



SAN DIEGO HEARTBREAKERS GENERAL INFORMATION



1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **THIS IS SAN DIEGO HEARTBREAKERS:** The San Diego Heartbreakers' primary emphasis is the growth, support, and development of women's hockey in the County of San Diego, California. The San Diego Heartbreakers provide an opportunity to female players of all skill levels and abilities.
- 1.2 **USA HOCKEY:** USA Hockey is the governing body of amateur hockey throughout the United States.
- 1.3 **USA HOCKEY CORE VALUES:** The following core values of USA Hockey are adopted by San Diego Heartbreakers to guide members in their planning, programming, and play, both now and in the future.
 - Sportsmanship** – Foremost of all values is to learn a sense of fair play. Be humble in victory, gracious in defeat. We will foster friendship with teammates and opponents alike.
 - Respect for the Individual** – Treat all others as you expect to be treated.
 - Integrity** – We seek to foster honesty and fair play beyond mere strict interpretation of the rules and regulations of the game.
 - Pursuit of Excellence at the Individual, Team, and Organizational Levels** – Each member of the organization, whether player, volunteer, or staff, should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest level of his or her ability.
 - Enjoyment** – It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for all participants.
 - Loyalty** – We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of hockey.
 - Teamwork** – We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the hockey experience.
- 1.4 **PACIFIC DISTRICT:** The Pacific District is one of twelve (12) Districts established by USA Hockey and is composed of five (5) Affiliates which represent the States of Alaska, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington; and one non-affiliated State: Hawaii.
- 1.5 **AFFILIATE:** California Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) is the Affiliate that governs amateur hockey within the state of California.
- 1.6 **MEMBER ASSOCIATION:** The San Diego Heartbreakers is a Member Association of CAHA and is in good standing with both USA Hockey and CAHA.
- 1.7 **MEMBER TEAMS:** The San Diego Heartbreakers have Member Teams which are comprised of Registered Participant Members that participate in games and tournaments throughout the United States and Canada.
 - a) Any Registered Participant Member that is in good standing may participate on any of the member teams.
- 1.8 **ASSOCIATE REGISTRAR:** The Associate Registrar is responsible for claiming USA Hockey registrations through the use of the Cyber Sport online program.
 - a) The San Diego Heartbreakers Associate Registrar will default to the President unless the Board of Director's has delegated the duties to another individual.

2.0 REGISTERED PARTICIPANT MEMBERS

- 2.1 All participants (player, coach, or team manager) that registered with USA Hockey, CAHA and San Diego Heartbreakers and are in good standing with USA Hockey, CAHA, and San Diego Heartbreakers, will be a registered participant member of the San Diego Heartbreakers.
- 2.2 All Registered Participant Members that are in good standing are allowed to play on any member team and are allowed to participate in all San Diego Heartbreakers activities/events.
- 2.3 All Registered Participant Members will have certain voting rights. See the By-Laws in Section 54.
- 2.4 After two (2) years of being a member in good standing, you may elect to run for a board member position. You may also elect to become an Executive Committee member after being with the San Diego Heartbreakers for one (1) year.

3.0 COACHES

- 3.1 All coaches must have the required certification level by January 1st of the current season. Since the San Diego Heartbreakers are adult teams, no coaching level certification is required, but recommended. A coach may attend only one (1) certification clinic per year (not including age-specific requirements). Coaches may complete more than one age-specific component in any given season. Attending a clinic or workshop is no longer valid for recertifying any certification level. Coaches must complete the online recertification program in order to recertify their Level 3 certifications.
 - a) All USA Hockey coaches will possess a USA Hockey Coaching Education Program card with valid certification stickers (if certification was received prior to September 1, 2011), or a printout from the USA Hockey online certification list (if certification was received after September 1, 2011).
- 3.2 **COACHING ETHICS CODE:** All coaches (head, assistant and instructors) must abide by the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code, and understand that violations may result in full or partial forfeiture of coaching privileges in programs, at sites or events under USA Hockey's governance. All coaches have an obligation to be familiar with USA Hockey's Coaching Ethics Code. Lack of awareness or misunderstanding of an ethical standard is not itself a defense to a charge of unethical conduct. The USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code can be found online at usahockey.com under coaches.
 - a) All registered USA Hockey ice hockey coaches and instructors of USA Hockey programs must sign the coaching ethics code agreement in order to be eligible to coach or instruct in any regular-season activities (practices, clinics, games, tournaments, tryouts, etc.), state, district, regional playoff, national championships or in the USA Hockey Player Development Program.

4.0 TEAM MANAGERS

- 4.1 Each team within the San Diego Heartbreakers will have an assigned team manager. All women's national championship bound teams are required to have a team manager. A coach who also serves as team manager would register only as a coach. Managers are covered under USA Hockey insurance policies. A team manager who is not registered as a coach or player may not participate in on-ice activities or be on the bench during games.
- 4.2 The team manager shall be the custodian of all documents necessary for credential review for the national bound team prior to participation in invitational tournaments and district, regional and national championships.
- 4.3 The team manager will be the team captain by default unless another individual has been selected to perform these duties by the Board of Directors.
- 4.4 The team manager shall have the final decision on matters relating to each member team. When a decision cannot be made by the team manager, then the Board of Directors shall have the final decision.

5.0 **INSURANCE**

- 5.1 **INSURANCE CLAIMS:** Claims for reimbursement of medical expenses incurred for injuries should be initiated by calling the USA Hockey Excess Accident carrier. The current phone number is located on the back of your current USAH membership card or by calling the current Pacific District Risk Manager.
- a) In the case of severe, life threatening, or injury claims that may exceed \$25,000, call or e-mail the Pacific District Risk Manager immediately. It is critical that any unusual events, which cause, or may cause, increased liability exposure to USA Hockey be reported immediately to the District Risk Manager.

6.0 **LOGOS**

- 6.1 The official logos of San Diego Heartbreakers are registered copyrights. All rights reserved. It is unlawful to use or reproduce these logos and designs in any manner without the expressed written permission of the San Diego Heartbreakers Board of Directors.
- 6.2 **APPROVAL PROCESS:** Any registered participant member requesting permission to use an official San Diego Heartbreakers logo, must provide the following in advance: identification of the desired logo, a description of the desired use; name and location of the company that would produce the merchandise or other material on which the logo is proposed to be placed; a copy of proposed design; and a comparable sample of each item of merchandise or other material under consideration, when requested.
- a) Permission to use the official San Diego Heartbreakers logos must be requested in writing to the Board of Directors prior to usage and permission shall be granted only to current registered participant members
- b) All requests must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or email.

6.3 PRIMARY LOGO:

