

USA HOCKEY - MINNESOTA DISTRICT Registration Requirements

The insurance provided by membership in USAH is in effect when the requirements below have been met. This includes Sports Accident Coverage, Catastrophic Injury Coverage and Liability Coverage. Refer to the Membership brochure for more information. Further, the local associations are protected by the USA Hockey Liability Insurance against player injury provided that all participants (players, coaches and managers) and all teams of the local association are registered. In addition to players, coaches and managers, other individuals considered essential to the game are also covered during games, including timekeepers, scorekeepers, penalty box attendants and goal judges.

The requirements are:

1. Each player and coach on the team is registered with USAH by completing the online registration on the USAH web site and the individuals have turned in the Confirmation Page to be claimed by their local association.
2. All players and all coaches, having been individually registered above, are listed on the Official USAH Team roster. (This does not mean listed on any roster; it means listed on the roster of the team on which they are participating).
3. The team must be participating in a sanctioned event. Sanctioned events are team practices, scrimmage games against other registered teams, league games, tournament games played in sanctioned tournaments, the state affiliate's District, Region and State Tournaments and USAH National Tournaments. All games must be played using USA Hockey playing rules and all referees must be registered with USAH. If a team participates in international competition, including Canada, a travel permit is required.

Any team that participates in competition against a non-registered team, participates in a non-sanctioned tournament or participates in international competition without a travel permit is subject to penalties including suspension.

The following are exceptions to the above:

1. Prior to the regular hockey season it is recognized that Associations may conduct clinics and tryouts that are necessary to decide who is assigned to which team. This period is between when the individual members register and the regular season teams are formed and actually begin playing games. During this period all members are covered by the insurance described above provided that all of the participants (players, coaches and managers) are individually registered prior to participating in any activities. The assumption here is that all participants will ultimately appear on the roster of a registered team. This exception only applies in the fall prior to the regular season. It does not apply to spring or summer programs even though these programs are run by the local association. Note that every participant (players, coaches and managers) must be registered with their local association prior to participation in any activity and that these registrations must be sent to the Registrar or cognizant Associate Registrar not later than ten (10) days following the commencement of these activities.
2. From time to time it may be desirable to have High School players that are not registered members of USA Hockey to provide some coaching assistance for younger youth teams. If this occurs once or twice during the regular season, these individuals will be covered as incidental participants and it is not necessary for them to be registered or rostered. If it occurs more than once or twice, then the individuals must be registered and rostered on the team to which they are providing coaching assistance. There is no limit to the number of coaches that can be rostered on a team. There is a limit of four (4) Team Officials that can be on the bench during any given game.

If any Association wants to run a spring and/or summer program that is essentially a clinic format, then additional registrations are required. The players and coaches participating in this spring or summer clinic need to be individually registered and be listed on roster(s) or on a team list(s) that is in the hands of the Minnesota District Registrar when the individuals are on the ice for the program. Individual registration runs from April 1 to August 31 (17 months), and it is probable that most or all of the participants are already registered as individual members. The roster(s) or the team list(s) can be done alphabetically or otherwise with a limit of twenty (20) players per roster. If the spring or summer program teams plan to participate outside of their local program, the team MUST have a roster approved by the Minnesota District Registrar or designate.

Some teams use scrimmage games as part of their tryout process – 2 or 3 such scrimmages as part of tryouts are acceptable with District Director approval. Because this is part of the tryout process, no rosters are required. Once tryouts are completed, teams may desire to participate in a few more scrimmage games before their roster is verified and signed. After tryouts are complete, the basic registration requirements must be met.

1. All participants (players/coaches) must have registered on the USAH web site and been claimed by their association.
2. A copy of the team roster must be in the possession of the cognizant Associate Registrar. The roster should be marked "preliminary" or "temporary" and must contain the names of all the participants (players and coaches). The roster does not have to be signed by the coaches, and does not have to be approved by the "Proper Authority".
 - This roster will be retained by the Associate Registrar until the Official Roster is validated and approved, and is only valid for pre-season scrimmage games. It is not valid for League Games, Tournament Games or games played outside of USA Hockey (i.e. Canada). Games played while this temporary roster is in effect do not count toward meeting National Tournament eligibility requirements.