

District Kickoff Meetings

August 2025

Overview

- Affiliate Agreements
- Safe Sport Updates
- CEP USA Hockey Learning Center
- Player Safety Concussion Protocols
- MAHA Events
- Growth Initiatives Updates
- Volunteerism



Affiliate Agreements

REMINDER: Due August 31st, 2025!





All coaches, officials, and adult volunteers are still required to renew SafeSport Training within 12 months of the prior training

KEY TRENDS IN MICHIGAN

- Locker Rooms Monitoring Policy still a priority
- Discriminatory Cases
 - Racial Slurs / Hate Speech
 - Behavioral Disabilities





Effective September 1st, 2025 – all intake and investigation of Safe Sport reports in Michigan will be overseen by Gray Investigative Group, LLC

Reports to U.S. Center for SafeSport

- The Center has exclusive jurisdiction to investigate and resolve allegations of Child Abuse or Sexual Misconduct
- Must IMMEDIATELY report the incident to the Center, as well as any applicable law enforcement authorities

Reports to USA Hockey

 Allegations of misconduct or other inappropriate behavior that may violate Safe Sport policies, other than Child Abuse or Sexual Misconduct, should file a report with USA Hockey or the Affiliate Safe Sport Coordinator.

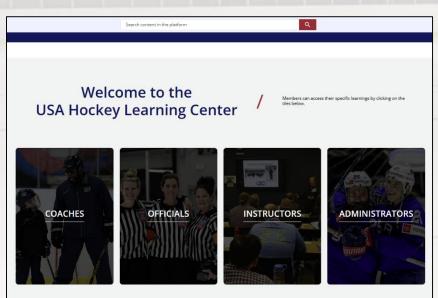
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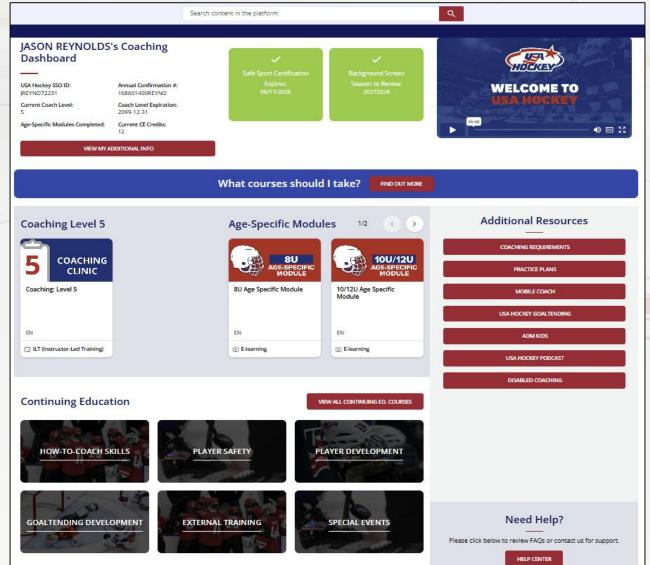






CEP Updates





MICHIGAN AMATEUR

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Michigan Sports Concussion Laws

Per the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS):

- All coaches, employees, volunteers and adults involved with a youth athletic activity must complete a concussion awareness online training program, which must be re-taken every three years (or more frequently as determined by the MDHHS)
 - Online Concussion Training: CDC HEADS UP to Youth Sports Coaches
 - Download Certificate of Completion includes name and date of completion
 - Keep a copy for your personal records, submit a copy to your association
- The organizing entity must provide educational materials on the signs/symptoms and consequences of concussions
 to each youth athlete and their parents/guardians and obtain a signed statement acknowledging receipt of the
 information for the organizing entity to keep on record
 - <u>NOTE</u>: This requirement is fulfilled annually through USA Hockey's Individual Membership Registration (IMR) process
- The law also requires removal of an athlete, from physical participation in an athletic activity, who is suspected of sustaining a concussion. The student athlete must receive written clearance from an appropriate health care professional, before he or she can return to physical activity.

Concussion Protocol

USA Hockey Return to Play Form

- Adopted as the REQUIRED form of use for MAHA, per the USA Hockey Player Safety Committee
- Three (3) signatures required for medical clearance:
 - **➤ Health Care Professional**
 - Parent / Legal Guardian
 - Head Coach
- This form is to be used after an athlete has been removed from athletic activity, due to a suspected concussion and MUST be signed by their medical provider in order to return without restriction to training, practice or competition.
- Provide a copy of the completed, signed Return to Play
 Form to your association for accurate records

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Events Calendar

- MAHA Tier I Showcase Series (Sept 5-7 & Dec 5-7, 2025)
 - Buffalo Wild Wings Arena Troy, MI
 - All Tier I teams in 14u, 150, 16u & 18u



MAHA Mite Jamboree Series

- Salute To Our Veterans Jamboree Nov 9th, 2025 (Arctic Coliseum Chelsea)
- Stars & Stripes Jamboree Dec 7th, 2025 (USA Hockey Arena Plymouth)
- Capitol City Jamboree Jan 11, 2026 (BIGGBY Coffee Ice Cube East Lansing)
- Traverse City Classic Jamboree Feb 13-15, 2026 (Centre Ice Traverse City)

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MAHA 8u Plus Program

- Informational Zoom Call (early October 2025 date/time TBD)
- Registration Deadline (December 2025)



Events Calendar

- <u>'Earn Your Stripes' Invitational Events</u>
 - District 4 Event Sept 13th, 2025 (140 Ice Den Howell, MI)
 - District 5 Event Dec 13th, 2025 (Dort Federal Event Ctr Flint, MI)
 - 10u Teams invited to participate FREE!
 - Space may be limited contact Jon Hosking (<u>ihosking@maha.org</u>) for details!









Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

Kaliseum Recreation Complex

The 'Earn Your Stripes' Invitational is a unique opportunity for Level 1 Officials to receive real-time, on-ice mentoring and instruction during a live game setting. Participating officials gain confidence, education, and experience!

OR TO SIGN UP:

Contact:

Aaron Kwiatkowski Email: hockeyref5513@gmail.co

Phone: 989-255-0852

CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO!





Growth Initiatives - Update

- Try Hockey For Free (first national date Sept 13th!)
 - All host sites registered with USA Hockey are now on the MAHA website
 - Promoting statewide and nationally
 - First 300 associations to sign up to host the first national date will receive up to 40 USA Hockey youth jerseys
 - Participants in the Sept 13th event (ages 4-9) will be emailed a code directly from USA Hockey to redeem for a USA Hockey membership
 - Questions? Reach out to <u>programservices@usahockey.org</u>



WHY HOST THFF ON THE NATIONAL DATE?

HOCKEY GEAR

The first 300 associations to sign up for the September 13, 2025 date will receive up to 40 USA hockey youth jerseys!



DISCOUNT CODE



Participants in the fall THFF event, ages 4–9 will be emailed a code directly from USA Hockey to redeem for a USA Hockey membership.*

NATIONAL MARKETING

USA Hockey promotes the national THFF date to facilitate national awareness for Try Hockey for Free.



For more information or questions, reach out to programservices@usahockey.org

www.tryhockeyforfree.com/host_signup

Volunteerism

Committees

- Currently in review (Chair survey)
- New committees being formed

Awareness

- How hard are we working to fill those roles?
 - Have we actively communicated the needs?
 - Clear job description?
 - Targeting candidates ("short list")
 - What are you 'projecting' as a volunteer?

Incentives

- What are local programs offering as potential incentives for volunteer service?
 - (Brainstorm)





Questions?

