

## USA HOCKEY BENEFITS OVERVIEW



As the National Governing Body for the sport of ice hockey in the United States, USA Hockey's mission is to promote the growth of hockey in America and to provide the best possible experience for all participants.

The individual registration fee is \$30. The registration fee is waived for all players ages 6 and younger. The fee of \$30 remains the same for all other players or coaches regardless of age, level of experience, number of games played, etc. In other words, there are no added charges as a member moves through the program. However, members receive different benefits at different levels. For example, the benefits a Mite player receives this year will change as he or she progresses from season to season. If a participant plays and coaches he/she pays only one registration fee.

### ***USA Hockey membership benefits include:***

- Registration of players, coaches, officials and teams
- Access to our Cross-Ice Program to maximize young players' ice time
- Access to USA Hockey Skill Development Program for the beginning skater
- Opportunity to play in District and National Championship Tournaments
- Opportunity to be selected for regional and national Player Development Camps and Festivals, various Select Teams and the USA Hockey National Team Development Program
- An extensive Junior Program for high-level players to develop their skills in preparation for collegiate and professional careers
- USA Hockey's Girls'/Women's and Adult Hockey Programs that have grown immensely in recent years as we address specific needs of these groups.
- Access to participation in Adult Classic Tournaments held in various locations around the country.
- A Coaching Education Program to provide instructional training, clinics and certification for over 60,000 coaches
- Age-specific Practice Plan Manuals
- Other numerous educational resource materials for players, coaches and referees including videos, manuals, handbooks, and newsletters
- USA Hockey maintains and publishes Official Playing Rules to provide consistency for all participants
- The USA Hockey Officiating Program provides instructional training, clinics and certification for over 26,000 referees
- Protection associated with mandated background screening for all adults who have access to youth players
- USA Hockey/Cyber Sport registration software provided to all programs free of charge to facilitate registration and provide a program management tool for local use throughout the year. This software creates multiple reports, mailing and scoresheet labels and many other features.
- Online registration provided to all officials and to members of all participating ice programs.
- Insurance coverages include: excess accident (up to \$25,000), catastrophic accident (from \$25,001 to \$2,000,000), general liability (\$1,000,000 per occurrence, no aggregate), directors and officer's insurance for all boards from local programs through District/Affiliate level (\$1,000,000 per occurrence, no aggregate), crime insurance for all programs.

- Subscription to *USA Hockey Magazine*, the world's most widely circulated hockey publication, which is published 10 times per year.
- Extensive information on all aspects of the sport provided through our website, [usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com).
- All member programs can build a free website with real-time scoring and statistics on the [usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com) platform.
- All member programs receive the following publications at no charge to distribute to each of their teams: USA Hockey Annual Guide, USA Hockey Playing Rule book, Off-Ice Officials Manual and Insurance Handbook.
- Informational brochures provided free of charge to all member programs at any amount requested. These brochures are:
  - Parents' Introduction to Youth Hockey
  - Hockey Talk
  - Fun and Games
  - Teamwork
  - Sportsmanship
  - Head's Up Hockey
  - Establishing a good relationship between Coach & Parent
  - Girl's and Women's Ice Hockey
  - Adult Hockey Programs
  - Opportunities for Adults in USA Hockey
  - Coaching Education Program
  - ACE Director Program
  - USA Hockey Member Benefits
- Hat Trick, Playmaker and Zero club patches provided free of charge
- An extensive Risk Management program that works to make the game safe for all, including USA Hockey's participation in the Hockey Equipment Certification Council, ensuring proper equipment is being used.
- The USA Hockey Foundation provides grants to Districts/Affiliates and other member programs to allow them to develop programs specific to their area to increase participation and enhance skill development.
- Many special discounts and offers provided to members by equipment manufacturers, apparel and merchandise licensees, and official corporate sponsors of USA Hockey
- Membership in the organization that sends Team USA to compete in the Olympic Winter Games, World Championships and other international events

USA Hockey serves as a caretaker for the sport at the grassroots level, and our national office staff and network of volunteers across the country work diligently behind-the-scenes to organize and administer our many programs to promote the great game of hockey.

