

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT USA HOCKEY REGISTRY 2015-16 SEASON

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online Registration allows individual Members to register with USA Hockey. The **Waiver of Liability** is completed during online registration; copies of Waivers are **NOT** required for those registering online.

- Instruct your members to register online and send their Confirmation number/page to you.
- Let your members know the following fees are collected during online registration: USA Hockey fee of \$40 for age 7&over and \$0 for 6&under and MASS fee of \$8 for age 7&over, \$0 for age 6&under (birth year 2009 and later).
- Connect to your Registry and click on Registration
- Select appropriate member type and scan or type the confirmation number for all participants being registered. A file listing member type and confirmation number can also be imported.
- Click on Submit Member List. All data the Participant entered during the Online Registration process will be sent to your Registry completing the registration process and allowing that Participant to be placed on a Team Roster.

Important: You must Transmit all Players and Coaches as instructed above. The online registration process is not complete until you transmit the confirmation numbers through your USAH Registry. You may then assign your players and coaches to teams and create the Official Player Roster Form.

Any adult who is on the ice or bench with youth players must be registered through your Program as a Coach – member type C (or CP if he is also a Player in your program).

Note: Online confirmation numbers are required to sign up for coach clinics, coaching modules and the coaching app along with the SafeSport online Training program.

Team Managers/Volunteer - online registration available

This registration is provided for your program to track volunteer participation through your Registry. Instruct all your approved Managers and Volunteers that they are to register online with USAH (select ice MANAGER/VOLUNTEER) and submit their confirmation numbers to you. The Manager/Volunteer confirmation number will have "XX" as the first two letters. **There is NO CHARGE for this registration.** Manager/Volunteer registration **does NOT allow** on-ice participation. A Coach/Player may act in the capacity of a manager and their confirmation number can be transmitted through your Registry as a Manager or Volunteer.

IMPORTANT: SafeSport Program Information

USA Hockey is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for all participants' physical, emotional, and social development, and has adopted the United States Olympic Committee's SafeSport training materials specifically customized for USA Hockey. This comprehensive program includes written materials, policies and a series of **online training videos** aimed at educating its members and preventing abuse. The training is available to anyone (including parents), free of charge. **All coaches are required to complete the SafeSport Training Program every two years. This training is to be completed PRIOR to any participation with youth players.** There is a refresher course available for those who took the full course and need to re-certify. The Safe Sport website will direct those eligible to the Refresher course. Everyone is encouraged to complete the Training program (Team Managers, Volunteers, parents) – see below. The link to the SafeSport website is on the home page of your USAH Registry.

The words “SafeSport Verified” will appear on the Personnel screen for any member in your program who has completed the SafeSport online training. That information will also be reflected in the Staff area of the Official Roster and the Credentials Verification form. You can also generate a SafeSport Report from your Registry.

Note:

Each time that you sign into your Registry you will receive the most current data for your members – completed coach clinics, coach modules, SafeSport video training, date of birth verification, non-US citizen transfer information, etc. – anything that has been updated since you last viewed your membership data will be there for you.

Building Teams

New this year: you will select a Team Type and a Season Type. If you have questions, contact your USA Hockey Registrar.

You will then enter **TEAM NAME** – a maximum of 35 characters – your choice.

Next comes **CATEGORY, CLASS** and **DIVISION**.

Information for High School Teams:

Division 1: All players from one school;

Division 2: Combined High School players

Coaching Education Program (CEP) Information

Note: Online confirmation numbers are required to sign up for coach clinics, coaching modules and the coaching app. Coaches are required to have completed their SafeSport Training prior to participation in their program.

All Team Rosters require at least one Coach to be assigned to the Official Roster. To be placed on a Roster, all Coaches are required to have their Safe Sport Training completed along with current CEP level and appropriate Age-Specific Module. Any Coach not in compliance will be redlined (removed) from the Roster.

MASSACHUSETTS prefers a Head Coach be designated for all Youth, High School and Girls/Women’s teams. That “Head Coach” would preferably be the highest certified Coach listed on the Team Roster

TEAM ROSTER

Remember that player signatures are no longer required on Rosters.

You will submit your Rosters through your Registry (online) to your USA Hockey Registrar and you will receive pending and approved Rosters back in your Registry. You will also receive a link to the Official Certified Roster that you can distribute as necessary. This link will remain the same all season – even if changes are made to the roster. You are still able to print Rosters if you want (but why?) – If you do print a Roster, be sure to print from the link. This is the Official Roster but with limited Player information.

Please make sure you have assigned at least ONE coach to each Team Roster; preferably a coach certified at Level 3 to begin the season.

Please Note: Girls Tier III Rosters are submitted to the respective District Registrar for approval and processing.

Girls Tier III Teams generally fall under a Local Youth Hockey Association.

A **Credential Verification Sheet (CVS)** will be created for each team with player and coach names and coach CEP information printed on the sheet. Please use the CVS for all teams going to State and/or District tournaments. Columns A-D labeled 'Local Use' do not apply and can be left blank. To create the CVS select the team from the Team list and click on Credential Verification.

Non-US Citizen Information

International Ice Hockey Federation regulations require that all non-US citizen players on youth and girls/women's classification teams be transferred by means of a letter of approval. There is no fee to process this written transfer for youth aged players. Under Forms in your Registry, there are three Transfer Forms – one for Canadian Women, one for Canadian Youth and a separate one for all other non-US citizens. Complete the appropriate form for all non-US citizen youth and girls/women's players in your program before games are played. There is a fee for transferring women's players 18 years of age or older on national championship bound teams along with male players 18 years of age or older.

In addition to a completed Transfer, non-US citizen youth and all non-US citizen female players must also provide proof of resident status in the US. This information should be kept with the team registration materials and should be provided prior to regular season games. Additional information is available on the Youth Transfer Forms.

When a non-US citizen's transfer is complete and proof of resident status has been approved by the national office, the player's record will be marked as 'Transfer Complete' in the national database. There is a column on the Player Roster and on the Credential Verification sheet that identifies non-US citizens. If the symbol is an 'O', the transfer is not complete. If the symbol includes a 'T' (valid visa) or 'S' (student visa), the Transfer is Complete.

There is a rule limiting the number of non-US players in this country without their parents (student visa) for participation on Youth and Girl's National-Tournament bound teams. All girls' national championship-bound teams are restricted to only two (2) players and all youth national championship bound teams shall be restricted to only four (4) players, in either case, that are non-U.S. citizens temporarily residing in the U.S. under any combination of the following immigration visa categories: F. Academic Students; J. Exchange Alien Visa; P. Athletes and Entertainers [excluding their spouses and children under visa category P-4]; Category M. Non-Academic Student and Q. International Cultural Exchange Program participants. This restriction does not apply to non-U.S. citizens temporarily residing in the U.S. under category P-4, referenced above, or other visa categories not referenced above, excluding category B. Temporary Visitor.

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There are a number of Forms available through your Registry including the **Participant Accident Claim Form**. Click on Forms to access. **Before you sign a claim form for USA Hockey, make sure that the participant is properly registered with your association.**