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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Danny Carlino  
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Dear Mr. Carlino:

This law firm represents Chicago Blackhawk Hockey Team, Inc. ("Team"). We reviewed your recent letter to Mr. John McDonough and Mr. Jay Blunk in which you request a meeting to discuss (a) your alleged mistreatment by Mr. Brandon Faber, and (b) the "re-instatement" of your press credentials. You threaten to "seek legal action" against Mr. Faber and the Team if your request for a meeting is rejected. This letter shall serve as the Team's formal response to your letter. As set forth below, you and your colleague, Gary Zahara, have acted unprofessionally, and have failed and refused to comply with the Team's reasonable policies, procedures and directives. As a result, the Team rejects your request for a meeting and your request for the "re-instatement" of media credentials.

By way of background, prior to the commencement of the 2008-09 hockey season, Mr. Faber, on behalf of the Team, notified members of the media that the Team would be re-evaluating its policies and procedures with respect to media credentials, and would issue media credentials to approved members of the media. Such a re-evaluation was necessary due to increased press coverage resulting from the Team's success. Although the Team did not issue formal media credentials to *Sportsline* for the 2008-09 season, the Team notified Mr. Zahara that it would allow a representative of *Sportsline* to attend certain games/practice sessions as a credentialed member of the media (decision to be made on a game-to-game basis), provided the representative gave advance notice of the games/practice sessions he/she wished to attend so that Team could determine whether to provide credentials for that particular game.

Notwithstanding the Team's request for advance notice, Mr. Zahara repeatedly showed up at games without prior notice. Mr. Faber warned Mr. Zahara on several occasions that his continued failure to abide by Team's reasonable directives would result in the suspension of *Sportsline's* opportunity to attend certain games as a member of the media. Notwithstanding, Mr. Zahara continued to show up for games without prior notice.

Your refusal to abide by the Team's directives culminated on March 14, 2009 when you attended a media session at The Edge facility in Bensenville without prior notice. Specifically, on March 14, 2009, you attended a media session in the Team's locker room. When Mr. Faber approached you to determine who you were, you indicated you were with *Sportsline*. At that time, Mr. Faber asked you to leave, as you had not called previously to request permission to attend. Although you left the locker room, you apparently did not leave the media areas, and went into another area outside the locker room to ask questions. When approached again by Mr. Faber, you became disorderly, and started to scream at Mr. Faber in front of other members of the media and Team personnel. In addition, you made very derogative and defamatory statements about Mr. Faber at that time. Your conduct was completely inappropriate, irresponsible, unprofessional, and unacceptable.

Your inappropriate conduct continued after the March 14<sup>th</sup> incident, as we understand you and/or Mr. Zahara have made derogatory and unprofessional statements about Mr. Faber on your radio station, and have even threatened Mr. Faber physically. Again, your conduct is unacceptable.

We are further informed that Mr. Zahara has, on numerous occasions, asked for free game tickets for family and friends, and has requested preferential opportunities to purchase tickets to games. Due to the excessive amount of requests to various Team representatives, Mr. Faber directed Mr. Zahara to direct any such requests to him. Notwithstanding, Mr. Zahara has continued soliciting preferential tickets from various Team representatives, ignoring the numerous directives to contact Mr. Faber for such requests. On one occasion, Mr. Zahara actually approached a young female representative of the Team in a parking lot after a night game to request tickets, which caused the Team representative to feel uncomfortable. Again, this conduct is unacceptable.

The issuance of media credentials is a privilege, not a right. It is offered to responsible members of the media who, without limitation, act professionally and comply with the Team's reasonable policies and directives. Unfortunately, based on information relayed to us, it is apparent you and your associate, Gary Zahara, have fallen short of that standard.

As a result of the above, please be advised that the Team supports Mr. Faber's decisions, and rejects your request for a meeting and to "re-instate" media credentials.

Mr. Danny Carlino

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Further, in light of your threats, including your latest threat to file a lawsuit against the Team and Mr. Faber if your demands for a meeting are rejected, you are hereby directed to cease and desist any further contact with the Team's representatives. Please direct all further inquiries to this law firm.

Very truly yours,



David S. Americus

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cc: Gary Zahara  
Mark Pinski, General Manager