



# 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.

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## 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.).