

Coach and Volunteer Training Requirements

In order to ensure a safe and productive season USA Hockey requires Coaches and Volunteers to complete certain training modules. These requirements are outlined below

HEAD COACH – A head coach must register with USA Hockey as a coach AND complete all training requirements (disabled clinic, online module, SafeSport and background check). We need at least one head coach per team for every 20 players rostered.

ASSISTANT COACH – An Assistant Coach must register with USA Hockey as a coach AND complete the online training, SafeSport and background check requirements. They are strongly encouraged but not required to attend the disabled clinic.

ON ICE VOLUNTEER – An on-ice volunteer must register with USA Hockey as a volunteer AND complete the background check form if they are over 18 years of age. They are strongly encouraged but not required to attend the disabled clinic, complete the online training modules and the SafeSport program. The SafeSport Program may soon (next year?) be a requirement for all volunteers.

TEAM MANAGERS – A team manager must register with USA Hockey as a volunteer AND complete the SafeSport module and background check form if they are over 18 years of age. All head coaches, assistant coaches, team managers and on ice volunteers must also complete the volunteer application on the MN Special Hockey website.

Training Requirements

Disabled Clinic Training

- 1) If a coach attended a disabled hockey clinic, they are not required to attend again. They are considered to have completed this requirement (similar to a Level 1). They are encouraged to attend again to receive any new information, network with other disabled coaches, etc.
- 2) Any coach who has not completed the disabled clinic program cannot be rostered on a USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournament Roster (e.g., Detroit, Lake Placid) as a coach. They can sign up as a volunteer.
- 3) If we have a head coach who cannot make the date of the disabled clinic, we can still roster them as a head coach for this year and expect that they will attend the clinic the following year. Toni is willing to work with USA Hockey on our behalf if we have a head coach in this situation. Note that they will not be able to be rostered as a coach on a USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournament Roster.

The SafeSport Module is good for two years.

The background check is good for two years.

Reimbursement

MN Special Hockey reimburses coaches for the following registration and training expenses.

- 1) USA Hockey Coaches Registration fees if required training is completed.

- 2) Disabled Clinic Fee. Other certification clinics (level 1, etc) are not reimbursed.
- 3) Online Module Fee

Let me know if you have any questions. Once I get any feedback from all of you and any corrections back from Toni, I'll send this out to the head coaches and team managers.