacy or completeness of the plans submitted by the event hosts for review.

It is the responsibility of the host of the event to ensure that the event is held in a manner consistent with the law and the Governor's Executive Order. SC Department of Commerce and DHEC cannot certify that there will be no exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 even if all safety protocols are taken and guidelines are enforced. To host and/or attend events during the COVID-19 pandemic is solely at your own risk.

This approval is not a permit or a contract and does not constitute a waiver of any other federal, state, local, municipal, and private rules and regulations regarding events. Event hosts are still required to consult the proper authorities concerning permitting, rules and regulations as applicable.

For further information about how to plan to safely hold large gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit the CDC Events and Gatherings guidance [site](#) and /or AccelerateSC website at <https://accelerate.sc.gov> .

Sincerely,

SC Department of Commerce