



THE AMERICAN SPECIAL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
 37 KENILWORTH ROAD ~ BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK 13903 ~ (607) 765-4529
2024/2025 MEMBER TEAM APPLICATION

To be a team in good standing, the member organization would document through registration that ALL coaches, Jr. Coaches, Volunteers and Athletes* are registered and determined eligible for participation. All registrants age 18 (as of December 31, 2023 or older, are required to be compliant with the Safe Sport Act regulations. For any practice, activity or event to be sanctioned by ASHA, all participants would require approved 2024/2025 registration. All special events must be approved with ASHA Administration no less than 14 days in advance of the special event. In submitting this application, the requestor agrees to abide by this expectation.

Team Name		
Mailing Address	City	State Zip
Team Manager	Team Manager Contact	Team Manager Email
Head Coach	Head Coach Contact	Head Coach Email
Team Registrar	Team Registrar Contact	Team Registrar Email
Rink Name	Rink Contact Name	Rink Contact Email
Rink Location Address	City	State Zip

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION (NEEDED FROM ALL APPLICANTS)
 (IF THE ORGANIZATION IS NEW OR FORMING – PLEASE NOTE KEY PERSONNEL INVOLVED INSTEAD OF BOARD MEMBERS)

State & EIN	IRS Tax Status
Board President/Chairman	Board/Vice Chair
Name	Name
Board Secretary	Board Treasurer
Name	Name
Please Attach (New Organizations Only)	Registrations & Membership:
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of IRS Determination Letter <input type="checkbox"/> or Letter of Explanation (explain the status of your organization)	Will your team be hosting any festivals or interstate events? <i>Please submit an 2024/2025 Event Sanctioning Form</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you have equipment needs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Website	Facebook	Twitter	Instagram
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* Athletes who are being introduced to the sport are considered special guests and covered for first two events with appropriate release forms on file.

Application Reviewed & Approved (Region) _____



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2024/2025 EVENT SANCTIONING REQUEST

This form is required for all special events & festivals

EVENT NAME:

Team Name

Mailing Address	City	State Zip
Team Manager	Team Manager Contact	Team Manager Email
Head Coach	Head Coach Contact	Head Coach Email
Event Rink Name	Event Rink Contact Name	Event Rink Contact Email
Event Rink Location Address	Event City	Event State Zip

EVENT INFORMATION

Event Coordinator Name	Event Coordinator Contact Phone
Event Coordinator Email	# of Teams Expected
Will this Event host a party or Off-Ice Event. (If Yes, how many people are expected to attend)	If Insurance is required for Off Ice Location, please note location name, address, dates & times
Game Types <input type="checkbox"/> A Level Games <input type="checkbox"/> B Level Games <input type="checkbox"/> C Level Game	Will your team require a fee to participate? If so, how much _____ <div style="background-color: #ffe6e6; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">If you have any questions regarding the game format and your event, please contact ASHA. "Mixed Bench" Games are accepted for smaller events, with a written risk management plan and agreement of all participating parties</div>

Hotels/Accommodation Information

If this is an invitational event: Please list expected teams.

By signing this request, you agree to abide by all Locker Room Rules, Codes of Conduct, and agree to submit verified rosters 7 days in advance of event start.

Team Manager/ Head Coach Signature _____

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THE ABC'S OF SPECIAL HOCKEY

SPECIAL HOCKEY GUIDELINES

Each coach should attempt to match lines with similarly skilled players from the other team.

The more skilled players from a team should be matched with players of the same skill level from another team.

At the lower levels, if a team has an odd number of players and requests to skate 6 players on a line instead of 5, they must ask permission from the opposing coach and inform the referee before the start of the game.

A special effort should be made to control any "A" level player playing in a "B" game not to ruin it for the rest of the players. No player should be double shifted if it can be helped.

During any game on the lower skill level or where the outcome is lopsided and the coaches agree, extra penalty shots can be awarded by the referee to help improve the game and give some players a chance to shoot on net. The coaches can designate which players get the shot.

Coaches should rate players/teams appropriately

Important that game/event organizers match teams by ability whenever possible

RATING YOUR SPECIAL HOCKEY PLAYER

A LEVEL (A+ TO A-)

- able to skate unassisted
- able to play at a faster pace
- able to play structured game with minimal to no assistance
- has more advanced hockey skills (skating, stick handling, passing, and shooting)
- has better understanding of game rules and concepts
- able to follow rules / instruction / drills
- always engaged in the play
- has the ability to change on the fly
- needs no prompting

B LEVEL (B+ TO B-)

- able to skate unassisted
- able to play at a mid-level pace
- able to play structured game with minimal assistance
- has mid-level hockey skills (skating, stick handling, passing, and shooting)
- has basic understanding of game rules and concepts
- able to follow rules / instruction / drills (occasional prompting may be needed)
- always (or mostly) engaged in the play
- may need assistance in positioning
- may need occasional prompting

C LEVEL (C+ TO C-)

- may need assistance in skating (use of walker or volunteer)
- able to play at a slower pace
- needs assistance to play structured game
- has lower level hockey skills (skating, stick handling, passing, and shooting)
- has limited understanding of game rules and concepts
- has difficulty following rules / instruction / drills
- may need some (or constant) prompting to engage in the play
- needs assistance in positioning

A LEVEL GAMES

- Each team may have 5 skaters plus 1 goaltender on the ice during play, unless the goalie has been pulled for an extra attacker
- No coaches on the ice (exceptions may be granted for safety purposes)
- No player should be double shifted if it can be helped
- Players to change on the fly (no buzzer)
- Score will be kept (maximum 4 goal difference on scoreboard)
- Penalties will result in a penalty shot. The penalty shot must be taken by the player who was interfered with, if possible. In addition to the penalty shot, a 2 minute penalty will be served in the penalty box by the offending player if the referee or player's coach thinks they should. At no time will any team serving a penalty have less than 5 skaters on the ice
- Coaches are expected to make an effort not to run up the score in the event of a lopsided game

B LEVEL GAMES

- Each team may have 5 skaters plus 1 goaltender on the ice during play (1 or 2 "roamers" may be on the ice during play with coaches consent)
- Two (2) mentors are allowed on the ice but are not to interfere with the play
- No player should be double shifted if it can be helped
- Players change shifts on the buzzer (on the fly can be done with coaches' agreement)
- Score will be kept (maximum 4 goal difference on scoreboard)
- A special effort should be made to control any "A" player playing in a "B" game to avoid any domination of the game at the expense of the other players
- Penalties will result in a penalty shot. The penalty shot must be taken by the player who was interfered with, if possible. In addition to the penalty shot, a 2 minute penalty will be served in the penalty box by the offending player if the referee or player's coach thinks they should. At no time will any team serving a penalty have less than 5 skaters on the ice
- Extra penalty shots can be awarded by the referee to help improve the game and give some players a chance to shoot on net (with coaches' consent)
- Coaches are expected to make an effort not to run up the score in the event of a lopsided game

C LEVEL GAMES

- Each team may have 5 skaters plus 1 goaltender on the ice during play (2 or more "roamers" may be on the ice during play with coaches consent)
- Three (3) mentors are allowed on the ice (they may assist in the play with coaches' consent)
- Players change shifts on the buzzer
- Scoreboard will be utilized but each team awarded a goal when one team scores (actual score may be kept with coaches' agreement)
- A special effort should be made to control any "B" player playing in a "C" game to avoid any domination of the game at the expense of the other players
- Penalties will result in a penalty shot. The penalty shot may be taken by any player
- Extra penalty shots can be awarded by the referee to help improve the game and give some players a chance to shoot on net (with coaches' consent)

