

Joshua Hetterick

Candidate Statement

Hello USATH Community,

My name is Josh Hetterick, I've been involved in the USATH landscape since 2009 and I have been President of the Minnesota Team Handball Club since 2013. I'm seeking to be elected by the USA Handball community to the USATH Board of Directors position for General Membership Director because I believe my experience and knowledge, inside and outside of the Handball community, can help clubs sustain success and expedite growth potential.

Through those years I have seen clubs, players, communities come into this wonderful sport around the USA. From people who have played this sport for years in another country, American players brand new to the sport, and people who are inspired to help grow the sport in any way they can. While I've seen such growth I've also seen clubs shrink in size, commitment, and disappearing completely. One of my top goals if I were elected to this position is to help clubs feel supported, heard and advocated for so that we never see a decline in participation for clubs in the USATH community.

For 12+ years, I have been the President of Minnesota Team Handball Club. In those years I have helped grow the club from only 12 members to 40+ members who are dedicated and consistent participants with the club. I have helped find a gym that can provide the club weekly practices and an annual sanctioned tournament (Minnesota Fall Classic) where we are allowed to house our goals and use Resin. Lastly, I helped build our Women's team, the Minnesota Monarchs, into a team that has grown in numbers and commitment in just 16 months. With the success I have had in growing Minnesota Team Handball I now want to spread that effort and success into the USA Handball club community.

I also have 20 years experience working in the Health Fitness industry as a Personal Trainer and Gym Manager. I firmly believe my experience with motivating and communicating with clients will help me motivate and hold clubs accountable to growing the sport in their state/area with success.

My plan in this position is to help clubs grow in all the levels a Handball club should. I believe consistent communication and an outlet where clubs can feel heard is super important. I want 10+ year clubs to feel supported and heard the same way a brand new club would. Whether it's growing a grass roots program to have a strong pipeline of participants, having a stable and growing financial stream for healthy club funding, building a strong family like community, or helping find the resources to become a competitive club all around I want to help bring that vision to life for every club in the USA.

If I am elected to the General Membership Director position on the USATH Board of Directors you will have someone who will put so much effort and passion into ensuring that before and after LA 2028 we will be growing a strong foundation so that our future in the USA Handball community moves in a positive direction.