

Texas Amateur Hockey Association Requirements for Membership

The Texas Amateur Hockey Association (TAHA) is an affiliate of USA Hockey, and members of TAHA are considered associations. When you become a TAHA association, you have all the rights and privileges of USA Hockey.

TAHA has adopted a set of ten criteria that all prospective associations must have to be considered for membership. These ten criteria are as follows:

1. You are required to complete/submit the TAHA Membership Application Form, and return it along with all the requested information and a \$500 nonrefundable application fee to TAHA.
2. You are required to sign and submit the TAHA Member Association Agreement.
3. You are required to specify the official contact person for your entity. This person will be considered to be the person with the authority to give binding answers on TAHA matters. Please include this information on the application, including contact numbers such as work, home, fax, mailing address, and e-mail.
4. Your entity must have and maintain at least 50 players comprising no less than three teams registered during the course of the regular season (September through April). Player and Team registrations during the off-season (May through August) do not count towards the 50 players/3-team minimum. Please submit a directory of participants, identify where each player played the previous USA Hockey season and a statement describing the purpose of the new association, the need for the organization and its impact on hockey in the area.
5. Your entity must have adequate ice to service your organization. Please submit a statement detailing where you intend to contract/use ice and if that ice is currently being used for other recreational purposes. This statement should declare whether ice has been secured with a contract or how the ice will be made available to the organization.
6. Your entity must be incorporated (or other appropriate registered business entity) and in good standing with the State of [Incorporation] formation, have By-Laws and Officers. Please submit a copy of your registered Articles of Incorporation (Formation), a copy of your By-Laws and a list of your current officers.
7. If your entity is incorporated as a not-for-profit entity, then you must provide Directors and Officers Insurance (D&O). Please submit a copy of the D&O retainer, policy or other evidence of existence.
8. Submit a letter of recommendation from an Association in good standing with TAHA that supports your organizations application for membership.
9. Declare your organization's intended (sustainable) development plan for developing hockey and the type of players/teams you intend to support. (This declaration should indicate if the organization has a specific purpose such as to provide an association intended for high school age players and teams, adult teams or youth recreation hockey.)
10. Declare the Association name for which all teams will be called.

Please also include any information that you feel that other TAHA associations would need or like to better understand your entity's plans and goals and that would be of benefit in considering your application.

If your application is accepted, you will remain a member until such time as these minimum requirements are no longer being met. If you are applying for membership and do not meet all of the requirements, you may be accepted with the stipulation that you have one year to meet such requirements, and your failure to meet all of the requirements within a year will cause you to lose your association status.

New organizations seeking TAHA membership as an Association must meet the following deadlines:

1. Application and associated documentation submitted by June 1 of each calendar year for organizations seeking to field teams during the upcoming season in the Tier I, Tier II or House/Recreation USA Hockey Classification category and intending to play in TAHA recognized travel leagues or USA Hockey sanctioned tournaments.
2. Application and associated documentation may be submitted throughout the year for organizations seeking to field teams in the House/Recreation USA Hockey Classification category and intending to participate in in-house recreational leagues.
3. All other Applications will be handled as stipulated in #1.

The TAHA Executive Board may permit or prevent the acceptance of a new association; if, in their discretion the new association would or would not be in the best interests of amateur hockey in their geographic area or in the state.

Texas Amateur Hockey Association
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME OF ENTITY: _____

STATE OF INCORPORATION: _____

TYPE OF INCORPORATION: _____

ADDRESS OF ENTITY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

TAHA Association Membership Approval Process

When an organization is applying to TAHA for membership as an Association the approval process is as follows:

Roles and Responsibilities

TAHA President

- Distributes Association Application Package to interested group
- Oversees Association Membership process
- Grants tentative approval of Association membership upon recommendation from Texas Associate Registrar- USA Hockey
- Reviews Association Application with TAHA Executive Committee for formal approval

Texas Associate Registrar — USA Hockey

- Collects and reviews Association Application Package
- Interfaces with applying Association to ensure Application Package is complete
- Notifies TAHA President when Application Package is ready for approval
- Notifies USA Hockey of the new Association membership

Approval Process

Upon receipt of the complete Association Application Package, the Texas Associate Registrar will review for completeness. In most cases, the Texas Associate Registrar or designate will contact the organization making the application and schedule a time to review the application package in detail prior to submitting the package to the TAHA President. Once the TAHA President has had the opportunity to review the Association Application Package, he/she will make a determination if the applying organization has met the intent of the TAHA Association Membership Requirements and may grant tentative approval of Association status. In any event, the final approval is not granted until the TAHA Executive Board meets at their next scheduled meeting to vote on extending the Association membership. The TAHA Executive Board may permit or prevent the acceptance of a new association; if in their discretion the new association would or would not be in the best interests of amateur hockey in their geographic area or in the state.

Annual Declaration

Each year TAHA will solicit all member Associations to declare the number of teams they intend to field during the upcoming season. This declaration will be used to assist in monitoring an Associations continued participation and compliance with the TAHA Membership Requirements.

Membership Continuation

Each TAHA Association is expected to maintain their ability to meet each requirement listed in the TAHA Association Membership Requirements. Failing to do so may result in immediate withdrawal of Association Membership. The TAHA Executive Board maintains the right to cancel an Associations membership, at any time it is deemed necessary, when the organization fails to meet the intent of the membership requirements or any of the requirements.