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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### and Summary of Insurance Coverages for Members



#### WELCOME TO USA HOCKEY

USA Hockey, Inc., is the National Governing Body for the sport of ice hockey in the United States. Its mission is to promote the growth of hockey in America and provide the best possible experience for all participants by encouraging, developing, advancing and administering the sport.

USA Hockey's primary emphasis is on the support and development of grassroots hockey programs. In January 2009, the organization launched the American Development Model, which - for the first time ever - provides associations nationwide with a blueprint for optimal athlete development.

While youth hockey is a main focus, USA Hockey also has vibrant junior and adult hockey programs that provide opportunities for players of all ability levels. The organization also supports a growing disabled hockey program and maintains an inline hockey program to provide structure and support for its growth across the nation.

Beyond serving those who play the game at the amateur level, USA Hockey has certification programs for coaches and officials to ensure education standards are met that coincide with the level of play. Furthermore, a large focus is put on parent education with equipment needs, rules of the game and parental roles in youth sports among common topics.

Members of the organization are entitled to many benefits, including a subscription to *USA Hockey Magazine*, the most widely circulated hockey publication in the world; excess accident, general liability and catastrophic insurance coverage; access to [usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com); and opportunities to participate in USA Hockey National Championships, as well as player development camps.

USA Hockey is the official representative to the United States Olympic Committee and the International Ice Hockey Federation. In this role, USA Hockey is responsible for organizing and training men's and women's teams for international tournaments, including the IIHF World Championships and the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Closer to home, USA Hockey works closely with the National Hockey League and the National Collegiate Athletic Association on matters of mutual interest.

USA Hockey is divided into 12 geographical districts throughout the United States. Each district has a registrar to register teams; a referee-in-chief to register officials and organize clinics; a coach-in-chief to administer education program for coaches; a risk manager to oversee liability and safety programs; and a skill development program administrator to facilitate learn-to-play programs for youth players and their parents.

#### DEFINITIONS

##### **Who is Covered?**

An officially registered player, referee or coach while participating in a sanctioned activity. The coverage also extends to volunteers of USA Hockey while acting within the scope of their direct responsibilities on behalf of USA Hockey.

##### **What is a Sanctioned Activity?**

A competition, game or event which is sanctioned by USA Hockey and includes pre-competition activities and practice sessions which are authorized, organized and supervised by the coach, or an adult designated by the coach, to supervise and coordinate such activities. Sanctioned games or exhibitions must be between USA Hockey registered teams unless prior authorization is obtained.

#### EXCESS ACCIDENT COVERAGE

The coverage is provided while participating as a member of a USA Hockey registered ice hockey team during a USA Hockey-sanctioned game, official tournament game or practice session during the season. If a registered member's team has a scheduled sanctioned game or official tournament game, then the member is covered while traveling with the team directly to and from such activity. **Travel to and from practice sessions is excluded.**

#### COVERAGES

ACCIDENTAL EXCESS MEDICAL EXPENSE – Covered Medical and Dental expenses are payable, secondary to any valid and collectible insurance the registered member has in force at the time of the accident. The deductible portion up to \$1,000 of any primary insurance is neither covered nor eligible for reimbursement. **If the registered member has no valid and collectible insurance in force at the time of the accident, a deductible of \$3,500 will apply.**

The company will pay up to a maximum of \$25,000 of usual and customary costs for covered medical expenses incurred within two years (104 weeks) from the covered accident date and submitted within 15 months from the date the expense was incurred, for necessary medical treatment required as a result of an accidental bodily injury. The first covered expenses must be incurred within 30 days of the accidental bodily injury. **There are limited dental and physical therapy benefits. Please contact K&K Insurance at (800) 237-2917, prompt 1, for these limits.**

#### MAJOR EXCLUSIONS (include but are not limited to):

- Assault and battery/fighting
- Repair or replace pre-existing dentures, fillings, crowns
- Property damage of insured person's glasses, contact lenses, dentures, uniforms, helmets, equipment, etc.
- Illness, disease or any bacterial infection other than a bacterial infection occurring as a consequence of an accidental cut or wound

As with any coverage, there are other specific exclusions and limitations. *For more information contact K&K Insurance - (800) 237-2917, prompt 1, or your District Risk Manager.*

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**Please read this information and keep it in a safe place.** USA Hockey provides the following described coverages for itself and its members. The following descriptions are not complete and are not contracts of insurance; rather, they are summary statements of the coverages provided to USA Hockey members. Complete provisions pertaining to the coverages are on file with USA Hockey, and if any provisions differ from this summary, the actual coverage provisions will govern. All coverages are determined by terms, conditions and exclusions, and are subject to change without notice.

## CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE

### Description of Coverage

The Catastrophic Injury coverage will pay benefits to an eligible, insured person, subject to a \$25,000 deductible for losses due to a catastrophic injury and in excess of other valid and collectible insurance in force at the time of the injury.

As with any policy, there are exclusions and limitations specific to this coverage that appear in the master policy. *For more information contact Janean Harter at K&K Insurance Company - (800) 237-2917, ext. 5623.*

### What is a Catastrophic Injury?

An injury sustained by an insured person during participation in a sanctioned event, including:

- While participating in a sanctioned event or performing directly assigned duties in connection with a sanctioned event; or
- During authorized and supervised group travel to and from the location of a sanctioned event, when traveling as a team; or
- During a temporary stay at the location of a sanctioned event while the insured person is engaged in an activity or travel authorized by USA Hockey and which results in bodily injury to that person who incurs at least \$25,000 or more of medical expenses (hereafter called the deductible) which shall serve as the deductible. **Travel to and from practice sessions is excluded.**

## LIABILITY COVERAGE

### Basic Program

Provides broad legal liability protection for USA Hockey and USA Hockey affiliated organizations, their officers, directors, coaches, managers, officials, players, sponsors and volunteers against lawsuits arising due to accidental bodily injury that results from a claim of negligence being brought against them while acting within the scope of their responsibilities on behalf of USA Hockey and participating in a sanctioned activity.

The policy is written on an occurrence form with a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and without a general aggregate limit.

All sanctioned activities necessary or incidental to the conduct of practice, exhibition, post season and scheduled games including, but not limited to, fundraising, meetings and award banquets are covered by this basic legal liability policy. A sanctioned exhibition, post season or scheduled game must be between USA Hockey sanctioned teams unless prior authorization is obtained. For more information contact your District Risk Manager.

### Major exclusions include (but are not limited to):

- Player versus player actions and lawsuits
- Assault and battery/fighting

As with any policy, there are other exclusions and limitations specific to this coverage that appear in the master policy. *For more information contact your District Risk Manager or Patricia Wallace at Aon Benfield - (973) 463-6245.*

## CLAIMS REPORTING

**To file an excess accident claim contact your local program registrar for a claim form. If you don't have contact information, please call USA Hockey at (800) 566-3288, ext. 123.**