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**Planned Palm Beach North Sportsplex  
Names U.S. #1 in Orthopedics, HSS,  
to be Official Hospital**

*17-Acre Nonprofit Sports Complex Guided by Acclaimed Athletes, Business, Community Leaders*

**Palm Beach Gardens, FL, January 15, 2020** – The Palm Beach North Athletic Foundation (PBNAF) today announced that the 200,000-plus-square-foot, state-of-the-art in-door recreation complex it is developing in Palm Beach Gardens will have as its official hospital HSS, ranked US #1 in orthopedics for the past 10 years. PBNAF is a non-profit organization, whose advisors include Olympians Mike Eruzione and Rachel Mayer Godino, and Brian Seymour, co-chair of Gunster’s Real Property law practice. The multi-sport Palm Beach North Sportsplex is slated to open in late 2022.

As the official Hospital of the Palm Beach North Sportsplex, HSS will provide education and care to support better wellness, performance, injury prevention, and treatment when necessary. This will take the form of materials, seminars, training and access to specialist expertise.

HSS is the world’s leading academic medical center focused on musculoskeletal health, and has been advancing the field for nearly 160 years. Headquartered at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City and with new locations in West Palm Beach and Wellington, Florida, HSS physicians and trainers treat athletes from more than 80 of the highest performing teams in the world. HSS is the Official Hospital for more than 30 teams including the New York Knicks, the New York Giants, the New York Mets, the New York Red Bulls, the Brooklyn Nets, USA Basketball, the National Basketball Players Association. HSS is also a FIFA Medical Center of Excellence.

“The involvement of business and philanthropic leaders, combined with this significant partnership with HSS, demonstrates the depth of our commitment to creating a world-class facility that will improve quality of life for residents and visitors to our community,” said Michael Winter, PBNAF Founder and President. “We look forward to sharing more as the Palm Beach North Sportsplex vision comes to life.”

“As world leaders and members of this community, it is a privilege and responsibility of HSS to help Palm Beach North Sportsplex guests achieve better quality of life through better quality of movement” said Louis A. Shapiro, HSS President and CEO. “People come to HSS from all 50 States and more than 80 countries because we have been advancing musculoskeletal wellness for nearly 160 years and are working hard to make access to that expertise more convenient for more people.”

## **About Palm Beach North Athletic Foundation (PBNAF)**

PBNAF is a nonprofit organization created to develop Palm Beach North Sportsplex, a world-class community recreation facility to provide people of all ages with sports and social team-building activities critical to the development of healthy communities. PBNAF, in collaboration with the City of Palm Beach Gardens and Palm Beach County, and with support from a number of acclaimed leaders in sports, public service and business, was co-founded in 2017 by Michael Winter and Russel Dise, president of JetLease Palm Beach. This regional facility is being developed on approximately 17 acres located in the Gardens North County District Park in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. It will include six regulation basketball courts, six regulation volleyball courts, six squash courts, two NHL regulation ice rinks, a fitness center, a sports medicine and wellness center, restaurant, and retail offerings.

## **About HSS**

HSS is the world's leading academic medical center focused on musculoskeletal health. At its core is Hospital for Special Surgery, nationally ranked No. 1 in orthopedics (for the tenth consecutive year), No. 3 in rheumatology by *U.S. News & World Report* (2019-2020), and named a leader in pediatric orthopedics by *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Children's Hospitals" list (2019-2020). Founded in 1863, the Hospital has one of the lowest infection rates in the country and was the first in New York State to receive Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing Service from the American Nurses Credentialing Center four consecutive times. The global standard total knee replacement was developed at HSS in 1969. An affiliate of Weill Cornell Medical College, HSS has a main campus in New York City and facilities in New Jersey, Connecticut and in the Long Island and Westchester County regions of New York State. HSS will open a new facility in West Palm Beach Florida in early 2020. More information at [www.hss.edu](http://www.hss.edu).

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