

USA HOCKEY FEMALE HONORS AWARD

Purpose

This yearly award is designed to recognize hockey associations that are leaders in the growth, development, and promotion of ice hockey for females.

Overview

The award is given annually to **one organization per district**, chosen by the district under the guidelines established for recognition.

Criteria

Associations that are considered for the award should meet all or most of the following criteria:

- Bylaws and Mission Statement that supports growth and development
- Parent Education program that is mandated for all levels
- Fee structure that is economical for the area of the district, and offers alternatives for those less fortunate to play for a reduced or no cost
- Pays for and supports all Coaches being properly certified through the USA Hockey CEP
- Offers Learn to Skate, Cross-Ice, Recreational/House league, and Competitive teams wherever enrollment numbers indicate
- Has a documented practice to game ratio
- Has established limits on game counts
- Has established limits on travel distances
- Supports and promotes all USAH initiatives such as the ADM, Girls Try Hockey For Free, HWAA, WGIHW, SafeSport, etc.
- Holds community based activities designed to promote the sport and entice players to join their organization.
- Has established limits on the length of season – reduces overall time commitment for the sport.
- Offers short term player development opportunities for children to play hockey.
- Is involved in humanitarian, volunteer, or community based activities that help enhance the public perception of the organization as a contributing member of the local community.

Selection Process

Organizations will submit a one-page document listing their compliance to the stated criteria and an explanation of their leadership in girls'/women's ice hockey to their USAH Girls'/Women's Section representative and the Affiliate President . **Applications are due to the Girls'/Women's Section Representative by April 11.** The District must notify the USAH National Office of the winning organization (include name of program and location) **by April 18.** Winning organizations will be announced at the USAH Annual Congress by the President of USA Hockey. All selections will receive recognition and the award at an affiliate/district function as selected by the affiliate/district president. The affiliate/district will provide information on the event for the web-site and/or magazine.