



ANNUAL REPORT
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OUR MISSION

USA Hockey provides **THE FOUNDATION** for the sport of ice hockey in America; helps young people **BECOME LEADERS** and sometimes Olympic heroes; and **CONNECTS THE GAME** at every level while promoting a lifelong **LOVE** of the **SPORT**.





IT'S BEEN ANOTHER REMARKABLE SEASON, and thanks to the thousands and thousands of volunteers at the grassroots level in communities all across our great nation, hockey continues to flourish as together we shape the future of our sport.

In addition to our volunteers, we're fortunate to have many other stakeholder groups that have contributed in so many positive ways, including the NHL, NHLPA, AHL and other professional leagues, College Hockey, Inc., our many corporate partners, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the IIHF, and the ACHA, USHL, and NAHL to name just a few.

We are immensely proud of the success of our teams on the international stage. As you'll learn in the pages ahead, we were the only nation to medal in five of the six major world championships in 2018-19.

USA Hockey continues to be a strong leader in providing the safest possible environment for everyone involved, both on and off the ice, and we've embraced the enhanced requirements from the USOPC to all national governing bodies aimed at protecting our participants.

It's been terrific to witness the on-going advancement in our overall education and development programs, particularly through the American Development Model and our coaching and officiating education programs.

As we celebrate the record numbers of players, coaches, officials and volunteers that are part of USA Hockey and the many wonderful things done to advance the sport this season, we are also focused on what lies ahead, particularly as it relates to initiatives to make our sport more welcoming and inclusive as the demographics of our nation continue to evolve.

Thanks for what you do for hockey and enjoy reading some of the many highlights of the 2018-19 season.



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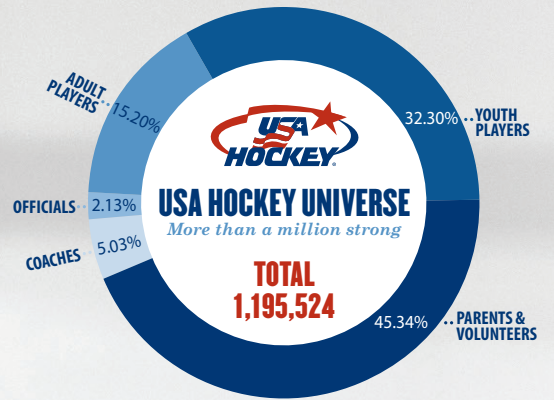
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Youth Players: 386,143

Adult Players: 181,765

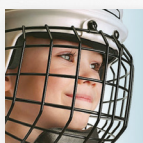
Coaches: 60,142

Officials: 25,424

Parents/Volunteers: 542,050

YOUTH HOCKEY

WITH A FOCUS ON safety and development to create the best possible environment for kids as a backdrop, the number of children playing hockey in the United States hit an all-time high for the fifth straight year in 2018-19 with 386,143 boys and girls enjoying the benefits ice hockey brings with it.



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GROWTH

USA Hockey's primary lens when it comes to growth is centered on efforts to expand the game at the entry level, and through the efforts of many, a record 123,303 kids at 8U participated in rinks across the country in 2018-19, including 23,259 girls, which also established a new highwater mark.

SAFETY

USA Hockey utilizes significant resources to ensure the safety of its participants through both on-ice and off-ice initiatives.

On the ice, USA Hockey's vigilance is exemplified in part by the creation and enforcement of rules, along with research and guidance from leading medical professionals, and progressive coaching in the areas of body contact and injury prevention.

Off the ice, the USA Hockey SafeSport program provides guiding principles to ensure participants are protected from physical and sexual abuse and other types of misconduct. It includes a streamlined process to report any form of malfeasance as well as numerous other policies aimed at safeguarding athletes.

DEVELOPMENT

In terms of player development, USA Hockey's American Development Model, based on long-term athlete development principles, continues to positively affect the landscape of youth hockey in America. Not only has it revolutionized hockey development, the ADM has also served as a catalyst for dramatic changes to youth programming across a wide spectrum of sports including tennis, baseball, soccer, lacrosse and football to name a few. Each of those sports' national federations – plus the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee – has launched their own versions of the ADM based on USA Hockey's pioneering foundation for age-appropriate training and competition.



RETENTION

While safety and development are top priorities, keeping children in the game is just as important, which is why USA Hockey's youth initiatives emphasize fun, engagement, local participation, efficient skill development and a proper practice to-game ratio. Each of these components work to ensure that children have every opportunity to play, love and excel, without the pressure of excessive financial burdens or misguided development priorities.

"We continue to work hard to make hockey the best youth sports option in communities across our country," said Pat Kelleher, executive director of USA Hockey. "It's great to see the progress we've made and record number of kids playing the game today. We're fortunate to have thousands of dedicated volunteers from coast-to-coast to provide the foundation that is critical to our overall success and also many other stakeholders, including the NHL and NHLPA, invested in helping advance our game."



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL

Launched in 2009, USA Hockey's American Development Model is a nationwide player development initiative that emphasizes age-appropriate and age-specific training and competition.

The ADM was founded on consensus sport science and child development research, which calls for creating fun, active environments focused on skill development and engagement – environments in which every child can excel and reach their full potential. The goal is to do what's best for kids, while also delivering an ideal hockey education.

The positive effect the ADM has had on American hockey is evident across the country. Since its launch almost 10 years ago, the ADM has received national and international acclaim, gaining support from the NHL, the NCAA, the American Hockey Coaches Association, the Aspen Institute and hockey parents alike. The U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee adopted USA Hockey's ADM name and logo in 2014 to represent American athlete development efforts across its entire sporting landscape and since then, many other youth sport organizations have embraced the ADM principles including U.S. Lacrosse, U.S. Soccer and USA Football.

Advocates of USA Hockey's ADM are widespread, from grassroots hockey to the very highest levels of the sport. Detroit Red Wings bench boss Jeff Blashill, who also coached both the 2017 and



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2018 U.S. Men's National Teams, praised the overall premise of the ADM and how basic skill development ultimately leads to success.

"The more we prioritize learning over winning in youth hockey, the better we get at developing talent and the more fun the game is for kids," said Blashill.

Maura Crowell, University of Minnesota Duluth head women's hockey coach and the head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team, echoed those sentiments.

"The focus is more on skill development and enjoyment of the sport," Crowell said. "That change helped American hockey in general and we're seeing the benefits of it now."

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

For over 40 years, USA Hockey has provided training and competition opportunities for the most advanced teenagers to measure and hone their skills against the top players from around the country each summer through its series of both regional and national Player Development Camps.

At the national level, USA Hockey conducted Player Development Camps for boys and girls ages 15, 16 and 17. The boys camps and sled hockey camps were held in Amherst, New York, and the girls camps were held in St. Cloud, Minnesota. These camps emphasize age-appropriate training and competition in accordance with USA Hockey's American Development Model.

Mentorship and coaching at the camps are provided by experienced player development staff from USA Hockey in collaboration with top coaches from the NHL, AHL, ECHL, NCAA, ACHA, NWHL and beyond. This elite

assemblage of coaching and camp personnel provides boys and girls with competitive on- and off-ice training that sets a solid foundation for the next step in their hockey careers, while also delivering a consistent education about USA Hockey's training principles and key values. Over 470 boys, 430 girls and 55 sled players competed at USA Hockey's 2019 National Player Development Camps.

At the local level, USA Hockey continues to support District and Regional Player Development Camps across the nation for boys and girls, with the objective of giving more players an opportunity to experience a development camp environment while also introducing them to high-performance USA Hockey programming.

All told, more than 2,000 athletes and 350 staff were part of USA Hockey Regional and National Player Development Camp program in 2019, making it one of USA Hockey's largest and most important development initiatives. Additionally, the national-level events provided a gateway to what is, for many, their first international competition experience at either the Five Nations Tournament, the Hlinka Gretzky Cup or the Women's Under-18 Series.



GOALTENDING

In 2018-19, USA Hockey unveiled a restructured approach for goaltending development and education designed to help American goaltenders reach their maximum potential and achieve success on the international stage. The way forward includes both a new format for the high performance goaltending program and also an education component that ensures coaches have the knowledge and resources to provide needed instruction to our athletes.



Development For Players

For those playing the sport, the new four-pronged high performance goaltending program includes a combined national junior and women's national team goaltending camp each May at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan; the Warren Strelow

boys goaltending camp for 15-year-old players each summer; and separate sessions specifically for goaltenders at National Select Festivals for boys and girls each summer.

The women's camp featured 12 goaltenders, a group that included three gold medalists from the 2018 Olympic Games in Alex Cavallini, Nicole Hensley and Maddie Rooney, as well as Emma Polusny, who won a gold medal at the 2019 IIHF Women's World Championship. Invitees ranged in age from 20-27 and represented eight states. Coaches at the camp included Bob Corkum, U.S. Women's National Team head coach, as well as two-time Olympic silver medalist Brianne McLaughlin.

The men's camp featured nine goaltenders, including National Team Development Program products Spencer Knight and Cameron Rowe, who backstopped the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team to a bronze medal at the 2019 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. Five of the attendees played in the USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game, including 2017 participant Drew DeRidder and 2018 players Knight, Rowe, Isaiah Saville and Dustin Wolf. Dave Lassonde, associate head coach for the Dartmouth College men's ice hockey team and assistant coach for the 2020 U.S. National Junior Team, and Jeff Salajko, goaltending coach for the NHL's Detroit Red Wings, were among the coaches leading the camp.

Education

All preceded by the Goaltending for All Ages online module, the new progressive goaltending coach education program includes three levels. The first is the bronze level, which involves a one-day clinic covering aspects of goaltender practice planning, teaching fundamental saves, skating, puck handling, positioning and recovery. Upon completion of the clinic, coaches will progress one level within USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program.

The silver-level consists of a minimum of 12 hours of on- and off-ice goaltending coach development, while the gold level is the peak of the goaltending coach development program and is held in conjunction with USA Hockey's National Hockey Coaching Symposium. Coaches attending this event participate in on- and off-ice sessions that cover all aspects of the position along with details of how to teach the concepts and create environments for optimal goaltender development. The capstone is a peer-reviewed exam in which coaches have the opportunity to instruct goalies both on and off the ice with the use of video analysis.





JUNIOR HOCKEY

A MAJOR COMPONENT of USA Hockey's player development efforts, the junior hockey program provides opportunities for players ages 16-to-20 to hone and enhance their skills through both on-ice competition and quality off-ice training. Player safety continues to be at the forefront for all levels of junior hockey and in 2018-19 enhanced efforts to affect behavior change was an on-going priority.



The impact of junior hockey can be showcased by the 1,076 products who made NCAA Division I rosters in 2018-19. In addition, 55 skaters with ties to the United States Hockey League, the only Tier I league in the United States, were selected at the 2019 NHL Draft. Further, six players from the North American Hockey League were selected, and several players with previous experience in USA Hockey's Tier III junior leagues were also chosen.

The 2018-19 season culminated in the crowing of champions at the Tier I, II and III levels. The Sioux Falls Stampede claimed the 2019 Clark Cup as the playoff champion of the USHL. The Aberdeen Wings were crowned the NAHL's Robertson Cup champions while the Texas Brahmas won the Fraser Cup in the North American 3 Hockey League (NA3HL).

JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUES



TIER I

United States Hockey League (USHL)



TIER II

North American Hockey League (NAHL)



TIER III

Eastern Hockey League (EHL)



North American 3 Hockey League (NA3HL)



DISABLED HOCKEY

USA HOCKEY'S DISABLED hockey program continues to grow nationwide, providing opportunities across six disciplines: blind/visually impaired, deaf/hard of hearing, sled, standing/amputee, special and warrior hockey.

Among the many highlights of the season, the 15th annual Toyota-USA Hockey Disabled Festival took place in Wesley Chapel, Florida. The largest disabled event of its kind and one of USA Hockey's most significant events each season, the Toyota-USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival brings together all six disciplines over the course of two weekends. In total, 14 champions were crowned, including the Chicago Blackhawks, who brought home their second-straight tournament title in the eighth annual USA Hockey Sled Hockey National Championship.

The Chicago Blackhawks hosted the ninth annual USA Hockey Sled Classic, presented by the NHL, which featured a record 30 teams, each affiliated with an NHL club, that competed in five divisions. The Blackhawks program claimed the Tier I division crown while the Nashville Predators claimed the Tier II and Tier V titles, the Philadelphia Flyers won the Tier III division and the Tampa Bay Lightning secured the Tier IV division.

The third-ever USA Hockey Warrior Classic was held at City National Arena in Las Vegas, with comedian, singer and celebrity impressionist Terry Fator serving as the presenting sponsor of the event for the second straight year. The event featured a record seven teams and more than 100 players. The Buffalo Sabres were crowned Division A tournament champions while the Chicago Blackhawks claimed the Division B title. The annual event is dedicated to U.S. military veterans with a disability who have served our country and play the sport of ice hockey.



ADULT HOCKEY

AS THE SPORT of hockey expands throughout the country, USA Hockey's adult hockey program continues to be a leader. With a record-breaking 181,765 adult players part of the USA Hockey family in 2018-19, some 2,000 new adult players have been added since the 2017-18 season.

At one of the season's most highly anticipated events – the Labatt Blue/USA Hockey Pond Hockey National Championships – 280 teams across 20 divisions descended upon Dollar Lake in Eagle River, Wisconsin, to compete in the annual February event. The majority of divisions in the tournament were full within minutes of registration going live.

The 2018-19 USA Hockey Adult Classic Championship series featured 10 tournaments in cities across the country from Anchorage, Alaska, to Charlotte, North Carolina, and Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition, several adult-specific events were held in conjunction with NHL partners across the league.

The popular Adult National Championships included 17 divisions in 2018-19, seven of which were women-specific. Men's adult nationals took place at the Florida Hospital Center Ice facility in Wesley Chapel, Florida, while the women's event was held at Clearwater Ice Arena and Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex in Clearwater and Ellenton, Florida.

The American Collegiate Hockey Association remains an integral part of USA Hockey's adult program, featuring over 500 men's and women's teams playing non-varsity college hockey. ACHA players made up the men's and women's U.S. National University Teams for the 2019 Winter World University Games. The women's team finished fourth in the event while the men's squad was seventh.

Joint efforts between USA Hockey and registered adult leagues around the country continued to help grow the sport during the 2018-19 season. First Goal, a program that provides USA Hockey registered adult hockey leagues a national platform of resources to introduce new adults to the sport, has provided more than 700 sets of new equipment to adult leagues across the nation.



COACHING EDUCATION

USA HOCKEY CONTINUES to be a recognized leader in coaching education, not only in the United States, but across the world. With the efforts of district coaches-in-chief, more than 200 instructors at the grassroots level and the USA Hockey staff, some 60,000 coaches were provided education in 2018-19. Continually evolving, the program provides coaches across the country with fresh material every season while motivating them to learn new techniques and philosophies. Taking what they've learned from education seminars, those coaches go on to inspire players at every level throughout the country, growing the game and nurturing talent in every age group.

With the mindset of expanding and refining coaching education at USA Hockey, coaches-in-chief and ADM regional managers met in Buffalo, New York, during the 2019 NCAA Men's Frozen Four to discuss USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program curriculum. The intent of the meetings was to both explore the program's successes as well as strategize on how to continue improving coaching education as a whole. Additionally, regional coaches participated in a two-day women's high-performance workshop and symposium during the 2019 NCAA Women's Frozen Four to continue discussion on female skill development, practice planning and growing the girls and women's game at the grassroots level.

USA Hockey's focus on educating the educators continued in 2018-19 to help ensure quality coaching education throughout the country. Educators were provided opportunities to further develop their teaching and presentation skills and modified efforts will be implemented in the coming season to continue to enhance the process.

In addition, the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program:

- ➔ Added nearly 1,500 new coaches nationwide and conducted nearly 800 coaching clinics around the United States in 2018-19.
- ➔ Expanded disabled hockey coaching clinics and educational resources.
- ➔ Further developed its goaltending coaching program. Piloted during the 2017-18 season, this program has three tiers of education all preceded by the Goaltending for All Ages online module. The module covers the basics in goaltending coaching and development, giving every coach a level of comfort and confidence in teaching the position. USA Hockey's mission is to demystify the goaltending position and boost goalie development nationwide by giving all coaches – not just goalie coaches – the tools to teach their netminders. With the addition of this new program, USA Hockey became the first hockey federation in the world to blend a position-specific coaching education program within its traditional program.
- ➔ Produced 10 e-newsletters to serve as a regular connection and method to update coaches with the most pertinent, actionable information for the specific age level they are coaching.
- ➔ Continued to work with the NHL, NCAA, ACHA, AHCA and numerous high school federations to provide educational opportunities for all of our partners.



OFFICIATING EDUCATION

USA HOCKEY'S continued efforts to advance the quality and efficiency of officiating education at all levels of the game in the United States during the 2018-19 season.

In 2019, USA Hockey hosted its first-ever Advanced Officiating Symposium, a new initiative to provide enhanced education and benefit to the top officials from around the country. Staged in Bloomington, Minnesota, the event featured some of the most accomplished officials in the game and offered a unique chance for collaboration aimed at improving the overall landscape of officiating in the United States.

Additional updates were made to the online registration and profile management tools available to officials to increase efficiency and user-friendliness. The modernized online portal continues to offer officials the opportunity to easily access and register for education seminars in nearby regions in order to fulfill annual requirements.

The 2018-19 season included growth in the number of registered officials across the country for a fifth consecutive year with some 25,400 officials part of the USA Hockey family.

On the international stage, a total of 29 American officials earned the right to represent the United States at various IIHF world championships in 2018-19.

As the number of officials continues to grow, USA Hockey remains committed to developing the best educational materials possible and continually strive to find the best ways to serve the overall officiating community and the sport itself.





VOLUNTEERS

THE SECRET TO THE SUCCESS of USA Hockey has always been the volunteers across the nation that provide the foundation for the sport in communities in all 50 states.

From the outset of USA Hockey's existence – a journey that was born out of a shoebox in Tom Lockhart's New York City apartment in 1937 – to today, where USA Hockey stands proud as one of the country's leading national governing bodies – the prosperity enjoyed in all facets of the organization indeed continues to start with volunteers at the grassroots level.

The thousands of women and men that dedicate their time to the sport help ensure local associations flourish and that families have a positive experience.

Each year, USA Hockey recognizes one person with its most prestigious honor – the Wm. Thayer Tutt Award. The distinction is bestowed upon a volunteer who, during many years of service, has displayed a selfless dedication to the enhancement of ice hockey at the grassroots level in America. The 2019 recipient was Grant Helms.



GRANT HELMS

While Grant Helms' own hockey playing career may have never extended beyond backyard outdoor rinks, his selfless attitude – evident both by his time as a firefighter and years within the Midland Amateur

Hockey League – has helped thousands of kids play and love the game for more than 45 years.

Name a role within the Midland Amateur Hockey League and chances are Helms has held it. While rising through the fire department ranks – eventually becoming battalion chief – Helms expanded his service within the MAHL. After a few years as an assistant coach, he then took on camp director duties before eventually holding roles like director-at-large, tournament director and eventually registrar.

Since 1988, Helms has also been involved with the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, serving a variety of roles before attaining his current position as MAHA's risk manager. He also fulfilled several positions with USA Hockey, including risk manager for Michigan and team leader at USA Hockey camps in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Buffalo, New York and Rochester, New York.

Despite all his administrative work within the MAHL and MAHA, Helms is perhaps best known – and to this day remembered – for the impact he made to the lives of those who came through those organizations. A lifelong bachelor with no children, Helms continues to call Midland home and views the kids who have come through the MAHL ranks since 1973 as family.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

DAVE KLASNICK



Dave Klasnick, who passed away in August of 2018, will be remembered for so many wonderful things, among them his eternal optimism, positive energy, and desire to move hockey forward, particularly in helping make sure the sport was a great experience for kids and families all across America.

Klasnick served on the USA Hockey Board of Directors for nearly three decades, including since 2006 until his passing as a vice president of the organization and chair of the Youth Council.

Klasnick, who also served on The USA Hockey Foundation Board of Directors for 13 years, was involved in many other areas of USA Hockey during his time on the Board, including serving as a District Director; as a member of the High School Section; and on several committees, including nominating, playing rules, and finance and investment.

"Dave was one of the most genuine and honest human beings you'll ever come across," said Jim Smith, president of USA Hockey. "His passion for our sport was unmatched and he will be sorely missed."

NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

THE NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM completed its 22nd season of play in 2018-19, its fifth since relocating from Ann Arbor to Plymouth, Michigan. The NTDP is the pinnacle of amateur player development in the United States as it trains and develops top players during a two-year residency, emphasizing athletic, academic and social development.

The athletes that make up the NTDP are the best 16- and 17-year-old players in the United States. They're split into two teams – the U.S. National Under-17 and U.S. National Under-18 Teams – and both squads face a rigorous domestic schedule against older, more experienced players in the USHL. The U18s also compete against NCAA Division I and III opponents. Against collegiate competition in '18-19, they registered a program best 10-6-1 mark, including a win at top-ranked St. Cloud State.

Each team is also afforded the chance to participate in three international events each season.

The opportunity for players to make the U.S. National Team that participates in the IIHF U18 Men's World Championship is the ultimate goal to finish a player's tenure at the NTDP.

The main focus of the NTDP is to develop players both on and off the ice for participation on U.S. National Teams and for success at the next levels of hockey, including ultimately the NHL.

Eight NTDP players were selected in the first round of the 2019 NHL Draft, buoyed by Jack Hughes (Orlando, Fla.), who became the fifth NTDP player to be selected first overall. In total, 18 members of the NTDP were selected throughout the draft, the most ever in a single class.

Since its inception in 1996, the National Team Development Program has produced 328 NHL Draft picks, while 464 NTDP alums have skated for NCAA programs.



**THE HEROES
ARE COMING**



NATIONAL TEAMS

The United States enjoyed remarkable success on the international stage during the 2018-19 season. The only nation to medal in five of the six major world championships, Team USA brought home gold in both the IIHF Women's World Championship and the Para Sled Hockey World Championship, and earned silver medals in the IIHF World Junior Championship and IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. In addition, the U.S. won its 16th straight medal at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, earning bronze at the 2019 event.

SENIOR TEAMS

The U.S. Women's National Team claimed its fifth consecutive IIHF Women's World Championship crown, defeating Finland by a 2-1 count in a shootout in the gold-medal game. The 2019 IIHF Women's World Championship marked the first time that 10 teams were invited to participate, two more than previous editions of the event. Leading up to the final contest, the U.S. topped Finland (6-2), Canada (3-2), Switzerland (8-0), Russia (10-0) and Japan (4-0) before defeating Russia, 8-0, in the semifinals. Team USA has won eight of the last nine women's world championships, dating back to 2008.

The U.S. Women's National Team also competed in the first-ever Rivalry Series, a joint effort between USA Hockey and Hockey Canada that included the national teams from both countries facing off in a three-game series. Canada hosted the first two contests, with the U.S. taking the opener by 1-0 count on Feb. 12 in London, Ont., before Canada earned a 4-3 victory in Toronto on Feb. 14. The series finale – played on Feb. 17 at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit as part of Hockey Week Across America – ended with Canada gaining a 2-0 win.

The U.S. Men's National Team skated to a seventh-place finish at the 2019 IIHF Men's World Championship, compiling a 4-1-0-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record. The U.S. tallied five wins, including a 3-2 overtime victory over Finland, and two losses in preliminary play to finish fourth in Group A before falling, 4-3, to Russia in the quarterfinal round.

JUNIOR TEAM

The U.S. National Junior Team skated to a 5-0-1-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record at the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship in Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, and earned the silver medal. It was the record fourth straight year the U.S. medaled in the event.

Team USA defeated Slovakia (2-1), Kazakhstan (8-2), and Finland (4-1), before falling to Sweden, 5-4, in overtime to finish second in Group B play. After topping the Czech Republic, 3-1, in the quarterfinals, the U.S. defeated Russia, 2-1, in the semifinals. In the gold-medal game, the U.S. rallied from a 2-0 deficit to equal the game in the third period, but Finland tallied with 1:26 left in regulation to earn a 3-2 victory.



UNDER-18 TEAMS

The U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team brought home the silver medal at the 2019 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship to extend its unprecedented medal streak in tournament play to 12 straight in the event. Team USA went undefeated in preliminary round play with wins over Russia (3-2), Canada (3-2), and Sweden (2-0). The U.S. then topped Finland, 7-1, in the semifinals before suffering a 3-2 overtime setback to Canada in the gold-medal game. The U.S. finished with a 4-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record.

The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team defeated Canada, 5-2, in its final outing of the 2019 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship to earn the bronze medal. The U.S. suffered just one defeat in the tournament, that a 3-2 shootout loss to Russia in the semifinals.

Team USA earned wins over Sweden (6-1), Slovakia (12-5), Russia (6-3), and Latvia (7-1) in the preliminary round before defeating Finland by a 6-0 count in the quarterfinals. Overall, the U.S. finished with a 6-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record.



SLED TEAM

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team claimed its record-setting fourth world championship gold medal in the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, Czech Republic. The U.S. skated to a perfect 3-0 record in Group A, with wins over Canada (3-1), South Korea (4-0) and

Norway (10-0). After topping host Czech Republic by a 10-2 count in the semifinals, the U.S. came from behind three different times to defeat Canada, 3-2, in overtime in the gold-medal game. Team USA went undefeated in the event, compiling a 4-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record en route to its top of the podium finish.

NTDP TEAMS

Teams from USA Hockey's National Team Development Program competed in five international tournaments, with the U.S. National Under-18 Team earning top honors at the 2018 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament and third place at the 2019 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament. In addition, the U.S. National Under-17 Team took second place at the 2018 Under-17 Four Nations Tournament and third at the Under-17 Five Nations Tournament, while also placing eighth at the 2018 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

SELECT TEAMS

The U.S. Junior Select team topped Russia, 2-0, in the title game of the 2018 World Junior A Challenge to claim its fifth championship in the last seven years with a 3-1-1-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record.

The U.S. Women's Under-18 and Under-22 Select Teams each competed against Canada in a three-game series in Lake Placid, New York. Canada won the opening game of the U18 series by a 5-4 count, while Team USA earned a 3-2 overtime victory in game two. Canada won the series finale, 2-0. In the U22 series, the U.S. earned a 4-3 overtime win in game one and a 4-2 victory in the second contest, while Canada won the final game by a 2-1 count.

The U.S. Men's Under-17 Select Team competed at the Under-17 Five Nations tournament in Füssen, Germany, finishing second behind the Czech Republic, while the U.S. Men's Under-18 Select Team placed sixth at the 2019 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.





SIGNATURE EVENTS



TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE

The continued growth of the number of youth hockey players in America can be tied back, in part, to two nationwide Try Hockey for Free days each season. The objective is simple – introduce new players and families to the game.

The focus of the events is to give children ages four through nine that have never played hockey a chance to try the game. Equipment is supplied without cost and thousands of certified volunteers across the country provide instruction and encouragement.

A total of 12,564 new kids turned out at more than 450 locations across the country on Nov. 10 for the first national Try Hockey for Free day. Wisconsin led the way welcoming 1,201 participants, while the largest single-site turnout came through the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Hockey Association, with 154 participants.

Then, as part of Hockey Week Across America, a total of 12,042 tried hockey for free on Feb. 23 at some 340 locations nationally. The Colorado Rampage from Monument, Colorado, led the nation in participants with 304 over three sessions, while the state of Michigan had the most total new players try the sport with 959.

SportsEngine is the presenting sponsor of Try Hockey for Free, while Chipotle and Pure Hockey are official sponsors.

HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA

What began as Hockey Weekend Across America back in 2008 was permanently expanded to a week-long celebration starting with the 12th edition in Feb. 2019.

With an objective to showcase the game at all levels and expose the sport to new audiences, each day of Hockey Week Across America included a theme, with the traditional Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey (Friday); Try Hockey (Saturday); and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes (Sunday), joining Salute to Players (Monday), Salute to Coaches (Tuesday), Salute to Officials (Wednesday) and Salute to Local Rinks (Thursday).

NBC's Hockey Day in America helped kick off the celebration on Sunday with nine-plus hours of hockey programming, while USA Hockey also hosted a Rivalry Series game, presented by TCF Bank, between the women's national teams of the U.S. and Canada at Little Caesar's Arena in Detroit that day.

Saturday's Try Hockey Day included a total of 12,042 boys and girls that had a chance to try the sport for the very first time without cost in all corners of the nation as part of Try Hockey for Free, presented by SportsEngine.

A total of 37 young officials were provided the opportunity to meet and learn from current NHL officials in conjunction of 19 NHL games through the course of the week as part of Hockey Week Across America.



U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Nashville hosted the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Celebration for the first time with the brand new JW Marriott serving as the venue for hockey's grand celebration.

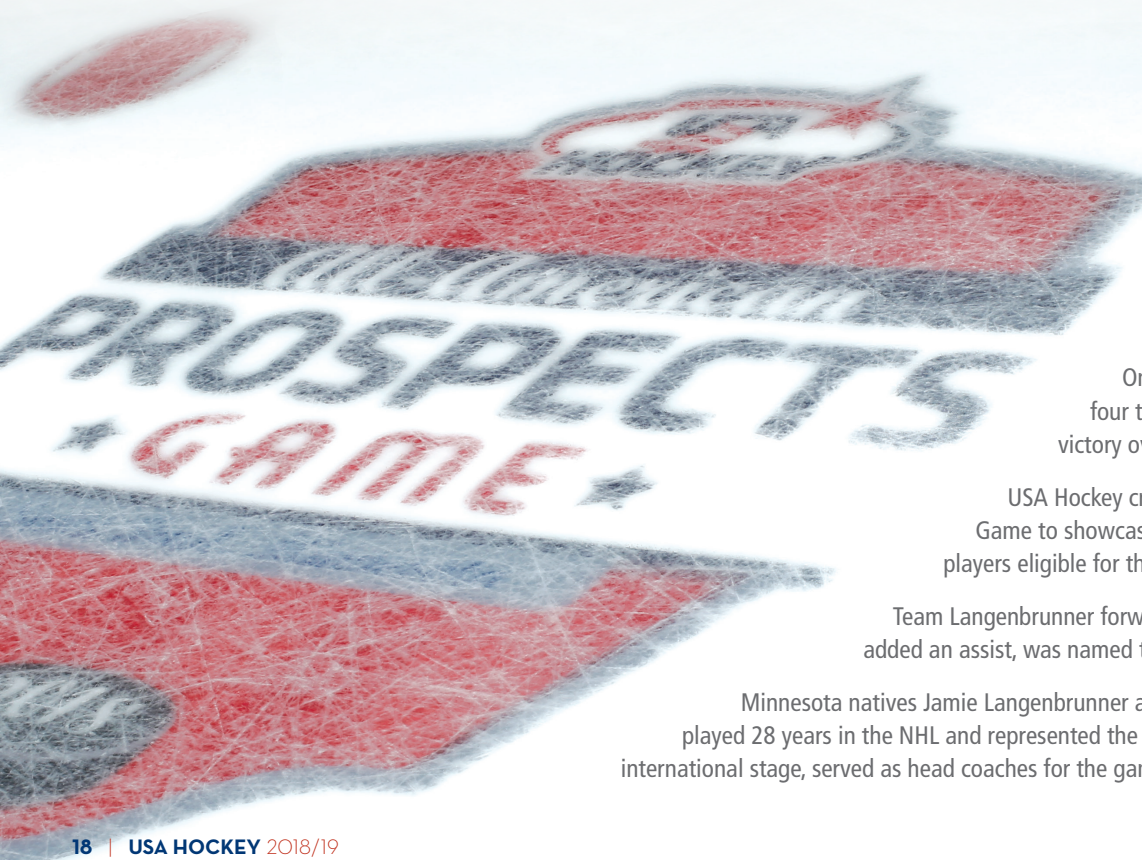
A capacity crowd witnessed the formal induction of five new members into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, including Gordon "Red"

Berenson, Natalie Darwitz, the late Hago Harrington, David Poile and Paul Stewart.

For the ninth straight year, ESPN's Steve Levy, one of the top personalities in sports television, served as master of ceremonies.

The Class of 2018 is permanently honored on the Great Wall of Fame at the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum in Eveleth, Minnesota.

The evening's festivities also included the presentation of the Lester Patrick Trophy, which was awarded posthumously to Jim Johannson. An award of the NHL, the Lester Patrick Trophy is given to individuals who have helped advance hockey in the U.S. and was presented as part of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Celebration for the eighth straight year.



USA HOCKEY ALL-AMERICAN PROSPECTS GAME

The seventh annual USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game ventured to St. Paul, Minnesota, for the first time with Xcel Energy Center, home of the NHL's Minnesota Wild, serving as the host venue.

On the ice, Team Langenbrunner used four third period goals enroute to a 6-4 victory over Team Leopold on Sept. 19.

USA Hockey created the All-American Prospects Game to showcase and celebrate the top American players eligible for the upcoming NHL Draft.

Team Langenbrunner forward Matt Boldy, who scored twice and added an assist, was named the Player of the Game.

Minnesota natives Jamie Langenbrunner and Jordan Leopold, who combined played 28 years in the NHL and represented the United States 12 times on the international stage, served as head coaches for the game.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The culmination of each season is the series of national championships conducted by USA Hockey across the country. Below is a list of national champions crowned in 2018-19.

YOUTH TIER I

14-and-under:	Little Caesars (Mich.)
15-only:	Little Caesars (Mich.)
16-and-under:	Pittsburgh Pens Elite (Penn.)
18-and-under:	Central CT Selects (Conn.)

YOUTH TIER II

14-and-under (1A):	Atlanta Fire Elite (Ga.)
14-and-under (2A):	Carolina Jr. Hurricanes (N.C.)
14-and-under (3A):	Chesterfield Falcons (Mo.)
16-and-under (1A):	Jr. Vegas Golden Knights (Nev.)
16-and-under (2A):	Anchorage North Stars (Alaska)
16-and-under (3A):	Cheektowaga Hockey (N.Y.)
18-and-under (1A):	Atlanta Phoenix (Ga.)
18-and-under (2A):	Maine Moose (Maine)
18-and-under (3A):	Team Ohio (Ohio)

GIRLS TIER I

14-and-under:	Pittsburgh Pens Elite (Pa.)
16-and-under:	Chicago Mission (Ill.)
19-and-under:	Boston Jr. Eagles (Mass.)

GIRLS TIER II

14-and-under:	North Shore Vipers (Mass.)
16-and-under:	Vermont Shamrocks (Vt.)
19-and-under:	Boston Jr. Eagles (Mass.)

SLED HOCKEY

Adult Sled:	Chicago Blackhawks (Ill.)
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HIGH SCHOOL

Pure:	Santa Margarita Catholic H.S. (Calif.)
Combined:	Boulder/Monarch (Colo.)
Girls:	Team Texas (Texas)

JUNIOR

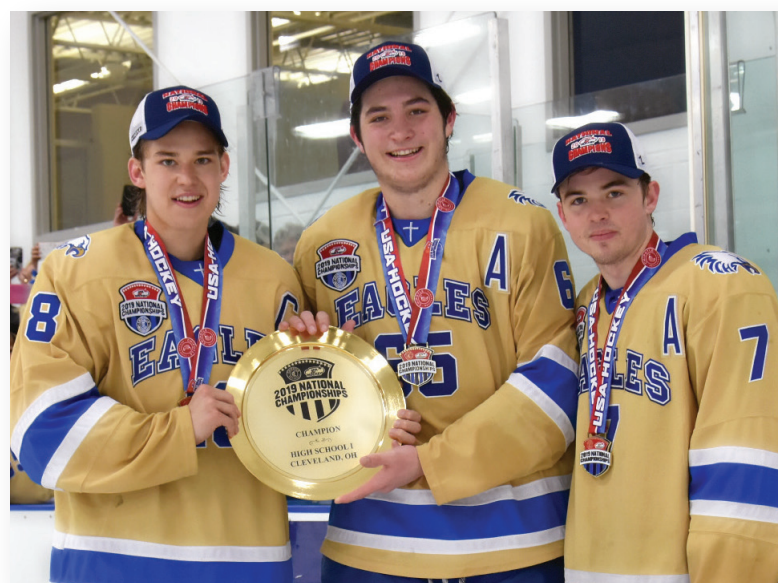
Tier I (USHL):	Sioux Falls Stampede (S.D.)
Tier II (NAHL):	Aberdeen Wings (S.D.)

ADULT MEN

Rec. 40-and-over Tier I:	Red Dogs (Ill.)
Rec. 50-and-over Tier I:	Puffins (Fla.)
Rec. 50-and-over Tier II:	Labatts Nationals (Fla.)
Rec. 50-and-over Tier III:	Team 802 (Vt.)
Rec. 50-and-over Tier IV:	Elder Jackets (Ill.)
Rec. 60-and-over Tier I:	Heartland Hockey (Minn.)
Rec. 60-and-over Tier II:	Tampa Tropics (Fla.)
Rec. 65-and-over Tier I:	Heartland Hockey (Minn.)
Rec. 70-and-over Tier I:	Florida Leafs (Fla.)
Rec. 70-and-over Tier II:	Michigan Sting 70+ (Mich.)

ADULT WOMEN

Rec. 30-and-over Tier I:	Assabet Valley (Mass.)
Rec. 30-and-over Tier II:	Fusion (Minn.)
Rec. 40-and-over Tier I:	Hinote's Heroes (Minn.)
Rec. 40-and-over Tier II:	New England Beer Cats (N.H.)
Rec. 50-and-over Tier II:	Spice on Ice (Minn.)
Rec. 50-and-over Tier III:	Helles Bells (Mass.)
Rec. 60-and-over Tier I:	Really Old Jets (Ill.)



CORPORATE PARTNERS

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The 2018-19 season was extremely positive for USA Hockey with five existing sponsor agreements being renewed and extended, and four new sponsors signing on to be part of the USA Hockey family.

Those new sponsors include BioSteel, Navy Federal Credit Union, TCF Bank and TRUE Hockey, bringing the total number of major corporate partners involved with USA Hockey to more than 25.

RETAIL

USA Hockey's three brick and mortar retail stores – with two in Lake Placid, New York, and one in Las Vegas – performed well, with sales exceeding projections by more than 50 percent during the 2018-19 season. Sales through USA Hockey's online store were lower than projected, however, with MainGate taking over the hosting, fulfillment, marketing and sales efforts, the expectations are for increased revenue during the upcoming season.

USA Hockey's list of licensees increased by three in 2018-19, bringing the total to 17 companies who deliver a diverse line of officially licensed products to the marketplace.



2018-19 PARTNERS & SUPPLIERS



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2019

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	11,288,336	12,715,832
Accounts receivable	2,197,197	1,487,665
Due from USA Hockey Foundation	1,233,736	1,292,033
Grants receivable	3,939,143	3,908,183
Prepaid expenses	1,794,542	2,353,235
Total Current Assets	\$20,452,954	\$21,756,948
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
At cost	8,202,698	7,455,261
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,087,654)	(5,412,555)
Total Property and Equipment	\$2,115,044	\$2,042,706
OTHER ASSETS		
Investment in HARP	750,000	750,000
Total Other Assets	\$750,000	\$750,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$23,317,998	\$24,549,654

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2019	2018
Accounts payable	3,216,605	3,141,378
Accrued payroll and related benefits	562,862	589,490
Due to USA Hockey Foundation	13,748	47,891
Deferred revenue	18,140,990	16,055,184
Total Current Liabilities	\$21,934,205	\$19,833,943
NET ASSETS		
Net assets without restrictions	1,383,793	4,715,711
Net assets with restrictions	—	—
Total Net Assets	\$1,383,793	\$4,715,711
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$23,317,998	\$24,549,654

*These statements represent USA Hockey, Inc. only and do not include The USA Hockey Foundation. The USA Hockey Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation. The majority of The USA Hockey Foundation Board of Directors are appointed by the USA Hockey Board of Directors.

REVENUE BREAKDOWN

2018-19

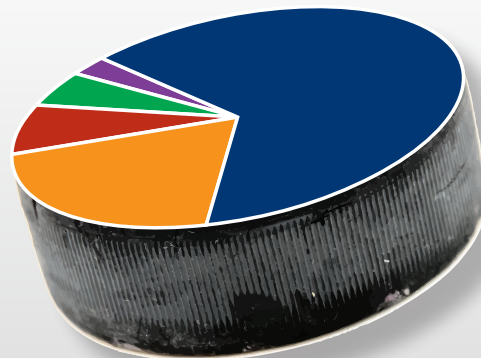
Dues & Membership
Registrations **62.59%**

Grants **23.17%**

Corporate Sponsorship **7.26%**

Tournaments & Exhibitions **4.69%**

Advertising, Merchandise
Sales & Other Income **2.29%**



UNRESTRICTED REVENUES, EXPENSES & OTHER CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

REVENUE	2019	2018
Membership registrations and dues	27,193,969	26,809,333
Corporate sponsorship	3,156,370	3,485,993
USOPC grants	1,476,280	1,981,145
Tournaments and exhibitions	2,037,601	10,728,523
Interest and dividends	12,712	1,004,294
Advertising and merchandise sales net of cost	383,210	412,401
Other income	598,088	473,194
USA Hockey Foundation grants	8,588,502	8,393,755
Total Revenue	\$43,446,732	\$53,288,638
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Membership services	9,970,476	10,774,418
Membership development	1,049,950	911,822
National team development	4,370,773	4,269,247
International programs	8,573,764	9,894,335
Player development	2,840,902	2,824,016
Officials	2,751,602	3,057,315
Coaching	2,192,083	2,320,634
Junior program	680,250	525,806
Youth program	833,092	767,809
Adult program	1,741,956	1,390,691
American Development Model	1,856,471	1,786,508
Annual Congress/Winter Meetings	1,104,541	1,042,558
Total Program Services	\$37,965,860	\$39,565,159
Supporting Services		
General and administrative	7,409,429	6,703,481
Marketing and fundraising	1,403,361	1,643,265
Total Supporting Services	\$8,812,790	\$8,346,746
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(\$3,331,918)	\$5,376,733