

MEMBER ORGANIZATION BENEFITS

Becoming a **Member Organization** of **USA Lacrosse** offers a variety of benefits designed to support lacrosse programs, leagues, clubs, and teams across the U.S. These benefits focus on safety, development, insurance, and organizational resources.

All you need is for all Players and Coaches to be active USA Lacrosse members throughout the entire duration of play/season.

1. Insurance Coverage - One of the most significant benefits:

- **General Liability Insurance:** Coverage for your organization, including directors, officers, and volunteers.
- **Excess Accident Insurance:** For participants who are USA Lacrosse members.
- **Certificate of Insurance (COI):** Often required by facilities and municipalities.

This helps mitigate risk and meet facility and tournament requirements. Also, will cover Try Lax events where new players are not USAL Members.

2. Compliance and Safety Support

- **Background Checks** for coaches and volunteers (required for SafeSport compliance). **Normally an added cost to non-USAL Programs but are included with the membership cost.**
- **SafeSport Training** and education on abuse prevention. **Normally an added cost to non-USAL Programs.**
- **Concussion protocols** and return-to-play guidance.
- **One-time Age verification for all players.**

Helps ensure your organization is operating in a safe, legal, and ethical manner.

3. Access to Player and Coach Development Tools

- Free and discounted **coach education** resources (online and in-person).
- Access to USAL Coach Certification Programs - Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels.
- **USA Lacrosse Coach Certification Athlete Development Model (ADM)** tools aligned with age-appropriate skills.
- **Drills, practice plans, and development curriculum** for youth to high school levels.
- **Access to the Mobile Coach Application to help with coaching plans, injury prevention with LaxFit, rules and guidelines, etc....**

Supports better instruction and a more enjoyable player experience.

4. Organization Tools and Support

- Access to **National Team players** and USA Lacrosse Ambassadors.
- **Grant opportunities** for equipment and programming (especially for underserved communities, PE Grants). We also have a Regional Stick grant that is open to all USAL Member organizations.
- Opportunity to receive Direct Service grants which can help your league or program with league and program initiatives,
- Help with **governance structure**, best practices, and bylaws using our Resource Library in the Program Leader Portal.
- Continual support and guidance from the Regional and Membership team at USA Lacrosse.

Useful for both startup programs and established clubs seeking growth or structure.

5. Credibility and Alignment with National Standards

- Being a Member Organization signals a commitment to **best practices** in coaching, safety, and administration. Which all parents want.
- Helps with **parent trust**, school or community partnerships, and league acceptance.
- Aligns with national **rules, ethics, and development standards**.

6. Discounts and Perks

- **Discounted event registration** (e.g., USA Lacrosse Nationals or showcases).
- **Access to vendor discounts** (equipment, uniforms, services).
- Potential eligibility for **USA Lacrosse national grants and initiatives**.
- Members have access to tryout for the National Team Development Program with the end goal to compete internationally.

7. Technology and Membership Tools

- Access to **membership management systems** and tools to streamline registration and communication.
- Integration with platforms like **LeagueApps, SportsEngine**, etc.

Requirements for Member Organizations:

To access these benefits, an organization must:

- Require all participants (players, coaches, etc.) to be active USA Lacrosse members for the duration of the season of play.
- Uphold USA Lacrosse safety standards (e.g., background checks, SafeSport, etc.).