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The RoughRider Hockey Club is pleased to announce today the formation of the Connecticut RoughRiders, which will join the Eastern Hockey League for the upcoming 2017-18 season.

"Establishing a team in the Eastern Hockey League allows our players more opportunities to continue their development in pursuing their goals to further their hockey careers. Our experience for the past five years in the EHL with our affiliate team, the Connecticut Oilers, has given us the confidence to add a RoughRider team to the league," said Luke Taylor, the President of the RoughRider Sports Club.

The newly formed Connecticut RoughRiders will call the SoNo Ice House in Norwalk, CT home while the Connecticut Oilers EHL franchise will relocate to the Louis Astorno Arena in Hamden, CT.

With the addition of the EHL Connecticut RoughRiders to the SoNo Ice House, the Connecticut Oilers Youth Hockey Association, members of the Tier 1 Atlantic Youth Hockey League (AYHL) will now be known as the Connecticut RoughRiders Youth Hockey Association. Additionally, pursuant to a co-marketing and co-development agreement between the RoughRider Hockey Club and the Connecticut Barons Youth Hockey Club, the Connecticut Barons, member of the Connecticut Hockey Conference (CHC) and the EJEPL will also be playing under the Connecticut Roughriders name.

"The ability to have the RoughRiders network of teams, coaches and support system will enhance the ability for our players to development within our system and progress throughout the leagues we are members of while continuing their training at the SoNo Ice House benefits all our members," commented Ryan Hughes, President of the Connecticut Oilers. Hughes also added, "We are equally pleased to have the opportunity to established a relationship with the Louis Astorno Arena in Hamden, CT, the new home of the Connecticut Oilers. The facility is a perfect home for the EHL CT Oilers.

About the RoughRider Sports Club. Founded in 1999, in Cedar Rapids Iowa as the USHL Cedar Rapids RoughRiders Hockey Club, the club currently has thousands of member athletes participating in various sports in Colorado, Kansas, Iowa and Connecticut.