



2024 Membership Agreement

USA Lacrosse, the governing body of the sport of lacrosse, is excited to have the opportunity to serve your organization.

Our goals are aligned, as we both focus on growing the participation in the sport of lacrosse and ensuring the highest quality experience for all participants. We rely on lacrosse programs, such as yours, to foster growth for all, in a safe environment.

USA Lacrosse Membership

A USA Lacrosse (“USA Lacrosse” Membership Agreement) is **simply an agreement between USAL and you**, the member, outlining the terms of the membership, such as the length of the membership, USAL Membership Benefits, and any other conditions that foster our relationship.

Importance of a USA Lacrosse Membership Agreement is to outline our expectations and allow you, the member, to take advantage of these benefits, while agreeing to USA Lacrosse terms of membership.

Agreement Details

Scope of USA Lacrosse Services/Benefits:

Insurance

- USA Lacrosse will provide Member Insurance to all players, coaches, and officials that are members of USA Lacrosse. The Member Insurance Program covers excess accident, medical and general liability insurance.
- USA Lacrosse will provide commercial general liability insurance coverage to Member Organization following the satisfaction of USA Lacrosse guidelines for “eligible” teams, leagues, and associations (See Exhibit A – Insurance Requirements), as well as the submittal of this signed membership agreement.

Note that USA Lacrosse provides the Membership Organization an option to obtain additional liability insurance coverage through any D&O insurance carrier at an additional cost. Please speak to your Regional Manager if interested in resources for this coverage.



Sport Growth programs. USA Lacrosse will provide Member Organizations tools, resources, and educational curriculum (designed for new participants).

Training and Education Programs. USA Lacrosse will provide training and education programs (designed for players, coaches, officials, and administrators).

Sport Science and Safety Research. USA Lacrosse will continue to invest in research, develop educational tools, collaborate with equipment manufacturers, and formulate policies which leads to the development of best-practice guidelines that ensure the safety and wellness of players, with a particular focus on youth players.

Member Program Requirements:

- a) Sign and submit this agreement prior to season start.
- b) Agree to utilize USA Lacrosse roster management tools to verify all player and coach members each season. Those programs who utilize the USA Lacrosse league management system (LMS) registration platform are not subject to using the roster management tool.
- c) Agree to follow the 100% member requirements (see Exhibit A).

Miscellaneous:

- a) **Length of Agreement:** This agreement extends from the date of signing to the end of the calendar year.
- b) **Cancellation Notice:** Notification of cancellation of this agreement must be received at least 90 days prior to renewal.
- c) **Intellectual Property:** USA Lacrosse Member organizations can use trademarks, logos, and other intellectual property owned by USA Lacrosse with written permission and in conjunction with your Regional Manager. USA Lacrosse shall have the sole discretion to approve or disapprove of use.

On behalf of the USA Lacrosse board and staff, please accept our sincere appreciation for providing us the opportunity to serve your organization!

Exhibit A Insurance Requirements

HOW TO MEET THE 100% MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINE

The USA Lacrosse Insurance and Risk Management committee has created this three-step guideline as a safety net for teams and leagues who want the security of liability protection. A 100% registered team, league or lacrosse association shall be deemed to be insured under the USA Lacrosse liability insurance coverage if they follow these steps.

- 1) Adopt a written policy mandating that every player and coach who participates in the organization's activities is a current USA Lacrosse member and that their membership is effective for the entire season.
 - The membership policy should be written into the organization's bylaws or written guidelines.
 - Registration forms or applications should require each participant to provide proof of membership (ID number and expiration date) to be allowed to join any practices, games or activities.
- 2) Demonstrate compliance by having a systematic approach to verify membership before the participant is cleared for any practices, games or activities.
 - Electronic Management: Manage all membership registrations and verifications electronically through the API partners listed on USALacrosse.com on the [Getting Started](#) page or use the Program Leader (PL) Portal roster management tool. Upon submittal of this signed membership agreement, you will receive instructions on how to access and utilize the roster management tool.
 - Manual Management: Team registrar does a preseason check and a midseason check that all participants' membership is current through end of season using the roster management tool.
 - No player, coach or official is allowed to participate in activities until he/she has confirmed USA Lacrosse membership.
- 3) **For leagues**: Ensure that all teams within the league follow the above steps to secure liability coverage for the entire league, and for the league board and league volunteers.