



TEAM USA

World Cup | Special Hockey Individual Selection Process

Coach Nomination of Individual Players for Consideration

Coach is eligible to nominate one player for every ten registered players within association. This encourages growth.

1. Submit USA Hockey association code.
2. Due to selection committee:
 - a. Player's hockey Bio
 - b. 3-5 minute video of the nominated player(s) performing hockey skills, including but not limited to, skating, shooting, and passing.
 - c. **Player application.**
3. Applications must be submitted by October 10, 2019.
4. Team USA will be selected by October 18, 2019.
5. Final selection will be made by the USA Hockey Selection Committee which is made up of USA Hockey Disabled Section members, with the agreement from the Head Coach of the Disabled Hockey World Cup USA Special Hockey Team.
6. All decisions are final once selection is completed.

Please submit nominations to disabledhockey@usahockey.org.

Time Commitment

The USA Special Hockey Team will have three mandatory team practices at the following scheduled events.

1. Two practice sessions at the USA Hockey Special Hockey Classic – November 8th-10th, 2019 in Wayne, NJ.
2. Two practice sessions at the USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival – March 26th-29th, 2020 in Pittsburgh, PA.
3. Practice time incorporated at the World Cup prior to games – May 11th-17th, 2020 in Las Vegas, NV.

General Requirements

1. Player must be USA Hockey registered for 2019-20 season.
2. Must be affiliated with a Special Hockey team that is registered with their respective National Governing Body (ie: USA Hockey, Hockey Canada, etc.)
3. Cannot be double rostered on a typical hockey team.
4. \$100 player entry fee.
5. Participation is 100% self-funded (travel, hotel, equipment, expenses, etc.)
6. Players must travel with a parent/guardian at all times.



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Eligibility

1. Minimum age requirement is 13 years of age as of September 1, 2019.
2. Players are eligible to roster on Team USA for a maximum of two years, can be consecutive or not.
3. Player can apply as many years as eligible.
4. If the player is at any point suspended at an event sanctioned by the National Governing Body, that player's spot on the US roster will be reviewed by the Head Coach and the Referee in Chief of the Disabled Section.

Qualifications

1. Needs to understand most aspects of the game
 - a. Icing
 - b. Face-offs
 - c. Offsides
 - d. Line changes on the fly
2. Demonstrates the ability to be a true team player
 - a. Passing
 - b. Even temperament
3. Ability to understand when strategic plays are required and unequal playing time results.
4. Must have the ability to follow the coach's direction and do so without argument.
5. Must be able to function on the ice, bench, and in the locker room without a parent, but with the guidance of the coaching staff.

Player Code of Conduct

1. Work hard to improve your skills.
2. Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
3. Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
4. Be on time.
5. Play any position (excluding goaltender).
6. Attend all practices.
7. Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
8. Respect your coaches, teammates, parents, opponents, and officials.
9. Never argue with an official's decision.
10. Abide by all USA Hockey Rules and Code of Conduct.



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