

USA HOCKEY/SAHA BACKGROUND CHECK

Dear USA Hockey/ SAHA Hockey Volunteer;

It is the policy of USA Hockey that it will not authorize or sanction in its programs that it directly controls any volunteer or employee who has routine access to children (anyone under the age of majority) who refuses to consent to be screened by USA Hockey before he/she is allowed to have routine access to children in USA Hockey programs. Further, it is the policy of USA Hockey that it will require its affiliates (SAHA) to adopt this policy as a condition of its affiliation with USA Hockey.

A person may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as an employee or volunteer of USA Hockey if the person has:

1. Been convicted (including crimes the record of which has been expunged and pleas of “no contest”) of a crime of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, physical abuse, causing a child’s death, neglect of a child, murder, manslaughter, felony assault, any assault against a minor, kidnapping, arson,, criminal sexual conduct, prostitution related crimes or controlled substance crimes.
2. Being adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children.
3. Being subject to any court order involving any sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, including but not limited to domestic order or protection.
4. Had their parental rights terminated.
5. A history with another organization(volunteer, employment, etc.) of complaints of sexual or physical abuse of minors.
6. Resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to complaint(s) of sexual or physical abuse of minors.
7. Has a history of other behavior that indicates they may be a danger to children in USA Hockey.

Please return the Disclosure Statement upon registration for the 2008/2009 season. Coaches not returning the requested information by December 31st will not be in compliance. These coaches will be considered ineligible for coaching any and all future USA Hockey events. The reason will be: “Incomplete Registration Materials.” The only persons who will be advised of coaches on this list are the actual coach and the local hockey association with whom the coach volunteers. I will not provide further information to any inquiries on the matter, nor will any further warnings or reminders be issued. All coaches’ applications will be kept in the strictest of confidence.

Should the background check identify a potential problem, you will be immediately informed and have the right of appeal. Only you will be informed – again the local association will merely be informed that you have “Incomplete Registration Materials” – no further rationale will be provided to anyone other than yourself.

All applications must be sent to:

SAHA Risk Management
c/o Edward Ragland
P. O. Box 133
Huntsville, AL 35804-0133

APPLICATION & DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Southern Amateur Hockey Association (SAHA) of USA Hockey will not authorize or sanction participation of any volunteer or employee in any programs that it directly controls if such person has routine access to children (anyone under the age of majority,) and refuses to consent to a background screening by SAHA or a designated third party representative.

PLEASE NOTE: All information will be maintained by SAHA, in strict confidentiality. If there are questions please contact the SAHA Background Check Administrator

SAHA Volunteer
Application and Disclosure Agreement
(Please Print)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
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Social Security Number	Driver's License Number	State	Expiration Date
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Date of Birth	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone
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Previous Address(es) if located in another state within the past 10 years	Primary E-Mail Address
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I have read and understand that a person may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as a volunteer of USA Hockey, SAHA if among other things, the person has:

- Been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, physical abuse, causing a child's death, neglect of a child, murder, manslaughter, felony assault or any assault against a minor, kidnapping, arson, criminal sexual conduct, prostitution related crimes, or controlled substance crimes.
- Been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damage involving the sexual or physical abuse of children.
- Been subject to any court order involving any sexual or physical abuse of a minor, including, but not limited to domestic order or protection;
- Had their parental rights terminated;
- Has a history, with another organization (volunteer, employee, etc.) of complaints of the sexual or physical abuse of minors;
- Resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to a complaint(s) of the sexual or physical abuse of minors;

- Has a history of other behavior indicating that s(he) may be a danger to children in the USA Hockey, SAHA hockey program.

Do any of the above apply to you? **Please Circle one: YES or NO**

If **YES**, please describe on an attached sheet. All responses are maintained strictly confidential. If you mark **YES** without explanation, you will automatically be suspended from further USA Hockey, SAHA volunteer activities for lack of required registration materials.

I certify that my answers above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false or misleading statements or consequential omissions of any kind in the application process are significant cause for refusal to accept me as a volunteer/employee or for my dismissal irrespective of the time such is discovered or otherwise brought to the attention of SAHA. I authorize USA Hockey, SAHA, or a designated third party representative to investigate all information contained in this application. The employers, organizations, and individuals named are authorized to give you any and all information regarding my employment, volunteering, character, fitness, and qualifications (including opinions) that they have about me in consideration of the evaluation of this application by USA Hockey and/or SAHA.

I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE USA HOCKEY, SAHA, all employers, organizations, and individuals, and any other persons or entities from liability for all damages and losses of whatever kind or nature, except liability for willful or intentional acts or punitive damages, that may result from compliance or attempts to comply with this authorization.

Signature _____ Date _____