

## IJSA FIELD HOCKEY

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## ABOUT USA FIELD HOCKEY

USA Field Hockey is the National Governing Body for the sport of field hockey in the United States and is based out of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The United States Field Hockey Association (USFHA) was founded in 1922 by Constance Applebee to govern women's field hockey in the United States. Six years later in 1928, the Field Hockey Association of America (FHAA) was founded to govern men's field hockey in the United States. In April 1993, the USFHA and FHAA merged to form the United States Field Hockey Association. Later that year, the name was changed to just USA Field Hockey.



#### The mission of USA Field Hockey is to:

- Grow the Game by promoting and continuing to develop the sport for future generations to enjoy.
- Serve and Inspire Membership by helping them achieve their field hockey ambition and creating value for continued membership.
- Succeed Internationally with competitive success and enhanced performance programming.
- Be an Effective Sport Leader by allocating its resources efficiently to Grow the Game, Serve and INspire Membership and Succeed Internationally.

















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## MESSAGE FROM EXECTOR DIRECTOR

The year 2024 was highlighted by the U.S. Women's National Team representing Team USA at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. It is special for our sport to be part of the Olympic Games, only a select set of sports are included in the Games which provides an amazing platform to showcase our team and sport to a global audience. The broadcast provided across the NBC platforms brought field hockey into the homes of millions, day-after-day over the summer, broadening awareness of our sport. For the sixteen new field hockey Olympians, they reached the pinnacle of the game, and will be forever Olympians, taking the total of female field hockey Olympians in the United States to a small and elite band of 90 amazing athletes.

Our mission is to Grow the Game, Serve and Inspire Membership and Succeed Internationally. The USA Field Hockey Board of Directors provide governance and strategic oversight and the 30 full-time staff of dedicated and skilled individuals lead many programs, events, and initiatives which involve hundreds of athletes, coaches, umpires, administrators and volunteers to deliver a wide array of programming in support of our mission. A huge thank you to every one of you who served the game, and supported USA Field Hockey, in taking on roles to ultimately provide amazing athletic and life enriching field hockey experiences for so many.

A further highlight of the year included reaching the milestone of 30,000 USA Field Hockey Members. At our heart we are a member organization to serve your needs in the sport, experiencing growth is wonderful, however we recognize that we must not be complacent. We hear and see regularly that organized youth sport is challenged, there are many alternatives and newer sports are attracting participants. The Sports Development Team supports all new programs and it is an organizational priority to focus effort on the development of State Chapters so that we can assist organizers of field hockey at a local level. The incredible gift from Cathy Bessant, announced in 2024, enables us to further support growing programs with the Bessant Grow the Game Grants.

In the latter part of the year, we welcomed the talented Allan Law as the U.S. Men's National Team Head Coach. Now based in Charlotte, alongside U.S. Women's National Team and Staff, at the United States Performance Center field, we look forward to the once in a generation opportunity to prepare national teams through the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games quad.



As you will review in the 2024 Annual Report the breadth of programming that our National Governing Body provides is inspiring. This includes grassroots participation programs, to athlete, coach and umpire development and education, talent identification, club and team experiences, elite junior, senior and ultimately Olympic programming, across the disciplines of 11-a-side, indoor and Hockey5s. To all of you who played a part in any USA Field Hockey programming, a huge thank you, you provide inspiration and joy through field hockey.

Simon Hoskins **Executive Director** 

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SIMON HOSKINS **Executive Director** 

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**ALLAN LAW** 

U.S. Men's National Team Head Coach

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Field hockey is for the mold breakers
The convention challengers. The trail blazers.

People who think outside the box, and come alive inside the circle.

We know we're different. And we're proud of it. It's how we stand out. It's how we fit in.

There's a stick waiting to be picked up. There's a field hockey team waiting to be called yours.

Game on. Dare to differ.

USA Field Hockey's Dare to Differ campaign is about unifying our brand; increasing, recruiting and retaining participants; and getting all excited about the sport.

Launched in March 2024, USA Field Hockey's website and social channels received a fresh new look, with visuals that exemplify the Dare to Differ campaign.

In addition, USA Field Hockey developed a toolkit that members, clubs, teams, partners, organizations and stakeholders are free to use to help promote field hockey in their communities. The toolkit provides the video as well as both downloadable pdfs and customizable assets, including flyers, social posts, and more. The goal of the toolkit is to make it easy for local leaders to promote hockey and Team USA in communities around the country. Whether promoting field hockey in general, or marketing a specific camp, tournament, coach or umpire education opportunity – there are professionally-designed assets local leaders can use!



#### DARE TO DIFFER VIDEO

This Dare to Differ commercial was first featured in January 2024 during the CBS Sports live broadcast of the USA's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier games.

It was also featured during USA's FIH Hockey Pro League matches in June on Watch.Hockey.



#### TOOLKIT ASSETS











### PARIS 2024 **OLYMPIC GAMES**

The U.S. Women's National Team qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games following spectacular performances at the 2024 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier in January in Ranchi, India, where they went into the event ranked No. 15 - one of the lowest ranked teams. In their first pool match they upset hosts, No. 6 India, (1-0) and then beat No. 19 Italy (2-0). They defeated No. 10 New Zealand (1-0) in their final pool game to secure a spot in the semifinals. Facing No. 9 Japan, USA knew they had to perform as the winner of this semifinal punched their ticket. After trailing, USA triumphantly rallied back with two goals in the fourth quarter to win 2-1 and qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

#### **GAME 1:** USA 1 - 4 ARGENTIA

To start their Paris 2024 Olympic Games journey at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium, the No. 13 U.S. Olympic Women's Field Hockey Team met familiar opponent No. 2 Argentina. In a statistically even contest, with USA holding the edge in shots, Las Leonas made the most of their opportunities as they topped the United Eagles 1-4. Ashley Sessa scored the goal for USA.

#### GAME 2: USA 1 - 1 SPAIN

In their second pool game, the No. 13 U.S. Olympic Women's Field Hockey Team faced No. 6 Spain. USA tallied late in the first through Phia Gladieux and Spain equalized in the second, but neither team could break the deadlock as it finished 1-1.

#### GAME S: USA O - 3 AUSTRALIA

The No. 13 U.S. Olympic Women's Field Hockey Team took on No. 5 Australia in their third game of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Although presented with opportunities, USA couldn't break through the Hockeyroo's defense as they fell 0-3.

#### ACTIVATIONS

Upon qualifying, USA Field Hockey activated many areas including a website build, campaign launch, marketing plan, national event activation, promotional materials, media/interview requests, fan zone, media day, media guide, storylines, community outreach, roster announcement and video, jersey presentation event, fundraising efforts, and more.





#### GAME 4: USA 2 - 5 GREAT BRITAIN

It was an action-packed contest between the No. 13 U.S. Olympic Women's Field Hockey Team and No. 8 Great Britain in their fourth game of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. A one-goal game at the half, Great Britain pulled away in the third quarter after tallying two, as USA were defeated 2-5. USA's two goals came from Abby Tamer.

#### **GAME 5: USA 1 - O SOUTH AFRICA**

In their final match of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, the No. 14 U.S. Olympic Women's Field Hockey Team went out on top against No. 19 South Africa. USA tallied the lone goal late in the third on a penalty corner deflection from Meredith Sholder to shutout their opponent, 1-0.

RECORD: 1-1-3 FINISH: 9TH





With limitations on using the Olympic Rings and Paris 2024 logo and words to promote the team's involvement, the Fly As One, sponsored by Osaka Hockey, campain was created. This included logo creation, website development, apparel sales, commemorative pin and flag ordering, and more.

United in a common purpose, with a sense of togetherness, and Eagles as a representation of the United States' national bird.

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## TEAM USA

The No. 25 U.S. Men's National Team saw a shift in leadership in April following the resignation of Harry Singh. For a period, Jason Mulder and Aditya Pasarakonda were appointed interim coaches before Allan Law was named the next head coach in July. The squad took a hiatus from competition for the first half of the year before holding their annual Open Trial in June in Charlotte, N.C. and then traveling to Santiago, Chile in December for five unsanctioned FIH matches.

The No. 15 U.S. Women's National Team started the year at the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier in Ranchi, India. After a historic performance they upended higher ranked opponents on their way to a second place finish and a ticket to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Next they embarked on the fifth season of the 2023-24 FIH Hockey Pro League in February and May, in India, Belgium and England. To finish out the year, they competed at the pinnacle of the sport at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, where they finished ninth.

Both the men and women participated in the inaugural 2024 FIH Hockey5s World Cup in Muscat, Oman at the end of January. After pool play, both sides found themselves in the bottom portion of the bracket - with the women claiming the first-ever Challenger Trophy (9th) and the men coming in 13th.

The Junior USMNT went on tour in March to The Hague, Netherlands before training camps in May and June. In early July, they competed in the Junior Pan American Championship in Surrey, Canada, where they finished in fourth, after falling in a shootout to Chile and narrowly missing out on FIH Hockey Junior World Cup qualification. The U-18 squad went overseas to Zagreb, Croatia for a four-game series in mid-July before holding the Talent Identification Camp in July and two more training camps at the end of the year.

The Junior USWNT opened the year with multiple training camps. The U-16 and U-18 teams had tours in Europe at the end of March. The U-21 group played in the Junior Pan American Championship in Surrey, Canada in early July. In the semifinals, the Junior Eagles defeated Chile in a shootout but fell to Argentina in the final, to claim silver. In mid-July, many athletes participated in the Junior and Senior Nexus Championship.

The senior Indoor USMNT started the year participating in the Boston Indoor Cup and National Indoor Tournament. In March, they competed in the Indoor Pan American Cup in Calgary, Canada. After finishing second in their pool, their crossover game ended in a heartbreaking loss before winning bronze. The senior Indoor USWNT also participated in the IPAC and finished top of their pool. They had a shutout win in the crossover before facing Argentina in the final, which was determined in a shootout, where USA capitalized to win gold and punch their ticket for the FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup The U-19 Indoor USMNT competed in the annual CanAm Indoor Series.

U.S. Masters sent seven teams to the 2024 World Masters Indoor World Cup in Nottingham, England in March. The O-55 Women had the highest finish winning silver. In October and November, ten teams represented at the WMH World Cup, in both Cape Town, South Africa and Auckland, New Zealand. The O-40 Women and O-45 Men both had the highest finish with 7th.





# SENIOR U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM



#### RECORD: 1-2-2

December 15 USA 4 - 4 CHI\* December 16 USA 1 - 3 CHI\* December 18 USA 2 - 4 CHI\* December 19 USA 2 - 2 MEN\* December 21 USA 3 - 2 CHI\*

\*not FIH Sanctioned

#### RETIREES

Will Holt (April) JaJa Kentwell (August) Paul Singh (February)

WORLD RANKING: 25

\*as of December 31, 2024

#### 2024 USMNT

Doug Allison, Michael Barminski, Sekayi Charasika, Tristan Clemons, Emil Collins, Gerald Cutone, Tom Curtis, Christian DeAngelis, Ajai Dhadwal, Mohan Gandhi, Alex Grassi, Mehtab Grewal, Pat Harris, Hamzah Hashmi, Liam Hawley, Jack Heldens, Vincent Heller, Will Holt, Simon Homedes Dualde, Aki Kaeppeler, Kei Kaeppeler, Wyatt Katz, JaJa Kentwell, Stuart Kentwell, Amar Khokhar, Jonathan Klages, Tymen Kloen, Kai Kokolakis, Nicholas Kuehne, Ranveer Kundi, Marius Leser, Michael Mendoza, Adam Miller, Alberto Montilla, Henzor Motta, Lasse Nobereit, Johnny Orozco, Finlay Quaile, Dean Schiller, Jatin Sharma, Amarpreet Sidhu, Amar Singh, Paul Singh, Russell Smith, Tyler Sundeen

**Head Coach:** Harry Singh (January - April) & Allan Law (September - present) Assistant Coach: Pat Harris (January - April) & Jun Kentwell (January - July) Team Manager: Kathy Schiller

The U.S. Men's National Team saw a shift in leadership in April 2024. Following the resignation of Harry Singh, Jason Mulder and Aditya Pasarakonda were appointed as the interim coaches through July 2024.

In terms of competition, the squad took a hiatus for the first half of the year before holding their annual Open Trial from June 13 to 16 in Charlotte, N.C. This was also in conjunction with a training camp which was help from June 13

In September following an extensive search process, Allan Law was named the head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team.

The USMNT traveled to Santiago, Chile in December for a training camp and unsanctioned FIH matches against the host nation and local club at the National Stadium Sports Park. Taking place from December 9 to 22, this was the squad's first competition of the year and with the newly appointed head coach.

In the first of five game series, the No. 25 Wolves took a commanding 4-0 lead, but No. 23 Chile came back with a renewed attack in the second half to tie the match, 4-4. The second game saw the host take a 3-1 victory. The third meeting was an tense and competitive atmosphere, and despite claiming a lead twice, USA eventually fell, 4-2, to Chile. The USMNT faced a new opponent for game four of the tour against the local club, Mendoza. In their penultimate match, the Wolves tied Mendoza, 2-2. In their final match of the series and fourth against Chile, USA displayed resilience and determination to claim a 3-2 victory.







### SENIOR U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

#### RECORD: 6-2-18

January 13	USA 1 - 0 IND
January 14	USA 2 - 0 ITA
January 16	USA 1- 0 NZL
January 18	USA 2 - 1 JPN
January 19	USA 0 - 2 GER
February 3	USA 0 - 7 NED
February 6	USA 0 - 3 AUS
February 7	USA 1 - 3 CHN
February 9	USA 1 - 3 IND
February 12	USA 0 - 4 NED
February 15	USA 0 - 4 AUS
February 17	USA 0 - 2 CHN
February 18	USA 1 - 1 IND
	SO: USA 1 - 2 IND
May 22	SO: USA 1 - 2 IND USA 1 - 5 BEL
May 22 May 23	
May 23 May 25	USA 1 - 5 BEL USA 4 - 5 ARG USA 0 - 4 ARG
May 23 May 25 May 26	USA 1 - 5 BEL USA 4 - 5 ARG USA 0 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 2 BEL
May 23 May 25	USA 1 - 5 BEL USA 4 - 5 ARG USA 0 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 2 BEL USA 2 - 3 GBR
May 23 May 25 May 26	USA 1 - 5 BEL USA 4 - 5 ARG USA 0 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 2 BEL USA 2 - 3 GBR USA 1 - 2 GER
May 23 May 25 May 26 June 1	USA 1 - 5 BEL USA 4 - 5 ARG USA 0 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 2 BEL USA 2 - 3 GBR USA 1 - 2 GER USA 0 - 2 GER
May 23 May 25 May 26 June 1 June 2	USA 1 - 5 BEL USA 4 - 5 ARG USA 0 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 2 BEL USA 2 - 3 GBR USA 1 - 2 GER USA 0 - 2 GER USA 3 - 1 GBR
May 23 May 25 May 26 June 1 June 2 June 5 June 6 July 27	USA 1 - 5 BEL USA 4 - 5 ARG USA 0 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 2 BEL USA 2 - 3 GBR USA 1 - 2 GER USA 0 - 2 GER USA 3 - 1 GBR USA 1 - 4 ARG
May 23 May 25 May 26 June 1 June 2 June 5 June 6 July 27 July 29	USA 1 - 5 BEL USA 4 - 5 ARG USA 0 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 2 BEL USA 2 - 3 GBR USA 1 - 2 GER USA 0 - 2 GER USA 3 - 1 GBR USA 1 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 1 ESP
May 23 May 25 May 26 June 1 June 2 June 5 June 6 July 27 July 29 July 31	USA 1 - 5 BEL USA 4 - 5 ARG USA 0 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 2 BEL USA 2 - 3 GBR USA 1 - 2 GER USA 0 - 2 GER USA 3 - 1 GBR USA 1 - 4 ARG USA 1 - 1 ESP USA 0 - 3 AUS
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#### CAPS

Sanne Caarls (50th)
Leah Crouse (50th)
Brooke DeBerdine (50th)
Phia Gladieux (1st)
Amanda Golini (150th)
Linnea Gonzales (50th)
Ashley Sessa (50th)
Meredith Sholder (50th)
Lauren Wadas (1st)
Jillian Wolgemuth (50th)
Beth Yeager (50th)
Maddie Zimmer (50th)





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#### 2024 USWNT

Mia Abello Olivia Bent-Cole Kelsey Bing Sanne Caarls Leah Crouse Charlotte de Vries Brooke DeBerdine Emma DeBerdine

Katie Dixon

Bethany Dykema
Phia Gladieux
Amanda Golini
Linnea Gonzales
Fusine Govaert
Danielle Grega
Ally Hammel
Ryleigh Heck
Ashley Hoffman

Josie Hollamon Karlie Kisha Kelee Lepage Alia Marshall Caroline Ramsey Jenny Rizzo Kealsie Robles Hope Rose Annabel Skubisz

Ashley Sessa Meredith Sholder Cassie Sumfest Abigail Tamer Megan Valzonis Lauren Wadas Jillian Wolgemuth Beth Yeager Maddie Zimmer

Head Coach: David Passmore

Assistant Coach: Tracey Fuchs, Maddie Hinch (March - present), Javier Telechea

Performance Analyst: Chris Fry

Team Manager: Krista Page & Nazia Rashid

The U.S. Women's National Team started the year spending 8 weeks abroad in India competing in both the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier in Ranchi and 2023-24 FIH Hockey Pro League in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

The No. 15 United Eagles produced a memorable performance at the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier as one of the lowest ranked teams. In their first pool match they upset hosts, No. 6 India, (1-0) and then beat No. 19 Italy (2-0). They defeated No. 10 New Zealand (1-0) in their final pool game to secure a spot in the semifinals. Facing No. 9 Japan, USA knew they had to perform as the winner of this semifinal secured their spot at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. After trailing, USA triumphantly rallied back with two goals in the fourth quarter to win 2-1 and qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Next, the squad played in the fourth season of the FIH Hockey Pro League. Now ranked, No. 12, USA first traveled to Bhubaneswar, India to play a mini-tournament against No. 1 Netherlands, No. 3 Australia, No. 8 India and No. 9 China. Next, they faced the same teams in Rourkela, India - where USA came away with one point following a regulation draw with India but falling in the shootout.

The USWNT returned to the United States and resumed centralized training at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Charlotte, N.C. In April, they hosted No. 2 Argentina in a four-game unsanctioned, friendly series.

In the middle of May, the Eagles competed in the second half of the FIH Hockey Pro League. First they had four games in Antwerp, Belgium, two against No. 2 Argentina and two with No. 5 Belgium. Next, they traveled to London, England, Belgium to face No. 3 Germany and No. 6 Great Britain. In their final match, they produced a come from behind win over Great Britain to collect three points in the standings. USA finished ninth in the 2023-24 FIH Hockey Pro League Standings and were relegated from the league.

In July, the USWNT competed at the pinnacle of the sport at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. To start their journey, the No. 13 U.S. Olympic Women's Field Hockey Team met familiar opponent No. 2 Argentina. In a statistically even contest, with USA holding the edge in shots, Las Leonas made the most of their opportunities as they topped the United Eagles 1-4. In their second pool game against No. 6 Spain, USA tallied late in the first and Spain equalized in the second, but neither team could break the deadlock as it finished 1-1. The Eagles couldn't break through No. 5 Australia's defense in their third game as they fell 0-3. Their fourth contest was action-packed and have a one-goal game at the half, No. 8 Great Britain pulled away, as USA were defeated 2-5. In their final match, the No. 14 USA went out on top defeating No. 19 South Africa, 1-0. The U.S. Olympic Women's Field Hockey Team didn't advance out of pool play and finished the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in ninth.

#### RETIREES

WORLD RANKING: 13
\*as of December 31, 2024

Brooke DeBerdine (December) Linnea Gonzales (October) Danielle Grega (October)

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S U.S. NATIONAL HOCKEY5S TEAMS



#### 2024 HOCKEYSS MEN

Michael Barminski, Sekayi Charasika, Tristan Clemons, Thomas Curtis, Gerald Cutone, Ajai Dhadwal, Mohan Gandhi, Pat Harris, Hamzah Hashmi, Alberto Montilla, Henzor Motta, Dean Schiller, Jatin Sharma, Amarpreet Sidhu, Amar Singh, Tyler Sundeen

Head Coach: Will Holt

#### RECORD: 3-0-3

USA 14 - 3 FJI January 28 **USA 2 - 3 MAS** January 29 **USA 4 - 6 OMA** 

USA 3 - 6 AUS (9th-16th) USA 8 - 1 JAM (13th-16th) January 30

USA 10 -9 NGR (13th-14th) January 31

WORLD RANKING: 12 \*as of December 31, 2024

Both the U.S. Men's and Women's National Hockey5s Teams participated in the inaugural 2024 FIH Hockey5s World Cup in Muscat, Oman. The women's competition took place from January 24 to 27, with the men's immediately following from January 28 to 31.

The women opened pool play with a win over Namibia (6-1) but fell in their next two matches to India (3-7) and Poland (1-5), putting them out of quarterfinal contention and into the "Challenger Trophy" bracket. With crossover wins against Paraguay (3-0) and Australia (8-4), the team was able to secure a spot in the 9th place game. The women defeated Namibia (2-0) for the second time in the tournament to claim the first-ever Challenger Trophy.

The men kicked off their competition with a big win over Fiji (14-3), but fell to Malaysia (2-3) in a tight match later that day. The men finished out pool play the next day with a loss to host Oman (4-6), placing them in the Challenger Trophy bracket. In their first crossover game, USA fell to Australia (3-6) but picked up a convincing victory over Jamaica (8-1) to find a spot in the 13th/14th place game. An intense, high scoring win over Nigeria (10-9) gave the USA men a 13th place finish.

First caps: Sekayi Charasika, Bethany Dykema, Mohan Gandhi, Pat Harris, Hamzah Hashmi, Alberto Montilla, Caroline Ramsey, Amar Singh and Cassie Sumfest.

#### 2024 HOCKEYSS WOMEN

Carter Ayars, Abigail Burnett, Lora Clarke, Jans Croon, Charlotte de Vries, Bethany Dykema, Nathalie Friedman, Linnea Gonzales, Alyssa Klebasko, Natalie Konerth, Caroline Ramsey, Kealsie Robles, Annabel Skubisz, Cassie Sumfest

Head Coach: Rachel Dawson **Assistant Coach: Grant Fulton** 

#### RECORD: 4-0-2

January 24 **USA 6 - 1 NAM** 

**USA 3 - 7 IND** January 25 USA 1 - 5 POL

USA 3 - 0 PAR (9th-16th)

USA 8 - 4 AUS (9th-12th) January 26 USA 2 - 0 NAM (9th-10th) January 27

#### WORLD RANKING: 8









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## JUNIOR U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM



RECORD: 4-5-12

March 26 USA 0 - 6 Ring Pass 1st (U-21) March 28 USA 1 - 7 AMVJ 1st (U-21) March 29 USA 0 - 4 ESV München (U-18) USA 1 - 2 Hilversum (U-18) USA 2-3 HDM U-18 (U-21) March 30 USA 1 - 2 HBR (U-18) USA 3 - 3 Wycombe HC (U-18) USA 4 - 1 HDM (U-18) March 31 USA 3 - 5 Westland (U-18) USA 5 - 4 Alphen H1 (U-21) USA 1 - 2 Chile (U-21) July 3 USA 0 - 0 Canada (U-21) July 4 USA 3 - 2 Brazil (U-21) July 6 July 7 USA 6 - 0 Mexico (U-21) USA 0 - 12 Argentina (U-21) July 9 July 10 USA 0 - 3 Argentina (U-21)(SF)

July 12 USA 1 - 1 Chile (U-21)(3rd-4th)

SO: USA 2 - 3 Chile

 July 15
 USA 3 - 6 Croatia (U-18)

 July 17
 USA 2 -2 Croatia (U-18)

 July 18
 USA 2 - 4 Croatia (U-18)

 July 20
 USA 3 - 3 Croatia (U-18)

JUNIOR WORLD RANKING: 25

\*as of December 31. 2024

2024 U-18 USMNT

Jovan Bains, Mateo Barletti, Alexander Beauduin, James Callahan, Ty Callahan, Michael Fortini, Jesse Ickes Chenmay Komandur, Kethan Labana, Kabir Mandair, Jacob Moffat, Friedrich Niemann, Emily Oppenhoff, Fabio Pace, Ethan Reynolds, Jasper Schenk, Felix Schoenfelder, Max Schoenfelder, Eknanan Singh, Navbir Singh, Gursewak Sohal, Jack Weitzman, Brett Williamson, Charlie Zarrow

**Head Coach:** Pat Cota

#### 2024 U-21 USMNT

Leo Baumgardner, Matti Bertelsmeier, Rory Bleeker, Zane Boler, Nico Campbell, Sekayi Charasika, Luca Civetta, Koehl Comiskey, Mehtab Grewal, Luke Jackson, Gary Johal, Tyler Kim, Mees Kloen, Chitvan Mann, Oliver May, Noah Mendoza, Bennet Nobereit, Jasper Pouw, Faaris Rana, Zaim Rana, Quintin Schlatmann, George Schooley, Aneet Bir Singh, Eknaam Singh, Gurkirat Singh, Karan Bir Singh, Matt Slominski, Charlie Webb, Brett Williamson, Leo Zarnekow

**Head Coach:** Pat Harris

The Junior U.S. Men's National Teams started the year on tour when they headed to The Hague, Netherlands in March. There the U-18 and U-21 squads played Alphen H1AMVJ 1st, ESV München, HBR, HDM, Hilversum, Ring Pass 1st, Westland, and Wycombe HC.

There was a training camp in May, before the California Cup in Moorpark, Calif., and another one at the end of June.

From July 2 to 12, they competed in the Junior Pan American Championships at Tamanawis Park in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. They opened competition with a narrow 1-2 loss to Chile before going tying Canada in a scoreless contest. Next they defeated Brazil, 3-2, and shutout Mexico, 6-0. In their final pool game, they met the dominant attack of Argentina and were stifled, 0-12. In the semifinals, they met Argentina again, but this time fell, 0-3, putting them in the bronze medal game. The Junior Wolves finished fourth overall after falling to Chile in heartbreaking fashion in a sudden victory shootout round and narrowly missing out on a FIH Hockey Junior World Cup qualification. After the the conclusion of the event, Amar Singh was named Goalkeeper of the Tournament.

The U-18 USMNT traveled to Zagreb, Croatia in mid-July for a four-game series. The group came away with two ties and two losses. Also in July, the Junior USMNT held their annual Talent Identification Camp at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif.

The year ended with two more training camps, one in October in Charlotte, N.C. and the other in November in Chula Vista, Calif.





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### JUNIOR U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM



After selections were finalized in April, the Junior U.S. Women's National Team participated in two Training Camps in Charlotte, N.C. — one in May and one in June.

The U-16 and U-18 USWNT began their year with a Europe Tour from March 26 to April 2. The U-16 side played four games at HOD Valkenswaard in Valkenswaard, Netherlands, against the U-15 national teams from Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands. Two U-18 squads headed to the Four Nations Tournament in Leuven, Belgium, where they competed against national teams from Belgium, France and Poland.

From July 2 to 12, the team competed in the 2024 Junior Pan American Championship, hosted at Tamanawis Park in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. The squad finished out pool play in second place, defeating Uruguay, Chile and Canada – but falling 3-0 to Argentina – to secure a spot in the semifinals. After finishing 1-1 in regulation, the Junior United Eagles bested Chile in a shootout to advance to the final. The title game ended in a tough 3-1 loss to Argentina, giving the U-21 USWNT a silver medal and qualifying them for a spot at the 2025 FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup. At the closing ceremonies, Alyssa Klebasko was named Goalkeeper of the Tournament.

From July 14 to 16 the U-21 and Senior Nexus Championship was held in Virginia Beach, Va., kicking off the selection process for 2025. The first Selection Camp for the 2025 U-18 squad was held December 6 to 8 in Charlotte, N.C.



2024 U-16 USWNT

Avery Alleva, Sarah Anetsberger, Valentina Baizan, Ella Beach, Alexandra Beety, Josephine Bianco, Amelia Blood, Katy Chapman, Lilly Cimaroli, Ceclia Cowart, Alexandra Curtis, Sunday Draper, Regan Driscoll, Haley Elliott, Savannah Faulkner, Sofia Ferri, Kendall Gilmore, Kingsley Goldman, Aida Ierubino, Avery Johnson, Norah Kirsch, Kendall Longenberger, Camilla Lutte, Maeve McGinley, Lilly McMahon, Bree Moffett, Josefina Molinari, Marissa Muza, Naomi Niewinski, Morgan O'Donnell, Liberty Olivetti, Mary Olivetti, Morgan Orobono, Caitlin Paul, Emerson Ross, Reese Samra, Jack Shaw, Madelynn Stahl, Sophia Stazi, Chase Strohm, Kira Trader, Elizabeth Trant, Emily Ulrich, Jovie Weaver

Head Coach: Tamara Durante

**Assistant Coaches:** Ange Bradley, Will Byrne, Alan Good, Hannah Prince, Scott Tupper **Goalkeeper Coaches:** Maddy Sposito, Barb Weinberg

#### 2024 U-18 USWNT

Gabby Anderson, Reese Anetsberger, Kaia Beaudoin, Taylor Bigbie, Juliana Boon, Calista Boos, Lindsey Brown, Jordan Byers, Erin Callahan, Caitlin Connell, Paige Cornelius, Corinne Courtright, Reese D'Ariano, Abygail Deverka, Emily Eaton, Sofia Ferri, Sofia Fidalgo Schioppa, Abigail Gerdeman, Jordyn Hollamon, Margot Houle, Grace Hunter, Anna Krebs, Abrina McGroarty, Ava Meehan, Reese Milone, Saylor Milone, Isabella Moore, Isabel Morgan, Jenna Narleski, Molly Nye, Jaelen Perez, Catalina Quinteros, Caroline Raynes, Callie Rogers, Riley Savage, Merritt Skubisz, Lauren Sloan, Lilian Soldan, Opal Sparling, Aubrey Turner, Melea Weber, Lilly Wojcik, Shae Wozniak

Head Coach: Mark Egner

**Assistant Coaches:** Stacey Bean, Manuel Garcia Nieto, Will Holt, Ali Johnstone, Jordan McKee, Jamie Montgomery **Goalkeeper Coaches:** Nina Klein, Cheri Schulz

#### 2024 U-21 USWNT

Mia Abello, Lucy Adams, Catherine Arentz, Olivia Bent-Cole, Isabella Bianco, Maci Bradford, Charlotte Bruder, Abigail Burnett, Kaiya Chepow, Milaw Clause, Emma Clements, Jans Croon, Erika Culp, Ella Gaitan, Hope Haynes, Ryleigh Heck, Josie Hollamon, Alyssa Klebasko, Anne Marie Krebs, Lauren Masters, Natalie McKenna, Daniela Mendez-Trendler, Ava Moore, Erika Morris-Adams, Mia Karine Myklebust, Madison Orsi, Polly Parson-Hills, Emma Ramsey, Hope Rose, Mia Schoenbeck, Hala Silverstein, Kelly Smith, Ellie Todd, Gia Whalen, Rachel Whitehead, Rylie Wollerton

Head Coach: Allan Law

**Assistant Coaches:** Piete Coetze-Turner, Michelle Vittese

USA White 1 - 4 Belgium (U-18) USA Blue 0 - 3 Belgium (U-18)

Manager: Jordan Page

#### RECORD: 12-1-6

March 29	USA 5 - 1 Germany (U-16)	July 3	USA 2 - 1 Uruguay (U-21)
	USA Blue 2 - 1 Belgium (U-18)	July 4	USA 4 - 2 Chile (U-21)
	USA White 1 - 2 Belgium (U-18)	July 6	USA 11 - 1 Mexico (U-21)
March 30	USA 2 - 1 Belgium (U-16)	July 7	USA 0 - 3 Argentina (U-21)
	USA 1 - 4 Netherlands (U-16)	July 9	USA 4 - 1 Canada (U-21)
	USA White 2 - 1 Spain (U-18)	July 10	USA 1 - 1 Chile (SF)
	USA Blue 6 - 0 Poland (U-18)		SO: USA 4 - 3 Chile
March 31	USA White 4 - 1 Ireland (U-18)	July 12	USA 1 - 3 Argentina (1st-2nd)
	USA Blue 3 - 0 France (U-18)		
April 1	USA 4 - 0 Belgium Red (U-16)	T. 11 104	a what had lon a

JUNIOR WORLD RANKING: 6

\*as of December 31, 2024

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# JUNIOR & SENIOR U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM



The U.S. Men's National Indoor Team kicked started the year by having a team participate in the Boston Indoor Cup at Boston University in Boston, Mass. from January 13 to 14. The team continued their preparations for the Indoor Pan American Cup (IPAC) with a training camp in February, as well as having several athletes play in the Adult division of the National Indoor Tournament in Richmond, Va. and the Big Apple Indoor Tournament in Spring City, Pa.

From March 16 to 17, the U-19 Indoor USMNT participated in the annual CanAm Indoor Series at the Philly Sports Center in Newton, Pa.

IPAC took place March 19 to 22 in Calgary, Canada. USA kicked off the tournament with a 5-3 win over Guyana and followed it up with a 4-3 victory over Trinidad and Tobago. The squad suffered their first and only pool play loss to Argentina, dropping the match 1-8, and closed out with a 3-1 win over Canada. After finishing second in their pool, their crossover game ended in a heartbreaking loss to Trinidad and Tobago. The Indoor USMNT finished out the tournament with a bronze medal after defeating Guyana, 5-4, narrowly missing out on FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup qualification.

Following IPAC, Jason Mulder stepped down as head coach of the Indoor USMNT, and Pat Cota was named to the role in November.

#### 2024 JUNIOR INDOOR USMNT

Ian Ailes, Alex Beauduin, Zane Boler, Zach Candy, Kai Clements, Koehl Comiskey, Benedikt Guth, Donatus Guth, Jesse Ickes, Eoin Merriman, James Polashock, Eknaam Singh, Mason Tortora, Jack Weitzman, Charles Zarrow

Head Coach: Jesse Larson Manager: Tabitha Boler



#### 2024 INDOOR USMNT

Christopher Chookagian, Gavin Chung, Koehl Comiskey, Christian DeAngelis, Ajai Dhadwal, Jeroen Dijkema, Mohan Gandhi, Alex Grassi, Pat Harris, Luke Jackson, Aki Kaeppeler, Kei Kaeppeler, Tyler Kim, Kai Kokolakis, Barry Merriman, Adam Miller, Lucas Mous, Lasse Nobereit, Toby Peck, Izaak Pels, James Polashock, Nick Richardson, Dean Schiller, Rob Schilling, Jack Weitzman

**Head Coach:** Jason Mulder (Jan. - April) & Pat Cota (Nov. - present) Assistant Coach: Adi Pasarakonda (Jan. - April) **Team Manager:** Nigel Traverso

#### RECORD: 4-0-2

March 19 **USA 5 - 3 GUY** March 20 **USA 4 - 3 TTO USA 1 - 8 ARG** March 21 **USA 3 - 1 CAN** March 22 USA 4 - 5 TTO (Crossover) USA 5 - 4 GUY (3rd-4th)



Jeroen Dijkema (1st)

WORLD RANKING: 10

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### JUNIOR & SENIOR U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM



The U.S. Women's Indoor National Team kicked off 2024 with a bang — at the Indoor Pan American Cup (IPAC). Taking place in Calgary, Canada from March 19 to 22, this was the first time the team was together that year. The USA women opened with a big 7-1 win over Argentina, then took down Canada, 6-2, and dominated Uruguay, 9-1, to finish top of their pool. The Indoor USWNT faced Uruguay again in their crossover, this time garnering a 5-0 shutout to advance to the final. Needing a win to qualify for the 2025 FIH Hockey Indoor World Cup (IHWC), USA played an intense match against Argentina, which ended 5-5 in regulation. The thrilling shootout ended 3-2 in favor of USA, and the squad punched their ticket to the 2025 IHWC with a gold medal finish. Reese D'Ariano was named the Most Valuable Player and Top Goal Scorer, with 16 goals.

Following their success at IPAC, tryouts were held in June for both the senior and junior squads, with the new teams named shortly after. Two more tryouts were held in July and December, with additions to each squad announced after each. The finalized 2024-2025 squad was announced in late December.



#### 2024 JUNIOR INDOOR USWNT

Anna Arnold, Jordan Byers, Alexandra Curtis, Rylee Dennis, Mae Dixon, Haley Elliott, Avery Johnson, Soren Isabella Kipphut, Morgan Lala, Krista Lilienthal, Kendall Longenberger, Morgan O'Donnell, Jaelen Perez, Kiera Sack, Isabella Sanchez, Payton Smith, Sophia Stazi, Madelyn Stevens, Lila Stilley, Anyia Woods

#### 2024 DEVELOPMENT INDOOR USWNT

Sarah Bednarek, Emily Berlinghof, Milaw Clause, Lauren Delgado, Grace Dixon, Samantha Goin, Rachel Herbine, Autum Kernechel, Natane King, Kerry McCormick, Riley Savage, Hala Silverstein, Aubrey Turner, Madeline Vasilios, Lilly Wojcik

Head Coach: Katie Gerzabek

#### 2024 INDOOR USWNT

Abigail Burnett, Samatha Carlino, Cecily Charles, Reese D'Ariano, Sierra Espeland, Sofia Ferri, Nathalie Friedman, Abigial Gerdeman, Ryleigh Heck, Annika Herbine, Sarah Johnson, Lauren Kenah, Sydney Mandato, Erin Matson, Annie McDonough, Sabrina McGroarty, Hannah Miller, Hope Rose, Opal Sparling, Elizabeth Tamburro, Melea Weber

Head Coach: Jun Kentwell
Assistant Coach: Katie Gerzabek
Team Manager: Richard Kentwell

**Head Coach:** Katte Gerzabek





#### RECORD: 5-0-0

March 19 USA 7 - 1 ARG
March 20 USA 6 - 2 CAN
March 21 USA 9 - 1 URU
March 22 USA 5 - 0 URU

USA 5 - 5 ARG (1st-2nd)

**SO: USA 3 - 2 ARG** 



Sofia Ferri (1st) Abigail Gerdeman (1st)

WORLD RANKING: 9

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# OUTOOOR U.S. MEN'S MASTERS TEAMS



The U.S. Men's Masters sent five teams to represent USA at the split WMH World Cup events. The first took place in Cape Town, South Africa from October 12 to 21, where the O-40 and O-65 groups participated. The second was in Auckland, New Zealand from November 7 to 16, where O-45, O-55 and O-60 groups competed.

The O-45 Men finished the highest in 7th, with the O-60 Men placing 8th and O-55 Men ending in 9th. The O-45 and O-65 Men ended their tournaments in friendly crossover games.

The training and selection for the WMH World Cup began early in the year, starting with the first regional training camp in February in Davis, Calif. The second regional training camp took place March 16 to 17 in Charlotte, N.C. A final selection event took place May 4 to 5 at two universities in Virginia - the University of Richmond and William & Mary.

U.S. Masters is led mostly through volunteers on the U.S. Masters Transition team who launched roughly 15 committees of volunteers to accomplish the program demands. WMH requires USA Field Hockey to provide exclusive endorsement for the U.S. Men's and Women's Masters Teams, but the athletes are self-funded for international competitions.



#### 2024 O-35 USMNT

Becky Benny, Adam Clay, Hendrik De Zwart, Alexandru Gheorghe, Malachi Mahan, Hugo Moya, Matthieu Py, Aaron Raath, Paul Ripsher, Timothy Smith

#### 2024 O-40 USMNT

Giles Andrews, David De Prez, Pravjit Ghuman, Logan Hargett, Harpreet Juneja, Serge Pires Da Motta Viega, Benedict Riches, Ian Rourke, Noel Samu, Hardeep Singh, Paul Wood

#### 2024 O-45 USMNT

Gordon Atkins, Jagdeep Bal, Kanwardev Bal, Sukhwinder Cheema, Edward de Vries, Jatinder Dhaliwal, David Eddie, Alan Golding, Harkirat Guron, Matias Markus, Riyaz Mohamed, Anju Mubayi, Noah Opondo, David Peel, Avinash Pinto, Sarnjit Plahey, Ranjit Sandhu, Alan Scally, Mario Enzo Scocco, Andre Sequin, Trevor Shattuck, Sudhir Subbaiah, Joost Vlek

#### 2024 O-50 USMNT

Sidharth Bansal, Reinirus Bouwman, Neil Campbell, Juan Heredia, Stanley Iyadurai, Ranjeet Khalsa, Harry Labana, Sau Lee, Salim Malik, Angus Muller, Marian Mueller, Barry Payne, Chip Rogers, Jagpreet Sandhu, Sumarjit Singh, Parminder Singh Mangat, Stuart Stammers, Konix Varahoor, Euan Vassou, Walter Velasquez, Jesus Villa

#### 2024 O-55 USMNT

Prashant Aji, Malik Akhtar, Rodrigo Alegria, Suresh Anand, Hector Blasco, Kevin Bramble, Paul Brown, Yadvindra Dhami, Erik Enters, Malcolm Finnamore, Rajinder Goraya, Matthew Hanson, Riaz Khan, Damien Lanyon, Matthew Licciardello, Hugo Mazzalupi, Pradeep Menon, Michael Merkx, Manual Morales, Mohammed Nadeem, Greg Pereira, Amol Rakkar, Ranjit Singh, Steven Wagner

#### 2024 O-60 USMNT

Amir Akhtar, Manmohan Brar, Abid Chowdhry, Joost Douwes, Thomas Khoo, Brijinder Khosla, Amrit Deep Kohli, William Larkins, Namdev Mann Mahesh Saraswat, Arik Siddigui, Ian Wagge

#### 2024 O-65 USMNT

Onkar Bhowra, Louis Bobrow, Preetinder Brar, Lance Eichert, Cham kaur Gill, Alberto Granat, Waljeet Hundal, Manzar Igbal, Peter Jones, Amir Khan, Todd Koch, Raghbir Mangat, Joseph Michael, Derek Pappas, Sankar Ramani, Alva Serrette, Paramjit Singh, Jasvinderbir Virk, Larry Zappone



#### FINISHES

O-45 Men - 7th O-55 Men - 9th O-60 Men - 8th

## OUTDOOR U.S. WOMEN'S MASTERS TEAMS



The U.S. Women's Masters sent five teams to represent USA at the split WMH World Cup events. The first took place in Cape Town, South Africa from October 12 to 21, where the O-35 and O-40 groups participated. The second was in Auckland, New Zealand from November 7 to 16, where O-50, O-60 and O-65 groups competed.

The O-40 Women finished the highest in 7th, followed by the O-50 Women and O-65 Women placing 8th and O-60 Women ending 9th. The O-35 Women ended in 14th.

The training and selection for the WMH World Cup began early in the year, starting with the first regional training camp in February in Davis, Calif. The second regional training camp took place March 16 to 17 in Charlotte, N.C. A final selection event took place May 4 to 5 at two universities in Virginia - the University of Richmond and William & Mary.

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#### 2024 O-35 USWNT

Janelle Benner, Katie Braun, Cathy Callahan, Marina Cartelli, Jackie Connard, Savannah Devarney, Marisa Frank, Angela Giordano, Katie Grant, Lindsey Heppner, Doni Homenick, Ashley Johnston, Amy Krompinger, Heidi Lewis, Lisa Lohre, Olivia Lopes, Mandy Mowry, Gabrielle Nolt, Rhiannon Nolt, Lisa Patrick, Mallory Pollard, Amanda Rhinier, Tiffany Saunders, Molly Shoemaker, Elisabeth Stelling, Ashley Swanson, Christina Walker

#### 2024 O-40 USWNT

Rebecca Beatty, Mariana Bell, Samantha Biddle, Brenna Colosi, Colleen Connors, Haley Dervinis, Mariana Fernandez Serra, Heather Fitzpatrick, Amy Gendron, Patricia Gillern, Stephanie Hatlem, Leah Hobbs, Jennifer Judy, Heather Kenney, Nicole Ketterer, Heather Long, Jenny Lounsbury, Susan Mitchell, Julie Murphy, Lacey Pustizzi, Jennifer Romano, Ana Salmeron, Lauren Talbot Sertich, Whin Sylla, Tessa Taylor, Jamie Tierney, Patricia Zini

#### 2024 O-45 USWNT

Jennifer Bisset, Megan Callahan, Lynn Carahaly, Magdalena Castro, Amanda Court, Ruth Golley, Evelyn Hernandez, Kelly Mackinnon, Maria Marti Garro, Lucia Molina, Maria Ochoa, Alison Pottage, Staci Smith, Marje Toth, Mary van de Kerkof, Kelly Williamson, Elizabeth Wood, Anne Ziniti

#### 2024 O-50 USWNT

Clara Ambrose, Jen Anderson, Tina Bachman, Jennifer Bandura, Sandra Binder, Meg Dudek, Susan Elliott, Melissa Emery, Kari Johns, Margaret Kelly, Florencia Manero, Cathy Marston, Beth Montagano, Jimena Moses, Silvina Puccia, Lisa Samson, Pamela Stuper, Nikki Walton, Patti Webb

#### 2024 O-55 USWNT

Toni Arner, Gabriela Cappanera, Christine Couteau, Beth Denmead, Annie Fetter, Kathy Frick, Laura Funes, Carol Gulija, Elizabeth Hitchens, Maria Keesling, Moira Leavitt, Nonna Mamedova, Laura Mena, Mercedes Miodownnik, Lila Nunuz, Kelly Setser, Denise Sheehan, Sharon Siegel, Alison Smith, Nori Smith, Marina Winn, Leslie Woodworth

#### 2024 O-60 USWNT

Diane Angstadt, Lauren Barton, Claudia Casavecchia, Karen Chambers, Karen Croteau, Jane Cygan, Deb De Lucca, Michelle Finegan, Trist Gitt, Lucy Godfrey, Cathy Jackson Horgan, Jeanne McLaughlin, Wendy Morris, Georganne Nattress, Linda Polonsky, Kathleen Smith, Lisa Snyder, Jennifer Stevens, Stella Volpe, Barb Wachowiak, Debra Wile, Josie Worthington

#### 2024 O-65 USWNT

Deb Atkins, Laura Darling, Loretta DiPietro, Barbara Doran, Dixie Erdman, Elizabeth Fukushima, Sandra Galea-Martinez, Alexandra Inglis, Anne Keating, Linda Kreiser, Pam Lester, Lorraine Lewis, Susan Mota, Joanne Petkus, Janet Powers, Patricia Ruby, Pamela Sherry

#### FINISHES

0-35 Women - 14th

O-40 Women - 7th

O-50 Women - 8th

O-60 Women - 9th

O-65 Women - 8th

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# INDOOR U.S. MASTERS INDOOR TEAMS



For both the Men's and Women's U.S. Masters teams, there were two prominent events that highlighted 2024. The first was the WMH Masters Indoor World Cup, which took place from March 28 to April 1 in Nottingham, England. USA sent three men's teams and four women's teams. The O-55 Women made history with their highest ever finish at this event, taking home a silver medal after falling to Germany in the final. The O-35 Men clinched the bronze in a thrilling shootout victory over Wales after finishing 3-3 in regulation, while the O-45 Women secured their bronze with a 5-0 shut out over Italy. The O-60 Women picked up a third-place finish after finishing third in their pool.



#### 2024 MEN'S TRAINING SQUAD

Malik Akhtar, Brett Andrews, Phil Danahe, David De Prez, Fernando Diez de Onate, David Eddie, Erik Enters, Malcolm Finnammore, Alexandru Gheorghe, Alan Golding, Manzar Igbal, Peter Jones, Thomas Khoo, Bob Khosla, Amrit Kohli, Jesse Larson, Sau Thong Lee, Salim Malik, Barry Merriman, Riyaz Mohamed, Manuel Morales, Marian Mueller, Noah Opondo, Barry Payne, Greg Pereira, Matthieu Py, Jeremy Roberts, Jaime Rodriguez, David Sculley, Jeff Starfield, Vernon Vasou, Don Warner, Robert Zagaria

#### FINISHES

O-35: Men: 3rd O-50 Men: 8th O-60 Men: 7th O-35 Women: 6th O-45 Women: 3rd O-55 Women: 2nd O-60 Women: 3rd

#### 2024 WOMEN'S TRAINING SQUAD

Clara Ambrose, Jen Anderson, Diane Angstadt, Deborah Atkins, Jennifer Bandura, Elisa Bell, Janelle Benner, Angela Brewer, Meghan Callahan, Karen Chambers, Brenna Colosi, Sandra Cook, Christine Couteau, Deb De Lucca, Francesca Eckroth, Sue Elliott, Kathryn Frick, Angela Giordano, Kelly Goodsell, Carol Gulija, Melissa Hallman, Nicky Hitchens, Michelle Hodge, Cathy Jackson Horgan, Sandie Inglis, Kari Johns, Jennifer Judy, Maria Keesling, Margaret Kelly, Lorrie Kiger, Meredith Kirkpatrick, Linda Kreiser, Pam Lester, Lorraine Lewis, Mia Link, Trina Lisko, Heather Long, Jenny Lounsbury, Melinda MacDougall, Tina Mattera, Wendy Morris, Jill Myers, Gabrielle Nolt, Rhiannon Nolt, Liz Peck, JoJo Petkus, Linda Polonsky, Lacey Pustizzi, Amanda Rhinier, Patricia Rudy, Lauren Talbot Sertich, Kelly Setser, Pam Sherry, Alison Smith, Kathleen Smith, Staci Smith, Kim Susko, Stella Volpe, Barb Wachowiak, Nikki Walton, Patti Webb, Melissa Weiss, Cynthia Wetmore, Denise Zelenak





### 2024 MEMBERSHIP

USA Field Hockey's Membership Department identified a new membership management system and lead the process of switching to this new system, Sport:80. Throughout 2024, the department spent countless hours comparing and analyzing data between Webpoint and Sport:80, examined existing membership types to ensure all were necessary, and developed tools to help serve members through the new platform.

In 2024, the Membership Department presented a change in membership categories to the Board of Directors, which was confirmed and went live with the launch of Sport:80. The new membership categories removes Coach and Umpire from the membership types, so all adults will be Adult Members and adds Coach and Umpire as upgrades in all eligible membership categories. This change allows individuals to hold both Coach and Umpire Upgrades, which was not possible previously, and is consistent with industry standards among national governing bodies in the United States.

**REGION 11** 

2,347

USA Field Hockey continues to prioritize athlete safety for athletes of all ages, providing a safe space to play for all athletes. SafeSport Training is mandated for all members that have authority over and/or regular contact with minor athletes. Coaches, umpires and club administrators also must be background screened through a comprehensive screening. USA Field Hockey updated its Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, combined the Judicial and Ethics Committees into a single committee, and expanded the sanctioning process to be more accessible to the USA Field Hockey membership.

USA Field Hockey's membership increased by almost 7% in and around the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. September 2024 was the first time USA Field Hockey's membership crossed the 30,000-member threshold since before the pandemic.

**U-12:** 5,556

**U-19:** 15,322

**ADULT PLAYER/PARENT/FAN:** 1,351

**COLLEGIATE:** 759

**COACH**: 2,196

**UMPIRE:** 690

LIFETIME: 696

**LOCAL ATHLETE:** 3,420

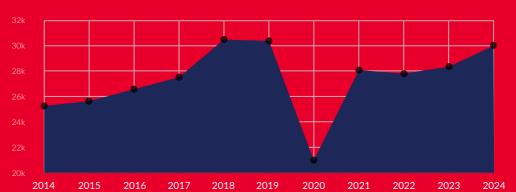
**LOCAL COACH: 139** 

OTHER: 5

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### 30,129 MEMBERS IN 2024









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# OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY PROGRAM NEXUS

Nexus, USA Field Hockey's Olympic Development Pathway Program, welcomed a record number of athletes into the program in 2024. It delivered on the heels of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games qualification which saw excitement and support from all stakeholders, from athletes and families to coaches and staff. The proud partnership with Osaka Hockey as the presenting sponsor of Nexus continued into 2024; equipping players, coaches, and sites with all the necessary tools to be successful.

As program leaders move to utilize new technological advancements, players and staff saw improved and increased resources available through multiple platforms. Athlete's supplemental resources through USA Field Hockey's learning management system (LMS) partner, New Start Mobile, allowed for advancement of the holistic education of Nexus players. A new course was developed for Nexus staff and coaches using the LMS to better prepare coaches for the details of program delivery, consistency in player education and comprehensive understating of the Olympic Development Pathway philosophy.



May 4 - June 2, 2024 **Various Locations** 

In late May and early June 2024, the Nexus Super Regional Selection Camps took place. These events were "invite only" to the top athletes across each Super Region, where top coaches and talent identification specialists came together to select players for advancement to the Nexus Championship. Again, in 2024, the overall performance level of players across the program improved, with more advancement to these prestigious regional events then ever.









July 6-16, 2024

**Virginia Beach Regional Training Center** 

Virginia Beach, Va.

U-14 Girls. U-16 Girls. U-18 Girls. U-21 Girls & Senior

JUNIOR & SENIOR NEXUS
CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 Nexus Championship was elevated in multiple ways. The addition of a player central space, called The Dare to Grow Tent was introduced for the first time. Championship participants enjoyed a daily schedule of guest speakers, with topics ranging from performance and nutrition to recruitment and video analysis. With in the approximately 1,000 participants across the Nexus Championship are the likely Olympians of tomorrow. The goal of advancing their player resources and education remains a top focus of the Nexus program.

The 10-day event welcomed the best athletes, coaches, and umpires to Virginia Beach, Va. for a fun, competitive filled tournament. Thank you to the Virginia Beach Sportsplex for their continued efforts in hosting these elite championships.





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# REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENIS

The USA Field Hockey events calendar started with the National Indoor Tournament Qualifiers (NITQ), presented by YOLO Sportswear, which took place throughout December 2023 and January 2024 at thirteen sites. This U-16 and U-19 Girls qualifying event saw an increase in participation of 6.5% increase from 2023, which shows club diversity as well as support for local/regionalized play.

The Sunshine Showcase, presented by Team IP, saw a record breaking 273 teams in attendance from across 20 states, as well as Argentina and Canada.

The National Indoor Tournament (NIT), presented by YOLO Sportswear, saw a jump in all age divisions, outside the two qualifying divisions. The biggest notiable increase was in the women's division, where they doubled their number of teams.

In its third year, the National Indoor Festival (NIF), presented by Team IP, took place alongside an NIT weekend. This event continues to grow in popularity and saw strong participation numbers providing teams an opportunity to compete outside of the NIT setting.

#### NATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

December 9 - January 21, 2024

Various Locations
U-16 Girls & U-19 Girls

**Participating Teams: 634** 

Locations: Charlotte, N.C.; Collegeville, Pa.; Downingtown, Pa.; Ellicott City, Md.; Fitchburg, Mass.; Hampton, N.H.; Ithaca, N.Y.; Lancaster, Pa.; Lock Haven, Pa.; Louisville, Ky.; Spring City, Pa.; State College, Pa.; Virginia Beach, Va.





#### SUNSHINE SHOWCASE

January 26-28, 2024 ESPN Wide World of Sports

issimmee, Fla

U-10 Co-Ed (7v7), U-12 Co-Ed (7v7), U-14 Co-Ed (7v7), U-14 Girls (7v7), U-14 Girls (11v11), U-16 Girls (11v11), U-19 Girls (11v11)

**Participating Teams: 273** 



#### NATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT

February 16 - March 3, 2024 Spooky Nook Sports

Lancaster, Pa.

February 16 - 19: U-14 Co-Ed & Girls February 23 - 25: U-10/12 Co-Ed

March 1 - 3: U-16 Girls

**Greater Richmond Convention Center** 

Richmond, Va.

February 23 - 25: U-19 Girls & Adult

# OF TEAMS

**U-10 Co-Ed:** 34 **U-19 Girls:** 

**U-12 Co-Ed:** 129 **Men:** 7

156

**U-14 Co-Ed & Girls:** 226 **Women:** 12

**U-16 Girls:** 156

#### NATIONAL INDOOR FESTIVAL

February 17 - 19, 2024

**Virginia Beach Sports Center** 

Virginia Beach, Va.

U-12 Co-Ed, U-14 Girls, U-16 Girls & U-19 Girls

**Participating Teams: 126** 



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#### REGIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

May 4 - June 9, 2024

Various Locations
U-14 Girls, U-16 Girls & U-19 Girls

**Participating Teams: 252** 

Locations: Ann Arbor, Mich.; Charlotte, N.C.; Chula Vista, Calif.; Collegeville, Pa.; Easton, Pa.; Epping, N.H.; Greenwich, Conn.; Newark, Del.; Providence, R.I.; Spring City, Pa.; St. Louis, Mo.; State College, Pa.; Virginia Beach, Va.; Worcester, Mass.



The Regional Club Championship (RCC), presented by YOLO Sportswear, took place from May 4 through June 9 at fourteen different host sites across the country. A total of 252 teams, an increase of 30 from the prior year, battled to be one of 24 squads in the U-14 Girls, U-16 Girls and U-19 Girls divisions to qualify for the National Club Championship (NCC), presented by YOLO Sportswear.

The National Club Championship (NCC), presented by YOLO Sportswear, was held June 22 to 30 at the Virginia Beach Regional Training Center in Virginia Beach, Va. This year, a new pool play format was debuted where teams battled in their pools, with the top two in each pool advancing into the top-16 bracket. The second day kicked off crossovers with the final day featuring final placement games. WC Eagles won all age division titles.



#### NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

June 22 - 30, 2024

Virginia Beach Regional Training Center

Virginia Beach, Va.

June 22 - 24: U-14 Girls

June 25 - 27: U-16 Girls

June 28 - 30: U-19 Girls

24 teams per age division



The Summer Bash at the Beach, presented by YOLO Sportswear, was again a sanctioned event run by Hometown Sports. The ninth edition took place July 19 through 21 at the Virginia Beach Regional Training Center in Virginia Beach, Va. and included U-10 Co-Ed, U-12 Co-Ed and U-14 Co-Ed divisions who competed in the three-day event while playing 7v7 on a water-based surface.



#### SUMMER BASH AT THE BEACH

July 19 - 21, 2024

Virginia Beach Regional Training Center

Virginia Beach, Va.

U-10 Co-Ed, U-12 Co-Ed, U-14 Co-Ed

**Participating Teams: 42** 

Each year, USA Field Hockey partners with the Amateur Athletic Union to host the field hockey portion of the AAU Junior Olympic Games. The 2024 event took place July 29 through August 1 at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. and along with the U-16 girls attending, the event was expanded to include the top U-16 male athletes based on coach recommendations and/ or a tryout competition. The U-16 boys played in the Hockey5s format, while the U-16 girls competed in 11v11. Power (boys) and United (girls) both took home gold.

For the second year in a row, USA Field Hockey partnered with 3STEP Sports to run the annual National Hockey Festival from November 29 to December 1 at the state-of-the-art Paradise Coast Sports Complex in Naples, Fla., This edition saw a 23.8 percent increase in teams that participated, with the most in the U-19 Girls age division.

### AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

July 29 - August 1, 2024 Wake Forest University Winston Salem, N.C. U-16 Boys & U-16 Girls

**Boys Athletes:** 45 **Girls Athletes:** 108



## November 29 - December 1, 2024 Paradise Coast Sports Complex Naples, Fla.

# OF TEAMS 135

**U-10 Co-Ed (7v7):** 5 **U-14 Girls (11v11):** 24

U-12 Co-Ed (7v7): 18 U

**U-16 Girls (11v11):** 35

U-14 Co-Ed (7v7): 4

**U-19 Girls (11v11):** 40

U-14 Girls (7v7): 8

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## 2024 COACH EDUCATION

USA Field Hockey's Coach Education Department is dedicated to raising the bar for coaches across the country. Reflecting on the past year, they're inspired by the hard work and commitment shown by the coaching community. Looking ahead, they're eager to build on that momentum, continuing to expand resources and certification opportunities for field hockey coaches nationwide. Their ongoing efforts are strengthened by valuable partnerships with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA), National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

### COACHING CERTIFICATION COURSES

Throughout the year, Coach Education offered a range of programs, including Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Coaching Courses.

#### LEVEL 1

214 online certifications9 in-person clinics99 in-person certifications

Conshohocken, Pa. Glen Rock, Pa. Hummelstown, Pa. Knoxville, Md. McLean, Va. Pittsburgh, Pa. Rochester, N.Y. Towson, Md. Worcester, Mass.

#### LEVEL 2

4 in-person clinics 39 certifications

Easton, Pa. Sanford, Fla. Worcester, Mass. (x2)

#### LEVEL 3

1 in-person clinic 11 certifications

Charlotte, N.C.



#### NFHCA CONVENTION

USA Field Hockey staff attended the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Convention, an annual gathering of coaches from across the country, reinforcing the organization's strong partnership with the NFHCA. As part of the event, Coach Education hosted a Level 2 Instructional Clinic in Sanford, Fla. with 14 coaches, led by Head Coaches Britt Broady and Ali Johnstone. Their expertise helped elevate the learning experience, further strengthening the development of field hockey coaches nationwide.

#### USOPC

Coach Education attended the 2024 Athlete Development Model Summit in Colorado Springs, Colo., alongside other national governing bodies to explore opportunities for collaboration and resource sharing. The USOPC introduced new resources in 2024 to support USA Field Hockey Members in furthering their education and strengthening the coaching community.

A key highlight was the launch of the Connection-Based Coaching (CBC) Course, a gifted program from the USOPC and USA Field Hockey designed to strengthen coach-athlete relationships through social and emotional learning. Open to all coaches, parents, and administrators, CBC helps create a positive and supportive environment in field hockey.

As part of the Million Coaches Challenge, a national effort led by the Susan Crown Exchange to train one million coaches by 2025, USA Field Hockey is proud to offer this course to all members.



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#### HIGH PERFORMANCE SUMMIT

The 2024 High Performance Summit, which was held May 6 and 7 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Charlotte, N.C., offered an exclusive look at the U.S. Women's National Team as they prepared for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The 62 attendees observed closed-door training sessions, with Head Coach David Passmore and Assistant Coach Javier Telechea explaining their methods, team culture, and defensive strategies. High Performance Director Craig Parnham facilitated on-field action during live sessions with the USWNT and staff, providing deeper insight into elite-level preparation.

On-field and classroom sessions featured USWNT staff, Junior High Performance coaches, and experts like Maddie Hinch, who demonstrated modern goalkeeper training, and Allan Law, who engaged coaches in hands-on attack principles. Chris Fry and Hannah Jaussen highlighted the role of technology, data, and performance science in Olympic qualification. Sean Rapaport, Director of Umpiring, led an interactive discussion on aerials, video review, and rules interpretation, sparking insightful conversations.

The USA Field Hockey Foundation hosted a social gathering to wrap up the event - closing two days of learning, collaboration, and inspiration.

#### TACTICAL INSIGHTS & GAME MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

This Workshop took place on April 27 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Charlotte, N.C. with instructors Craig Parnham and Allan Law. There were seven participants.

#### TACTICAL EDGE WORKSHOP: PRINCIPLES OF ATTACK & DEFENSE

This Workshop took place on June 7 at Spooky Nook Sports in Lancaster, Pa. with instructors Ange Bradley and Tara Zollinger. There were eight participants.

#### NEXUS

The Coach Education Department continued its support of the Olympic Development Pathway Program, Nexus, by providing valuable mentorship and learning opportunities. A special thank you to lead mentors, Ange Bradley, Sam Brown, Allan Law, Amy Robertson and Peter Taylor for their contributions, along with all the Coach Educators who dedicated their time to building the knowledge and skills of Nexus coaches.

### AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

The 2024 AAU Junior Olympic Games took place July 29 to August 1 at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. Jen Averill supported the event in a tremendous way providing insightful discussions with coaches in a valuable learning environment. USA Field Hockey appreciates the ten coaches who embraced the opportunity to grow and reinforced the importance of continuous development in the sport.

#### NRTUAL NATIONAL COACHES FORUM

The 2024 National Coaches Forum (NCF) was held virtually on December 3 and 4 for two days of high-level learning and knowledge-sharing for field hockey coaches at every level. With 128 attendees from across the country, the Forum brought together elite minds from the global coaching community, offering valuable insights into modern coaching techniques, tactical strategies, and athlete development.

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## USA FIELD HOCKEY UMPIRES & OFFICIALS

It was a busy year for the umpiring department and for USA Field Hockey officials in various roles around the world.

The Umpire Department hosted extremely well attended online umpiring clinics in the spring and fall and added to the offering with an indoor clinic in December, before the winter season commenced. What was noticeable and particularly pleasing was the number of young attendees, including many current athletes, as well as coaches and parents.

In the summer, a new, simplified umpire rating and ranking system was trialed and the process was extended through the fall and winter, receiving helpful feedback and making some minor tweaks as the Umpire Department plans to officially launch it in the spring of 2025.



The umpire database continues to expand and the Umpire Department found ourselves in an ever-improving position to assign officials more appropriately, based on their development pathways, levels of skill and experience and the nature of training opportunities.

Umpire managers play a crucial role in the identification, retention and development of umpires. USA Field Hockey is fortunate to have some vastly experienced umpire managers who work many regional and national events, alongside the next generation, hailing from the current and recently retired umpire pools. Suzi Sutton and Saleem Aaron attended further training through the Pan American Hockey Federation in Miami, Fla. and Gus Soteriades was involved at a number of local and sanctioned events, while also being a college assignor.

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The Umpire Department continues to work and engage with partners at the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) in addressing the shortage of quality umpires at all levels of the sport. Director of Umpiring Sean Rapaport is in regular discussions with both organizations around rules, education and behavior.

The organization continues to work with sanctioned events such as USFHL (adult league), Junior Premier Indoor and Outdoor League, and Big Apple as well as college assignors and the NCAA rules interpretor and assignor with a view to standardizing best practices and educating and developing officials.

Sean also worked with the High Performance, Junior High Performance and Coach Education Departments in engaging with the national team athletes and coaches as well as a large number of coaches at the college, club and high school level. He presented at the High Performance Summit and virtual National Coaches Forum.









In addition to the umpires and umpire managers that service events, USA Field Hockey is fortunate to enjoy the support of experienced schedulers and an army of volunteers who give their time and know-how for little reward or recognition. One of those volunteers is Jeanne O'Brien, who concluded her four-year term on the USA Field Hockey Board of Directors at the end of December. Cheryl Bruttomesso – an umpire, umpire manager, interpreter and educator – who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience was welcomed to the Board starting in 2025.

At the FIH Statutory Congress in Muscat, Oman, Rene Zelkin was one of five recipients of the FIH Hockey Order of Merit.

#### INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

In 2024, Allie Mikelson received her FIH International Indoor Umpire Badge, Benjamin Peters was named the USA Field Hockey Umpire of the Year, and Erika Barbera and Brian Tyson officiated in their first indoor and outdoor senior sanctioned matches.

FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier (W) January 13 - 21, 2024 Valencia, Spain

Valencia, Spain Maggie Giddens | Umpire

FIH Hockey5s World Cup (M&W) January 24 - 27, 2024

Muscat, Oman Mike Lipka | Technical Official Rene Zelkin | Technical Official

FIH Hockey Pro League (M&W) February 14 - 19, 2024

Globally Maggie Giddens | Umpire Lurah Hess | Match Manager Benjamin Peters | Umpire Kim Scott | Match Manager Rene Zelkin | Match Mangaer

Indoor Pan American Cup (M&W) March 18 - 22, 2024

Calgary, Canada Aaron Dudek | Technical Official Allie Mikelson | Umpire Kim Scott | Technical Delegate Brian Tyson | Umpire FIH Nations Cup (M)
May 31 - June 9, 2024
Gniezno, Poland
Benjamin Peters | Umpire

FIH Nations Cup (W)
June 3 - 10, 2024
Terrassa, Spain
Lurah Hess | Technical Delegate

Junior Pan American Championship (M&W) July 2 - 12, 2024

Surrey, Canada Aaron Dudek | Technical Official Samantha Flood | Technical Official Allie Mikelson | Umpire Brian Tyson | Umpire Rene Zelkin | Technical Delegate

Pan American Challenge (M)
September 6 - 14, 2024
Lima, Peru
Lurah Hess | Technical Delegate
Ridge Bair | Umpire

Pan American Challenge (W) September 20 - 28, 2024 Hamilton, Bermuda Erika Barbera | Umpire Rene Zelkin | Technical Official

WMH World Cup (M&W)
October 12 - 21, 2024
Cape Town, South Africa

Andrew Estrada | Umpire Frank Maisano | Umpire John Pierece | Umpire

WMH World Cup (M&W) November 7 - 16, 2024

Auckland, New Zealand
Aaron Dudek | Technical Official
Paula Childs | Umpire
Chris Niblock | Umpire
Renee Rutkowski | Technical Official
Regina Sands-Corl | Technical Official

FIH Hockey Pro League (M&W)
December 10 - 15, 2024
Globally
Benjamin Peters | Umpire

Director of Umpiring Sean Rapaport also had a busy year on the pitch representing South Africa as an umpire at the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier (M) in Oman, FIH Hockey Pro League and Paris 2024 Olympic Games. He was also selected as the inaugural recipient of the Official of the Year Award at the South African Sports Awards.

### **GROW THE GAME** SPORT DEVELOPMENT



USA Field Hockey's vision, as defined in the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, is for field hockey to thrive in the United States. Growing the game and driving local, regional and national opportunities for all to play, coaah, umpire, watch and enjoy the sport, both recreationally and competitively, is essential to achieving this vision.

The Sport Development Department's strategy is to focus on, and invest in, cultivating strategic partners and building sustainable structures to support existing hockey and fuel growth of new opportunities. USA Field Hockey continues to nurture strategic relationships and create tools and resources to support partners in growing the game as a sport for all, sport for life.

#### STATE CHAPTERS

In 2024, USA Field Hockey supported nine State Chapters, State chapters are making an impact! Highlights include: holding off on further expansion until the new local State Chapter Membership category and new membership management system launched in 2025.

State Chapters are volunteer-led extensions of USA Field Hockey. Local leaders are elected by members within their state. Leaders develop strategic plans to drive grassroots growth, collaborating with USA Field Hockey and leaders from other states. Their mission is to Grow the Game, Serve and Inspire Membership, and Succeed Locally and Internationally.

CURRENT STATE CHAPTERS: Colorado, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas... and more to come.

- Kentucky hosted a State Chapter Launch Party at the YMCA of Greater Louisville, welcoming hundreds to come play field hockey and meet and greet.
- · Michigan's MHSAA secured state sanctioning of field hockey starting in 2025-26, opening the door for continued high school growth. Michigan was the first State Chapter to host a National Indoor Tournament Qualifier and Regional Club Championship.
- Missouri hosted a Hockey5s playday, introducing the new format to beginners and experienced players.
- · State Chapters hosted Olympic Watch Parties, amplifying field hockey as one of the world's most popular sports and an Olympic sport for men and women, and supporting the USWNT.

#### POWERFUL PARTNERS

#### **CLUBS**

Member Clubs are the heart of USA Field Hockey, with club leaders creating year-round playing opportunities, driving membership, and competing in USA Field Hockey regional, national and sanctioned events and programming. Club leaders drive athlete development. USA Field Hockey added several member clubs in 2024, bringing the total to 323.



#### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

High schools represent the broadest base of field hockey in the United States, with more than 1,800 high schools and 50,000 student-athletes playing across 25 states. USA Field Hockey has a strong partnership with the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) and their state association leaders. USA Field Hockey works with the NFHS to advocate for field hockey in multiple ways, including growth of programs to new schools, expansion within existing programs, sanctioning, Coach and Umpire education

and certification, sportsmanship, rule alignment, communication of field hockey opportunities, development of student leadership initiatives, and more. USA Field Hockey attended the NFHS's Rules Committee Meetings, contributed to the 2024 Pre-Season Guide, and collaborated with leaders at the NFHS Summer Meeting.



In 2024, the Michigan High School Athlete Association (MHSAA), voted to sponsor field hockey as a girls' sport starting in 2025-26. This opens the door for continued growth of the sport in



Throughout the year, the NFHS provides USA Field Hockey with a toolkit of assets to use in order to promote their Bench Bad Behavior campaign. The campaign is targeted at reducing unacceptable fan behavior that often takes place at high school sporting events. USA Field Hockey shares these posts on Facebook and X.

From NFHS: "Bad behavior at high school athletic events has to stop. Enough is enough. Let's restore civility in our schools and make it clear that bad behavior will not be tolerated."



#### **COLLEGES**

The Field Hockey Forward (FHF) initiative is an on-going collaboration between USA Field Hockey and the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) to sustain and grow NCAA Collegiate Field Hockey at the Division I, II and III levels.



In 2024, FHF presented to 26 college and universities and helped welcome, support and promote six new NCAA programs starting in 2025 and 2026. The six colleges and universities adding programs received valuable incentives from USA Field Hockey and the NFHCA, including coach education and mentorship.

















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#### **SKYHAWKS**

USA Field Hockey forged a partnership with Skyhawks, the



largest multi-sport youth camp provider in the United States, to include field hockey in their single and multi-sport camp offerings. The Sport Development Department supported Skyhawks with a discovery day at the Skyhawks annual convention and provides introductory curriculum, tools and resources for Skyhawks franchisees, coaches and campers.

Leap Hockey came on board as a strategic partner to support grassroots growth and provide valuable tools and resources for USA Field Hockey Members. Leap Hockey offers discounts to USA Field Hockey members and Skyhawks participants.

#### BESSANT GROW THE GAME GRANT

The USA Field Hockey Bessant Grow the Game Grant was established in 2024 when Bank of America honored Cathy Bessant and her remarkable 40 years of service to the company by supporting a \$1 million leadership grant to USA Field Hockey to further develop the sport's growth.



Bessant, a long-time supporter of the organization, earmarked \$200k for Sport Development - \$50k for four years - creating the USA Field Hockey Bessant Grow the Game Grant. The Grant was established to support leaders committed to growing the game and the grassroots level and strengthening a community's field hockey ecosystem. The grant equips leaders to build or strengthen "Field Hockey Hot Spots," defined as places where field hockey is an accessible sport option for people to discover, play and learn, compete, improve and excel as athletes, coaches, umpires and fan. Grantees receive both financial support and networking opportunities with their cohort, as well as personalized mentorship based on their stated needs.

#### **2024 GRANTEES**

USA Field Hockey received 117 grant applications and ultimately selected 12 awardees, from nine states plus the District of Columbia.

Michele Van de Braak | San Francisco Youth FHC (CA)
Elizabeth Hitti | Atlanta FHC (GA)
Gracie Kiser & Ryan Kingery | YMCA of Greater Louisville (KY)
Alison Dempsey | Medway Youth FHC (MA)
Veronica Gonzalez | Warrior Youth FHC (MA)
Brandi Alexander | Upper Palmetto FHC (NC)

Zoe Almquist | Davidson FHC (NC)
Sharon Sarsen | Hudson Valley FHC (NY)
Alexandra Vann | John Paul the Great Catholic HS (VA)
Graeme Jackson | DC Dragons FHC (DC)
Hannah Jameson | Peak FHC (CO)
Jordy Smerchek | Arrowhead HS (WI)



#### FIH & PARIS 2024

The Sport Development Department supported the International Hockey Federation (FIH) in their sport initiation efforts at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. More than 25,000 individuals – children and adults from around the world – tried field hockey in Paris as a result of these efforts. This experience will help establish as vision and plan for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

USA Field Hockey promoted viewership of Paris 2024through Watch Parties and Tournament Programs, so fans could get information about the squad, including team and individual player posters and streaming game commentary.

USA Field Hockey is working behind the scenes to advocate to the International Olympic Committee, FIH, LA28 and the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee to make field hockey at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games an outstanding experience that will help grow the sport in the United States.







#### THE KELCES

Jason Kelce, NFL star, and Kylie Kelce, USA Field Hockey supporter, high school field hockey coach and podcaster, did a small-field demonstration where Kylie taught Jason fundamentals of the game.

#### YOUTH

USA Field Hockey continues to focus on growing affordable and sustainable opportunities, targeting girls and boys ages 5 and up. The USA Field Hockey American Development Model (ADM) establishes values and principles to drive participation and welcome new players (and their families!) to our great game.

As part of the ADM, USA Field Hockey's Equipment Shop continues to sell introductory wood and plastic sticks and balls at rock-bottom pricing, including the GO Ball, an oversized lighter ball perfect for beginners on any surface. Bulk packaging and pricing is available for physical eucation teachers, individual members and Member Clubs.

Discover Field Hockey Clinics offer a turnkey solution for leaders looking to expose young new players to the sport. This 90-minute clinic option includes right-sized introductory equipment for all registrants, so hosts can focus on field hockey and not have to worry about registration and equipment. All adult members with current background checks and SafeSport certification are able to sign up to host Discover Field Hockey Clinics.





USA Field Hockey continued to expand a library of tools and resources to support individual and organizational leaders of grassroots youth field hockey programs. The "In the Circle" App provides everything leaders need to create turnkey grassroots opportunities, including online coaching courses.

USA Field Hockey promotes field hockey to youth multi-sport organizations such as Parks and Recreation Departments, YMCAs, camps and School physical education, and more. The Sport Development Department continues to attend the Project Play Summit each year to help organizations who work with youth add field hockey opportunities.



#### BOYS & MEN

Although field hockey is enjoyed by men and women equally around the globe, boys and men are the minority in field hockey in the United States. USA Field Hockey is working to grow male participation by partnering with clubs, State Chapters, multi-sport organizations such as schools and camps, as well as individual leaders across the country with the capacity to provide boys field hockey opportunities.

In 2024, USA Field Hockey worked with the AAU Junior Olympic Games committee to add a Boys Division to the event. Four teams of U-16 boys competed in the Hockey5s format, led by male coaches and mentors

USA Field Hockey continued publishing the Boys' and Men's (BAM) Newletter to targeted stakeholders. Hockey5s is considered the desire format for introducing the sport to boys and, like indoor, the small-sided, exciting format enables outstanding competition that requires less space and fewer players.

Also in 2024, USA Field Hockey's Boys Engagement Manager, Marc Bakerman, formed a Boys Engagement Committee, organizing volunteers to drive boys hockey opportunities across the United States.

#### ADULTS & MASTERS

#### **ADULTS**

The United States Field Hockey League (USFHL) Regional and National Club Championships, presented by YOLO Sports, is sanctioned by USA Field Hockey and is the annual crowning event of the national adult field hockey calendar. For the seventh year, the top adult clubs from every region met for the coveted title of National Champion. Once again, the tournament was held in July at the University of Delaware in Newark, Del. Spectators saw 40 games over three days and enjoyed a social on Saturday night.

Twenty teams, including 8 men's and 12 women's, qualified for the event by besting their local leagues or regional championships. Congratulations to Men's Champions: Greenwich Field Hockey Club and Women's Champions: Olympic Club.

#### **MASTERS**

Masters is for adult players in the United States that are 35 years old and over. Whether an experienced player or brand new to the sport, U.S. Masters Fwelcomes everyone to join the fun with opportunities to play locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

USA Field Hockey is proud to endorse the U.S. Masters Teams in international competition for both indoor and outdoor, as required by the International Hockey Federation (FIH), Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) and World Masters Hockey (WMH).





The U.S. Masters Teams competed in the 2024 WMH Masters Indoor World Cup in March-April and two WMH Masters World Cup in October and November (see pages 26-31).

#### PAHF

USA Field Hockey's National Development Director, Sally Goggin, resumed her position as Chair of the Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) Sport Development Committee, working to network with PAHF leaders to grow the sport and share best practices.

### EDI EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



In 2024, USA Field Hockey worked to develop a 2025-2028 EDI Strategic Plan to strengthen and expand on areas to support the EDI Statement. With the launch of a new membership management platform, the integration of pronouns and gender identity options have been added into the system. A Trans Inclusion Policy should be finalized by 2025 and the organization will begin implementing an anti-bias training for staff to create a more inclusive environment.

#### EDI STATEMENT

USA Field Hockey believes that field hockey, and all sports, must be inclusive, accessible, affordable and safe to support a culture of belonging among all people regardless of race, gender, economic status, sexual orientation, ability and age. USA Field Hockey strives toward a future in which field hockey is more reflective of the demographics of the United States. Field hockey is a sport for all, a sport for life.

The value of sport, and especially team sports, is undeniable. Field hockey provides mental, physical and social benefits and has the power to unite, strengthen and inspire participants at all levels, from grassroots to the Olympic Games.

#### ALL STARZ FIELD HOCKEY

USA Field Hockey continued to expand and grow inclusive field hockey through the All Starz program. The second All Starz Showcase, sponsored by YOLO Sportswear, was held in conjunction with the National Indoor Tournament in March in Lancaster, Pa. There were four teams from three clubs that attended, including Able Field Hockey, PA Revs and Long Island All-Starz. Athletes had a great time and competed well in front of large, supportive crowds, receiving their medals from U.S. Olympians Stef Fee and Keli Smith Puzo.

Field hockey for athletes with intellectual disabilities, called Hockey ID, is growing around the world. USA Field Hockey's goal is to continue to expand the All Starz program, ultimately working with the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and possibly Special Olympics so athletes can represent Team USA in future international Hockey ID events.

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## LOS ANGELES 2028 OLYMPIC GAMES

Los Angeles will be the host of the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games for the third time in world history! This will be the first time in a generation that the Olympic Games will take place in the City of Angels. As the 2028 Games inspires fans across the world, it has already started to touch young Angelenos

In 2024, LA28 announced that the field hockey venue will be at the Fields of Carson, along with Tennis, Rugby and Cycling. USA Field Hockey has been working with partners - the International Hockey Federation (FIH), International Olympic Committee (IOC), U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and LA28 Committee - to set the groundwork for a successful field hockey competition that leaves a legacy for hockey in and around Los Angeles and California for generations to come. This includes advocating for venues and policies that will enable maximum fan engagement and entertainment to inspire new viewership and trial, while embracing existing stakeholders.



USA Field Hockey also continues to focus on youth growth through schools in southern California, including the development of a "club" system with six elementary schools in the Rio School District. The Rio after-school field hockey league consists of several schools – Rio Real, Rio del Sol, Rio Plaza, Rio Rosales and Rio del Mar –where each team would compete in thirteen games. The program concluded in May and featured 240 athletes, with the make up being ten all-boys and ten all-girls teams.









B RENDERING

## USA FIELD HOCKEY 2024 HALL OF FAME

In May, more than 150 individuals gathered to celebrate greatness at the USA Field Hockey 2024 Hall of Fame Celebration. The night was dedicated to honoring and recognizing those who have dedicated so much to field hockey in the United States. In 2024, three new categories, Coaches, Officials and Contributors, were added. The Honorary Member was retired.

The 2024 Induction Class included five inductees in **Patrick Cota**, **Kelly Doton** and **Katelyn (née Falgowski) Ginolfi** who join an already impressive list of athletes added to the USA Field Hockey Hall of Fame. **Amy (née Hassick) Baxter** was named an Officials inductee while the late **Dr. Christine Grant** a Contributor inductee.

### ATHLETES



#### **PATRICK COTA**

A 14-year U.S. Men's National Team member, Cota represented the United States in 119 international matches and was named to the Pan American Federation Elite Team in 2009. He also has an extensive coaching career, which includes the college and youth level. He started the NorCal Sharks team, which helps train both boys and girls in the northern California area. He is currently the head coach for the U-18 USMNT.

Cota served two terms on the USA Field Hockey Board of Directors as an Athlete Representative and two terms on the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) on the Athlete Advisory Council. He continues to serve as a director on the USA Men's Field Hockey Foundation.

#### **KELLY DOTON**

Beijing 2008 Olympian Doton was a member of the U.S. Women's National Team from 2005 through 2010 and represented Team USA in over 100 international matches. She helped Team USA qualify for an Olympic Games held outside of the United States for the first time in 20 years, culminating in an 8th place finish at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

Doton has worked with the U-17, U-19, and U-21 USWNT since retiring, helping to grow and develop the national team level and build future Olympians. Since 2015, she has been the head coach at Boston College.



#### **KATELYN GINOLFI**

Ginolfi has one of the most decorated playing careers for the U.S. Women's National Team, having competed in 261 international matches for Team USA. She joined the USWNT in 2005, when she was just 15 years old, and was selected to compete at the 2006 Hockey World Cup in Madrid, Spain at just 17 years old.

Ginolfi persevered through multiple setbacks and challenges during her international career, earning six gold, three silver and two bronze medals. She is a three-time Olympian, competing in the Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

### OFFICIAL



#### **AMY BAXTER**

USA Field Hockey Umpire and International Hockey Federation (FIH) World Panel Umpire Baxter is the first Official to be inducted into the USA Field Hockey Hall of Fame. Her first international appointment came in 2007 in a series between Chile and the U.S. Women's National Team. After that, Baxter spanned the globe doing Four Nations Tournaments, FIH Hockey World League events, Champions Trophies, World Cup Qualifiers, Olympic Qualifiers, and reached the pinnacle in the hockey world, two World Cups (Argentina 2010 and The Netherlands 2014) and two Olympic Games (London 2012 and Rio 2016).

### CONTRIBUTOR

#### DR. CHRISTINE GRANT

The legendary late Dr. Grant, a tireless advocate for the right of women to participate in sports, is the first Contributor to be inducted into the USA Field Hockey Hall of Fame. Dr. Grant fought for gender equity her entire career and her contributions to and unwavering support of Title IX were instrumental in its adoption into law. Throughout her lifetime she empowered and inspired multiple generations of female student-athletes, educators, administrators and advocates for women in sport. Dr. Grant fought fiercely to uphold the preservation of Title IX in collegiate sports, even when faced with strong opposition.



The 40th anniversary of the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Field Hockey Men's Team and Women's Bronze Medal Team were also celebrated, as well as the 30th anniversary of the 1994 Women's World Cup Bronze Medal Team. Three 1984 Olympians were present at the celebration – Manzar Iqbal, Beth Belgin, and Marcella Place – and each reminisced on their favorite moments of the Summer Games.

MICHELLE RENE



## 2024 ANNUAL AWARDS

The Annual Awards more broadly recognize, honor and celebrate individuals across the field hockey community whose contributions have made a major and lasting impact on the game of field hockey in the United States. In 2024, five awards were presented in the following categories:



#### GROW THE GAME MELISSA PONZIO

Ponzio is a passionate advocate for growing the game by creating inclusive opportunities for athletes of all abilities through Able Athletics. Through her work with Able, Somers Youth Field Hockey and Fox Lane Field Hockey, she has dedicated herself to ensuring that field hockey is accessible to everyone, fostering a love for the sport in communities of all kinds.



### NATIONAL COACH CANDICE RUSS

Russ started cocaching Warhawks FHC in 2014and has served as a club coach, technical director, and recruiting coordinator. In a four-year span, she has seen Warhawks grow by 40% and helped move the club higher up in the Club Rankings. She led many teams to qualify for USA Field Hockey Events.



### **NATIONAL UMPIRE**BENJAMIN PETERS

Peters began umpiring when he was 12 years old in England. In 2008, he moved to the United States and continued his journey and earned his International Badge in 2012. In 2024 he was appointed to the Big Ten and NCAA Division I Championship, FIH Hockey Pro League - making his debut - and FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup



### NATIONAL CLUB PA UNITED

Now in their sixth season, PA United is quickly becoming a high-level field hockey club in the Central Pennsylvania. Founded in 2018 by former Bri Price., what started as a small program with just 64 athletes and four coaches, has grown to have more than 350 athletes and 24 coaches.



#### HUMANTARIAN AJ MISSELHORN

Misselhorn became the first head coach of Penn State Harrisburg when they transitioned to a varsity program in the fall of 2024, and has made inclusivity a founding principle of her team. Under her tutelage, Maggie Kutz became the first known student-athlete with Down Syndrome to play NCAA field hockey and started her first game in 2024 and has helped break down barriers.



## WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

USA Field Hockey's Communications Department oversees all internal and external communication to members, constituents and stakeholders. The organization's website is the primary focus of communication efforts including news articles, roster announcements, event coverage and more. Secondary, but increasing in priority, are USA Field Hockey's social media platforms. These consist of Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and TikTok.

In March 2024, the Communications department launched a strategic rebranding project, created in tandem with the agency Hats + Rabbits. This project, named "Dare to Differ", included a high-quality commercial and a toolkit of assets such as flyers and social media graphics.

A large portion of the Communications Department's efforts in 2024 were focused on the promotion and coverage of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The website saw a significant increase in traffic during the month of July, as well as increase in followers on social media, particularly for X and Instagram.

#### WESBITE

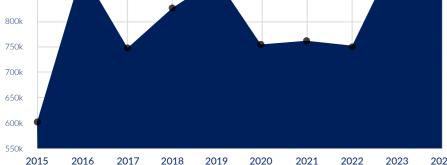
The website continues to be the primary focus on content distribution. In 2024, USA Field Hockey had 895,141 total unique users and 3,239,664 pageviews - a 37 percent increase from the previous year.

The highest trafficked months were July (166,283) and August (107,363) because of Paris 2024.

## **B95,141** UNIQUE USERS IN 2024

## 3.239.664 PAGEVIEWS

#### **UNIQUE USERS FROM 2015-2024** 950k 900 850



#### PARIS 2024

Following the U.S. Women's National Team qualifying for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, it was important for the Communications Department to continue the excitement and leverage the exposure to the media. The goal was to highlight the team's qualification, build and continue the excitement, increase brand and sport awareness, expose journey of the team and athlets and engage with the community. Reference Paris 2024 Olympic Games Media Review for a in-depth review.



#### LIVESTREAM & NDEO HIGHLIGHTS

USA Field Hockey continued to livestream as many events as possible in 2024. These included the National Indoor Tournament, National Indoor Festival, National Club Championship, Nexus Championship, and National Hockey Festival.

The Communications Department also used video highlights to showcase events and programming on the website and social

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

USA Field Hockey's social media platforms continue to be important as a method of communicating information to constituents. From January to December, Facebook saw a growth of 5 percent, Instragram increased 14 percent and Tiktok saw the most the biggest jump in 273 percent.

#### **FOLLOWERS**

**(1)** 88,701

44,572

94.153

5,025

**6,250** 

**6,076** 

There was a significant jump in the lead up, during and just after Paris 2024 (July 27 to August 21):

Facebook: increased 954 followers X: increased 453 followers Instagram: increased 4,676 followers

Tiktok: increased 609 followers

Having both Kylie and Jason Kelce in attendance was significant for the growth of the sport and engagement. Communications capitalized on this opportunity by posting photos immediately following their appearances.





## PARTNERS & SPONSORS COMMERCIAL

#### COMMERCIAL & SPONSORSHIPS

Commercial partners, especially those with valued sponsorships, play an important role in the success of USA Field Hockey. The essential funding and support from these organizations and companies comes in many shapes and forms. In addition to traditional sponsorships, support can include budget-relieving value-in-kind donations of products and services, fees for vending at youth events or for advertising/promotion to the field hockey marketplace, or as offers of member benefits and discounts, or - as is often the case - some combination of these forms of support. All financial support helps USA Field Hockey achieve its mission.

#### NEW & RENEWING SPONSORS

USA Field Hockey welcomed several renewing sponsors in 2024. These organizations included Lace Up Athletics, Next College Student-Athlete (official recruiting partner), Next Level Video (official video recruiting partner), Osaka Hockey (presenting sponsor of Nexus), Promasque (sponsor on custom goalkeeper helmets), and YOLO Sportswear (presenting sponsor for the National Indoor Tournament).

Companies with new sponsorships in 2024 included Leap Hockey (virtual athlete and coach training), Playerdash (online communications tool), Plus Foods Minus Foods (online nutritional consultancy), Veo Technologies, and WRAPPIT WRAPPIT (custom stick wraps).

#### OTHER CURRENT SPONSORSHIPS

Companies with existing sponsorships continuing through 2024 included Aluminum Athletic Equipment Co.(AAE) (official full size goal and equipment sSponsor), AstroTurf (official turf provider), Bag Tags Inc. (event bag tags credentials and lanyards), Bank of America, Beyond Pulse (performance tracking wearables), Blockstar (portable goals and goal targets), Gatorade, Hagan Hockey's Be11ieve (umpire apparel), Harrow Sports, HocSocx (shin guard rash-protection liner), Longstreth, Mr. Assist, Nationwide Insurance (pet insurance division), Osaka Hockey (national team uniform and kit sponsor), ROAR Hockey Company (Stik Stak training system), Skyhawks(multi-sport youth camp program and the United States Performance Center (USPC).

#### EVENT VENDORS & SUPPORTERS

In the events area, YOLO Sportswear was again the presenting sponsor for the National Indoor Tournament (NIT) and National Club Championship (NCC), and their qualifying regional tournaments, marking 28 years of sponsorship and support for USA Field Hockey events. Team IP continued as the presenting sponsor for both the National Indoor Festival (third consecutive year) and Sunshine Showcase at ESPN Wide World of Sports (second consecutive year). Osaka Hockey remained as the presenting sponsor of the Junior and Senior Nexus Championship, a role they have served in since 2022.

In addition to national youth qualifiers and events, USA Field Hockey hosted an educational Hall of Fame event, hosted by the USA Field Hockey Foundation, with the support of sponsoring organizations AstroTurf and Beyond Pulse. Coach Education and Umpire appreciation events also found the support of sponsors in the form of donated raffle items which surprised and delighted participants. Donors included many of the companies already mentioned and also PATH Coaching.

Companies who served the field hockey community and helped make USA Field Hockey's all regional and national events successful through vending and other services, in addition to the sponsors listed above, included Approach Clothing Co., C.P. Dean, Dita USA, Girls Gotta Play, Goat USA, HFS/adidas, League Apps, N&D Sportswear, Pain & Gain Sports/Vlack, Skillz Machine, Superior Performance, Teamzila, Trend Field Hockey and Wears Woody. Other organizations that provided event support included Boston Red Sox, Busch Gardens and San Diego Padres.

In 2024, as USA Field Hockey worked to build grass-roots local programming by developing State Chapters, companies such as Capelli Sport also joined the collaboration in support of events to bring more hockey to more places.

#### SUPPLIERS OFFERING DISCOUNTS

Supplier partners who continue to work with USA Field Hockey, offering discounted products, services and resources, to provide much appreciated budget relief for national team athletes and member benefits included Designs Unlimited, DMC Sport, DukTIG Notebooks, Expert Voice, Hanker Designs, Kookaburra, New Start Mobile, Noodles & Co., OBO, Positive Coaching Alliance, Sports Engine, Team Travel Source, Thorne and True Sport.

Advertisers on USA Field Hockey's various programming opportunities, whether in a program booklet, on a national team game broadcast or in the Partner Camps program, in addition to companies mentioned above, included US Sports Camps/Nike Sports Camps, Revolution Sports Camps, and Sistar Mortgage.



#### **PREMIER PARTNERS**











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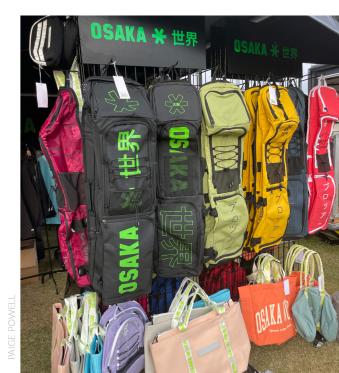












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### **FUNDRAISING** USA FIELD HOCKEY FOUNDATION



FUNDRAISING

1,517 INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Donors help ensure longevity for field hockey by contributing to the USA Field Hockey Foundation. Supporters in 2024 helped enrich lives by providing programming which benefited thousands of players, coaches, umpires, leaders, and families in communities across the country.

#### #PATH2PARIS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

One week after the USA Field Hockey Women's National Team secured their spot in the 2024 Olympic Games, a fundraising campaign was launched to fuel their journey. With a goal of raising \$240,000 for essential funding and budget relief, the campaign quickly gained momentum.

In less than a month, the USA Field Hockey Foundation raised \$106,000 and proudly presented a check to the team upon their return to Charlotte, NC. Over the next six months, more than 1,000 donors—including athletes, clubs, umpires, coaches, families, friends, and fans-rallied behind the Women's National Team. Their collective effort through the Path2Paris campaign raised over \$229,000, demonstrating the power of community and commitment to supporting Team USA on the world's biggest stage.



#### ANNUAL GIVING

USA Field Hockey donors provide essential support year-round, funding quality programs and resources for members. Their generosity sustains the annual fund, ensuring financial stability and a balanced budget, allowing the organization to thrive.

foundation is committed to USA Field Hockey's mission to grow the game, serve and inspire membership, and succeed internationally.

The USA Field Hockey Foundation is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to exclusively benefiting and supporting USA Field Hockey, the National Governing Body for the sport sanctioned by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). Its mission is to raise funds and acquire assets to enable USA Field Hockey to encourage, improve, and promote amateur field hockey in the USA. The

### USA FIELD HOCKEY FOUNDATION

The Foundation is the driving force behind USA Field Hockey's financial support, dedicated to growing resources and funding key initiatives that fuel the sport's success. Through grants, annual fundraising and capital campaigns, the Foundation provides vital support to athletes, programs, and the future of field hockey. Guided by a devoted group of Trustees, whose passion and generosity shape its mission, the Foundation ensures that the sport continues to thrive for generations to come.

#### **TRUSTEES**

Foundation Trustees commit \$20,000 over four years, contributing a minimum of \$5,000 annually to support the future of USA Field Hockey. Working alongside Foundation Executive Director Pam Stuper and Events Manager Amy Crandall, these dedicated leaders play a vital role in driving growth, funding key initiatives, and ensuring the sport's continued success.

Pamela Rappolt & William Rappolt, Chair Dr. David Higgins & Lisa Higgins, Treasurer Lorraine Lewis, Secretary Pam Hixon & Missy Meharg Sajjad Rashid Kathy Schiller

#### **GRANTS**

 Sport Development – Of the \$100,000 gift from 3STEP Sports in 2022, \$25,000 was allocated to Sport Development and used to fund human resources needed to support State Chapters and other sport development initiatives.

Total Grants: \$25,000





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### 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

As of December 31, 2024

As of December 31, 2024	Y/ 2024	Y/ 2023
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	641,816	1,588,363
Grant Receivable	750,000	100,000
Accounts receivable, net	85,851	67,948
Prepaid expenses and other assets	605,235	724,518
Long-term investments	1,132,473	147,899
Total Current Assets:	\$3,215,375	\$2,628,728
Operating Lease - Right of Use	4,300	29,596
Total Property & Equipment Assets	37,664	44,738
Beneficial Interest	4,182,269	4,252,492
Total Assets:	\$7,439,608	\$6,955,554
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	158,889	109,182
Accrued liabilities	571,185	206,555
Deferred revenue	2,168,634	2,308,964
Operating Lease - Right of Use	4,300	29,596
<b>Total Current Liabilities:</b>	\$2,903,008	\$ 2,531,908
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted (without donor restrictions)	1,491,984	1,968,816
Restricted (with donor restrictions)	3,044,616	2,332,441



REVENUE, GAINS & SUPP	ORT:		
Registration fees	5,853,785	Rebates	202,740
Membership dues	1,469,363	Sales revenue	182,762
USOPC support	508,440	Donation	506,363
Other fees	926,581	Licensing	47,626
In-kind contributions	819,401	Interest & dividends	557,441
Grants	1,363,664	Other income	99,260
Corporate sponsorship	124,250		
		Total Revenue, Gains & Support:	\$12,661,676
EXPENSES:			
PROGRAM SERVICES:		SUPPORTING SERVICES:	
Olympic & sport develop.	5,256,512	General & administrative	1,246,539
International teams	4,502,040	Marketing & communication	509,669
Member services	554,981	Fundraising	330,236
Total:	\$10,313,533	Volunteer	26,356
		Total:	\$2,112,800
		Total Expenses:	\$12,426,333
		Change in Net Assets:	235,343
		Net Assets, Beginning of Year:	4,301,257
		Net Assets, End of Year:	\$4,536,600

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**Total Liabilities & Net Assets:** 

\$7,439,608

\$6,955,554



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