



**Southern Maryland Sabres Hockey Club**  
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## **Birth Certificate Requirement for All Travel and Rec Players**

In an effort to protect the privacy and identities of our members, team managers will no longer be carrying birth certificates in team books. In place of individual birth certificates, a Verification and Affirmation of Birth Certificates form will be provided to each team by our Affiliate and will meet all birth certificates requirements for events held in the United States and Canada, up to and including the Southeastern District and/or National Championship Tournaments.

We will be collecting copies of birth certificates from all team players. Travel teams players should coordinate the submittal of their birth certificate copy with their team managers. Rec Team players will turn in their copies on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of practice to the Club Registrar or assigned Board Member.

The SOMD Sabres Registrar will compile these copies and forward to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar for Maryland via certified or overnight mail to ensure receipt. USA Hockey will enter all information into a database that will allow clubs to verify the players age every year if necessary. This information will only have to be submitted once, if your player moves to a new location and joins a different club, that club will be able to verify the players age via the USA Hockey database.

In order to avoid having to request duplicate copies from our members, the SOMD Sabres registrar will retain a copy of each submission until notification that the USA Hockey Associate Registrar has entered all copies into their database. At which time the SOMD Sabres Registrar will destroy all copies in their possession and a signed certificate will be retained on file.

All birth certificates received by the USA Hockey Associate Registrar will be destroyed and a certificate will be provided to the club certifying the destruction took place. A "file" copy of a player's birth certificate will not be retained.

Any questions regarding this requirement can be directed to the SOMD Sabres Registrar at [secretary@somdsabres.org](mailto:secretary@somdsabres.org).

\*\*\* The ID page of a US Passport can be submitted in lieu of a birth certificate \*\*\*