



# PROGRAM

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

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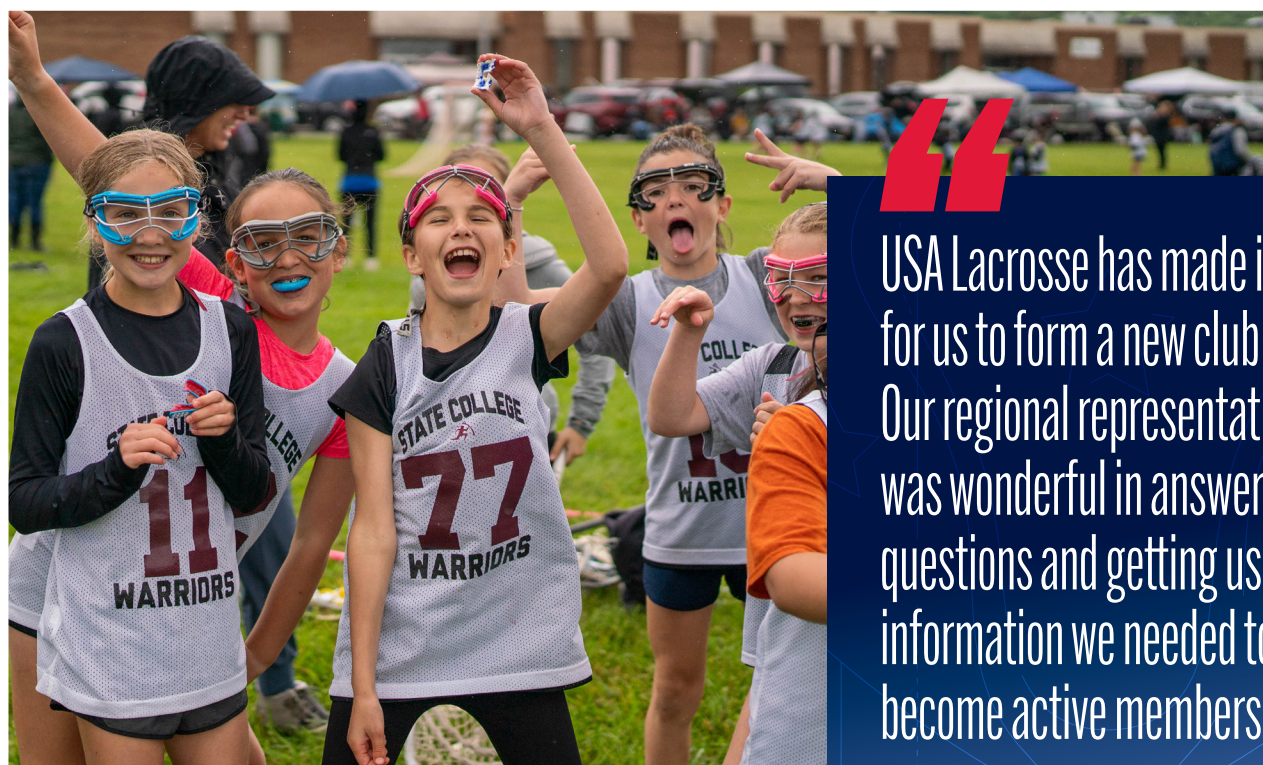
## Welcome to the USA Lacrosse Community!

# USA LACROSSE PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP

USA Lacrosse Program Membership provides organizations of all sizes and stages a comprehensive suite of benefits designed to strengthen, protect, and elevate every aspect of your lacrosse program. In addition to best-in-class insurance coverage for players, coaches, and volunteers, members gain access to insights, data, and tools that make it easier to manage and grow your program.

You will also receive industry-leading training and certification resources for program leaders and coaches, safety and risk-management guidance to support athlete well-being, and age-appropriate development tools to ensure athletes learn the game the right way. Program members benefit from national standards, access to equipment grants and funding, and the support of a dedicated regional team committed to helping your program thrive.

Whether you're running a community or recreational league, a school-based program, or a competitive club, USA Lacrosse Program Membership equips you with everything you need to operate confidently, safely, and effectively.



USA Lacrosse has made it easy for us to form a new club team. Our regional representative was wonderful in answering questions and getting us the information we needed to become active members."

**- David Richards**

Happy Valley Lacrosse Club - Northeast



# PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a Program Member with USA Lacrosse, you gain access to a wide range of tools, protections, and support designed to help your athletes, coaches, and organization thrive. Program Membership ensures your program operates safely, efficiently, and in alignment with national standards that strengthen the overall lacrosse experience.

## COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE

The [USA Lacrosse Insurance Program](#) provides robust liability and accident coverage that protects your athletes, coaches and organization throughout the season.

- » Click [HERE](#) to access the USA Lacrosse Insurance Guide and summary/policy limits sheets

## TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Access to nationally recognized coach education, officials training, and program leader development resources.

- » Review the [USA Lacrosse Athlete Development Practices](#) to understand age-appropriate training for players
- » [Coaches Certification](#)
- » [Officials Certification](#)
- » Use [USA Lacrosse Mobile Coach](#) to develop practice plans

## ATHLETE SAFETY & PROTECTION

Safety policies, background checks, abuse prevention education, and risk-management tools to keep participants protected.

- » [USA Lacrosse Athlete Safety and Protection](#)





## FUNDING & EQUIPMENT GRANTS

Opportunities for community-based programs and leagues to apply for grants that support equipment needs, program growth, and community-based initiatives.<sup>1</sup>

» [USA Lacrosse Grant Offerings](#)

## ACCESS TO EVENTS & MEMBER-ONLY

### DISCOUNTS

Entry to [USA Lacrosse events](#) and exclusive discounts at the [USA Lacrosse store](#), and [partner offerings](#).

## MEMBER PRACTICES & RESOURCES

Best-practice guidelines, administrative tools, and sport-development resources to help your program run smoothly.

» [Program Leader Resource Library](#)

## REGIONAL TEAM SUPPORT

Direct support from a regional team that assists with operations, compliance, and program development.

» Contact your [Regional Manager](#)



# PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP COMPLIANCE

## 1. IDENTIFY A PROGRAM LEADER

A [Program Leader Membership](#) is required for all administrators who access their program's Roster Management portal. Each member program must have at least one Program Leader Member associated with their account. Please contact your Regional Manager to add this role to your membership.

- » Program Leader Membership includes access to our [Program Leader Resource Library](#)
- » Program Leaders must complete the following:
  - » Background Check
  - » Athlete Abuse Prevention training

Click [HERE](#) to login to your USA Lacrosse Profile and ensure your Program Leader is designated.

<sup>1</sup> Equipment grants and funding are reserved for not-for-profit member programs and leagues.



## 2. SIGN A MEMBER ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT

The Member Organization Agreement (MOA) is an annual requirement for all program members. By completing it, your organization confirms compliance with USA Lacrosse standards—including athlete safety, coach certification, and roster accuracy. Submitting the MOA keeps your program in good standing and ensures access to full member benefits such as insurance coverage, resources, and regional support. Once submitted, you'll be able to request your Certificate of Insurance (COI).

**New for 2026:** The MOA is now located directly in your program's dashboard. Please [contact us](#) if you need help accessing your dashboard or have questions about your program leader designation.

## 3. MAINTAIN BRONZE LEVEL COACH CERTIFICATION

[Bronze Level Certification](#) is the minimum certification required for all coaches before they can coach on the field. Coaches may also choose to pursue [Silver](#) or [Platinum](#) certification to further enhance their coaching education.

In addition, we have ongoing educational offerings throughout the year that program member coaches have access to.

- » Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Regional Academies
- » Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our coaching resources

*Learn more about our coaches education below.*

## 4. UPLOAD SEASONAL ROSTERS & VALIDATE MEMBERSHIPS

As a Program Member, you must upload your seasonal rosters via the USA Lacrosse Season Roster Management tool so that all players and coaches are properly registered, protected, and eligible for member benefits. The tool allows you to:

- » Check membership status and end date for all players
- » Check age verification status for all players
- » Monitor coaches' membership, certification and background check status.





To receive the full benefits of membership and maintain eligibility for the insurance program all players, coaches, and at least one Program Leader need to be active USA lacrosse members. This includes full compliance with player age-verification and coach certification standards.

If you use an outside registration system, click [HERE](#) to learn more about USA Lacrosse's API integration. Be sure the integration is activated before opening registration so families can't complete sign-up without an active membership. If you're unsure whether your platform is connected, contact your [Regional Manager](#).

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Season Roster Management Tool with USA Lacrosse. [Contact us](#) if you have any roster specific questions, comments or concerns.

## PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

### PLAYER MEMBERSHIP

Program Membership requires that all players are also active USA Lacrosse members. Clear communication about this helps families understand why membership is required and ensures a smooth start to the season. You can start by sharing this email with your families that highlights the benefits- [Welcome Letter to Families](#).

**Additionally, Program Leaders are encouraged to:**

- » Share requirements early during and before registration so families have time to renew or update memberships.



Through the platform there is sense of community and connection that comes through the membership to all its members. Things like insurance, events, age verification, magazine, development teams, and HOF are all valuable services and assets, but those are secondary to the community and connection."

**- Patrick Michael Ryan**  
Descendants LC - Northeast



- » Send brief reminders as the season approaches to resolve inactive, pending, or expiring memberships.
- » Be transparent that membership is required for participation, safety standards, and insurance eligibility.

## PLAYER AGE VERIFICATION

Leagues, programs, and event organizers use age verification to support age segmentation policies that support fair play and player safety. Effective July 1, 2025, all players must complete [age verification](#) to maintain an active USA Lacrosse membership.

## COACH REQUIREMENTS

### BRONZE CERTIFICATION

All coaches must complete minimum [Bronze Level Certification](#) before stepping onto the field. This requirement ensures that every coach has the foundational training needed to create a safe, positive, and developmentally appropriate environment for all athletes. Completing Bronze Certification helps your program:

- » Protect players through standardized safety and risk-management education
- » Maintain compliance with USA Lacrosse full member program standards
- » Demonstrate a clear commitment to quality coaching and athlete well-being
- » Ensure coaches are eligible under USA Lacrosse insurance requirements

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Age verification is an important part of that structure, it's an important part of that fairness and safety to ensure that kids, coaches, program leaders, parents, have a trusted, fun experience in the game. Age verifying with us comes with your membership. It's simple, it's safe, it's effective, and it's trusted.”

– Marc Riccio  
CEO of USA Lacrosse



Only coaches who have completed Bronze Certification or higher are eligible for Directors and Officers Liability coverage, which protects individuals during their coaching activities. More on this coverage is in the full insurance guide [HERE](#).

The status of certifications are located in the coach's USA Lacrosse profile under the red transcript button.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about USA Lacrosse Certification levels.

Coaches are encouraged to continue their education beyond the minimum requirements. Advancing through additional certification levels helps strengthen coaching skills, deepen knowledge, and enhance the overall experience for athletes.

## OFFICIALS

If you know someone interested in learning more about officiating, please encourage them to get connected.

- » Click [HERE](#) to learn more about becoming an official and
- » Click [HERE](#) to learn more about certifications specific for Adult and Junior officials

