



**.NHL TLD APPLICATION
DNS ABUSE SELF-CERTIFICATION (QUESTION 221)**

NHL TLD, LLC (the “applying entity”), is a Limited Liability Company established in the State of Delaware, in the United States, with its principal place of business located at One Manhattan West, 395 Ninth Avenue, New York, NY 10001, United States. In my capacity as Senior Vice President, I am authorized to act on behalf of and in the name of the applying entity.

I hereby, with the authority and power to bind the applying entity, represent and warrant that:

SC5.2-1.1 - The applying entity will, no later than delegation of the Top Level Domain (TLD), establish a dedicated abuse point of contact responsible for addressing matters requiring expedited attention and providing a timely response to abuse complaints concerning any name registered in the TLD.

SC5.2-1.2 - The applying entity will, no later than delegation of the TLD, establish, publish, and provide to ICANN the location of a mechanism for members of the public to submit reports of abuse in accordance with the current obligations of the Base RA and any Consensus Policies.

SC5.2-1.3 - The applying entity has developed proposed measures for removal of orphan glue records for names removed from the zone when provided with evidence in written form that the glue is present in connection with malicious conduct (see Specification 6).

Furthermore, to address language differences between the Question and Criteria columns of the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook V2-2026.04.24, I hereby further represent and warrant that the applying entity:

- a) will, no later than delegation of the Top-Level Domain (TLD), establish a dedicated abuse point of contact and provide a timely response to abuse complaints
- b) will, no later than delegation of the TLD, establish, publish, and provide to ICANN the location of a mechanism for members of the public to submit reports of abuse in accordance with the current obligations of the Base RA and any Consensus Policies
- c) has developed proposed measures for removal of orphan glue records for names removed from the zone when provided with evidence in written form that the glue is present in connection with malicious conduct (see Specification 6).

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- d) has established and maintains policies on handling complaints regarding abuse. Such policies are posted publicly so that anyone can review the policies via the Internet and any other means deemed appropriate by the applying entity. The applying entity's policies at a minimum should contain appropriate confirmation of the receipt of the abuse report, the process of review of the report, and actions that will be taken if the applying entity confirms the report is legitimate.
- e) confirms that DNS Abuse is Phishing, Malware, Botnets, Pharming and Spam (when used to deliver other forms of DNS Abuse). The applying entity is prepared to contribute to the mitigation or disruption of DNS Abuse in domains in the TLD zone.
- f) will resource abuse response capabilities appropriately to ensure a timely investigation and response to reports of DNS Abuse, receive and evaluate evidence of DNS Abuse in reports, and to take action to stop or disrupt the DNS Abuse.
- g) is prepared to conduct periodic scans of its zone to identify if domains are being used to perpetrate DNS Abuse, and to maintain statistical reports of the scans, the findings, and actions taken.

This Self-Certification is effective from July 31, 2026 and shall continue in full force and effect until the applying entity either executes a Registry Agreement for the .NHL TLD, at which point the representations and warranties therein shall control, or the .NHL Application is withdrawn.

NHL TLD, LLC

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Date: July 31, 2026

Signature:  _____