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Dear Ice Dogs Membership,

As you know, the Ice Dogs Executive Board has committed to growing the Ice Dogs Girl's Program in the 2018-2019 season. After evaluating many ways to grow the program, an opportunity arose that made us consider an unexpected option.

The Lady Patriots organization began discussions with the Ice Dogs and Hatfield Ice and proposed a collaboration. After meeting with the membership of the current Ice Dogs girls' teams, we were able to hear their opinions about this strategy with the Lady Patriots.

The Ice Dogs truly feel that a collaboration with the Lady Patriots is the best option for the girls in the area to continue growing the sport that they love.

With that said, the Ice Dogs are pleased to welcome the Lady Patriots to Hatfield Ice. Our current Ice Dogs skating in the girls' program will soon begin the transition to the Lady Patriots organization.

This partnership will uniquely position the Lady Patriots presence in both Buck's and Montgomery Counties. *"The regional approach will create more opportunities for our program and more importantly, for young female athletes wanting to play and excel in this great game"*, said Paul Bardell – President, Lady Patriots Ice Hockey.

The Ice Dogs are very excited about this new chapter for girls ice hockey in our region. As always, female players are welcome to play on the Ice Dogs' co-ed teams.

The Lady Patriots will be evaluating on April 11th, 12th and 13<sup>th</sup>; 8U-14U will evaluate at Hatfield Ice and 16U-19U will evaluate at Revolution Ice Gardens. Later this week, the Lady Patriot and Hatfield Ice will provide more information on their websites.

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