



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

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Disabled Sports Coordinator - Duties and Responsibilities

There are four disciplines in USA Disabled Hockey Section, they are: Special Hockey, Sled Hockey, Standing Amputee Hockey, and Deaf Hockey. Blind Hockey is up and coming.

Meetings and Disabled Events throughout the year:

- Attend 2 Annual USA Hockey meetings per year.
In January the USA Winter meeting in Florida. In June the USA Summer meeting in Colorado.

These meetings are important in creating a network with the other USA Affiliates throughout the country and enabling you to have face to face with the National Disabled staff. This is also a good opportunity to find out about grants available for disabled hockey.

- Attend 2 Annual MAHA Hockey meetings per year.
In January the MAHA Winter meeting at Southgate Holiday Inn-Convention Center. In July the MAHA Summer meeting in northern Michigan. (Shanty Creek, Boyne Highlands, Traverse City or Mt. Pleasant)

These meetings are when you report out on what the Disabled Hockey section of MAHA has done throughout that half of the year. You would also discuss where we need to take Disabled Hockey and the plan to get there, where the current programs and how we can "grow the sport".

- Attend 3 to 4 Athletes with Disabilities meetings throughout the year. (These are local meetings)

These meetings are highly recommended to let you meet with those involved with other groups of disabled athletes and share ideas. Many disabled athletes will play more than one sport and this opens opportunities for the athletes.

- Attend 3 Ontario Sled Hockey meetings each year.
These are recommended as our teams compete throughout the season. This is also a good opportunity for us to gain ideas from our Canadian neighbors who have a well established program.
- Once a month be part of a USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Conference call.
- At least once a season visit the current Disabled Programs in the State.
Grand Rapids Youth Sled Hockey
Hazel Park Special Needs Hockey
Farmington Hills Special Needs Hockey Fraser
Adult Sled Hockey

Work throughout the year to help these individual programs grow and with any related issues.



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Meetings and Disabled Events throughout the year: (continued)

- Once a year attend the Annual Disabled Hockey Festival. (Moves around the USA to different locations each spring)

Other Duties Required throughout the year:

- 2 Annual Reports to MAHA regarding Disabled Hockey updates. (These are the reports you will present at the 2 Annual MAHA Meetings – summer and winter)
- Monitor E Mails for the MAHA Michigan Disabled and answer in a timely manner or elevate to the Executive Board if necessary.
- E Mail current programs in the State information from USA Hockey and MAHA and keep them informed.
- Build Awareness in the State of Disabled Hockey. Look for events both inside and outside of hockey to be included in. This will help "grow the sport" and offer the opportunity to play hockey to all individuals. Some past ideas are:
 - *Hockey Day In Michigan
 - *Hockey in the Hood
 - *Demo Skates – Primarily Sled Hockey throughout different areas of the state
By arranging to transport a few sleds and players to the location to give a demonstration possibly to start new teams in areas or gain more participants for established programs in the state.

Recommended Duties throughout the year:

- Create a database of amputee, hearing impaired, sled, and special hockey players throughout the state.
- Become familiar with amputee, hearing impaired, sled, and special hockey events in the state and nationally.
- Assist Adult Sled Hockey Teams with contacting Veterans, and Disabled Veterans organizations to locate returning Disabled Veterans and offering the opportunity to participate in Disabled Hockey.
- Work with various local hospitals, schools etc to get the word out that hockey is for all and make them aware of the opportunities.



Disabled Hockey District/Discipline Representatives for USA Hockey;

The duties and responsibilities of a Disabled Hockey District/Discipline Representatives shall be, but not be limited to, the following:

- Assist with the affairs of the Disabled Hockey Section in cooperation with USA Hockey District/Affiliate Associations and the USA Hockey Board of Directors and assume other responsibilities as may be appropriate when possible.
- Serve as the first contact from their respective district/disciplines to the USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Section.
- Act as USA Hockey's troubleshooter in his/her respective district/disciplines and facilitate the resolution of disputes within/between the various member organizations in his/her district/disciplines and with any USA Hockey affiliate association(s).
- Serve as liaison between the various member organizations within their respective district/disciplines and USA Hockey.
- Attend the annual meetings of the various member organizations and the USA Hockey district/affiliate association(s) on behalf of his/her district/discipline when possible.
- Disseminate information from the USA Hockey national office to all member organizations within his/her district/disciplines.
- Attend the USA Hockey Annual Congress and the Winter Meeting.
- Inform USA Hockey, and the chair of the Disabled Section when any USA Hockey Bylaws, Rules and Regulations are not being complied with.
- Perform any other duties as may be directed by the chair of the USA Hockey Disabled Section.
- Encourage all teams within his/her district/disciplines to register with USA Hockey.
- Assist new teams and organizations.
- Disseminate information from USA Hockey national office, actions of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- Forward respective district/disciplines newsworthy items to the USA Hockey national office for publication in the USA Hockey Magazine and website.