



2026-2027 Teams' Annual Guide

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ANNUAL GUIDE 2026-27 SEASON

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IMPORTANT DATES: 2026-27 SEASON
VARSITY AND JV

DATE	EVENT
July 1, 2026	JV Teams must declare their intention to State Commissioner and State Statistician
August 1	Team information form due to State Secretary, State Registrar, Commissioner and Statistician
August 15 Lunch at noon General Meeting starts 1pm eastern	Mandatory ISHSHA Meeting for Team Representative, Club Presidents and New Head Coaches, but all are welcome to attend – Sweetwater Music 5501 US 30 Fort Wayne IN. State Board Representative can NOT serve as a team representatives.
September 1	Home School Student Athlete’s accreditation information due to State Commissioner
September 12	Team Indiana Blackout day – practice
September 18 – 20	Team Indiana Blackout Weekend - Detroit
September 25	Email your Team’s any and all game schedule in Excel due to State Statistician; send changes as they occur throughout the season. Must use Excel form provided by state statistician.
September 25	E-mail your USA Hockey certified Roster Link to the state statistician.
September 30	ISHSHA BOARD ONLY ...Email a copy of USA Hockey Background Check and Safesport Completion Receipt to Board Secretary before 9/30/26 or you risk losing voting privileges until you complete both tasks..
September 30	Varsity must name their 15 skaters and 1 goalie that may not play in the JV League. Must send to State Statistician and State Commissioner.
October 1	Culver A to email USA Hockey certified roster link to the state statistician. (or before first game)
October 2	First day to play crossover games. JV season starts.
October 15	Culver B to email USA Hockey certified roster link to the state statistician. (or before first game)
October 24 - 25	Culver Crossover Weekend (invitation only)
November 1	No Additions to rosters
November 1	2027 High School National Letter of intent to participate – submit to President
November 6,7 and 8	Fort Wayne Crossover
November 15	JV Roster Lock
November 15	State Invitational Tournament fee of \$2,700 due to State Treasurer (Varsity and JV)
November 16 - December 14	Late fee (\$250) goes into effect for State Invitational Tournament (total fee due becomes \$2,950) No fees will be accepted after December 15.
November 25	Reminder that the first 75% form is due in two weeks, begin to fill out if have not done so.
December 10	First submission of the 75% verification sheet to Commissioner and Statistician. These to be submitted by a league rep.
December 11, 12 and 13	South Bend Crossover
December 12	ISHSHA Board Meeting (South Bend)
December 27 - 29	Team Indiana Blackout Days - Gilmore
December 31	Final State Tournament rosters due to state statistician, State Registrar (Tonya). This information is what will be used for the state program.
January 15, 2027	Shallert Team Academic Awards applications due to Awards Chair
January 15	Memorial Scholarship Awards applications due to Awards Chair
January 15	Academic All-State Applications due to Awards Chair
January 8 - 10	Hoosier League Crossover
January 18	Medical or Other Exemption requests due to State Commissioner
January 18	Last day to play crossover games.
January 20	Final submission of the 75% verification sheet to Commissioner and Statistician. These to be submitted by a league rep.
January 20	All results for crossover games due to State Statistician
January 30	JV Season ends.
January 31	ISHSHA Board Meeting (State Invitational Seeding Meeting, Indianapolis)
February 1 - 14	ISHSHA Varsity Play in game if needed location to be determined
February 19 – 21	ISHSHA State Invitational Tournament Pool Play/with JV season ending final games played at one pool play location – South Bend Ice Box and Fort Wayne PSM Icehouse. JV games in South Bend IN
February 27	ISHSHA State Invitational Championships Evansville IN
March 17 - 21	USA Hockey Nationals High School – Amherst NY
	Failure to meet any of the above dates will result in the head coach being suspended for the first game of the 2027 State Tournament

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR TEAMS

All teams and team members must be registered with USA Hockey. A team registration form and a team roster are required for each team. An "Individual Member Registration" is required for each player, coach, and any other team members who are listed on the roster and will be on the ice or bench. Subsequent team roster changes must also be reflected on the appropriate USA Hockey forms, with final changes submitted to USA Hockey and the ISHSHA **no later than December 31, 2026**. Please be aware that USA Hockey has special registration requirements for foreign exchange students. The USA Hockey team registration and member registration must be done electronically (see instructions, page 6). Free USA Hockey registration software is available from the Indiana Mid-Am Associate Registrar, or the MAHA District 6 Associate Registrar for those having to register in Michigan.

Tonya Trueblood – MidAm/State Assoc. Registrar ttrueblo@iu.edu	Frank Noonan – MAHA District 6 Registrar
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All Teams: All high school teams that wish to participate in the 2027 State Invitational Tournament must register with the Indiana State High School Hockey Association (ISHSHA). Contact information for the appropriate state officials is on page 12. ISHSHA registration requirements are as follows:

- Provide a completed Team Information Form to State Registrar (see page 12 for contact information) on or before **September 1, 2026**.
- E-mail a copy of the team's game schedule in excel to State Statistician (see page 12 for contact information) by **September 25, 2026**.
- E-mail a copy of the team's roster link to State Statistician by **September 25, 2026**.
- E-mail any changes to the team's game schedule and/or roster to State Statistician as these changes occur.
- Mail the State Invitational Tournament application fee of \$2,700 to State Treasurer (2937 Norfolk Ct. Mishawaka IN 46544) on or before **November 15th, 2026**. On **November 16th**, the fee increases to \$2,950. **The final fee deadline is December 15, 2026**.
- Team roster changes need to be submitted through the USA Hockey Registry to Mid-Am Registrar Tonya Trueblood as these changes occur, with the final changes forwarded no later than **December 31, 2026**. These changes must be reflected on the USA Hockey Team Roster.
- GameSheets will be the primary means of scoring all games this season. All results must be emailed to the State Statistician no later than Tuesday of the following week.

Independent teams who wish to be invited to participate in the State Invitational Tournament: Independent Member Teams that register with the ISHSHA must send the following information in addition to the required registration items listed above:

- **Email ALL GameSheet scoresheets from the previous week to State Statistician by Tuesday of the next week**

All Other JV Teams: All other high school JV teams that *are not* intending to participate in the State Invitational Tournament and want to have administrative support must register with ISHSHA. This administrative support includes, but is not limited to, being provided with score sheets, medical release forms, and other related hockey forms. These other JV teams must also complete and submit the Team Information Form to ISHSHA Registrar on or before **September 1, 2026**.

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ISHSHA TEAM REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Each team wishing to participate in the 2027 State Invitational Tournament must complete the following:

Team Information (Membership) Form:

- Complete the ISHSHA Team Information Form and identify your team's contact person who will receive important information from the ISHSHA Board during the season.
- Provide contact information for your Team Score sheet Manager.

Team Roster and Medical Release Forms & Consent to Treat Forms:

- Complete an electronic USA Hockey team roster and submit the roster through the USAH Registry to the Mid-Am Associate Registrar, or the MAHA Associate Registrar, prior to the team's first game. **Practices cannot start nor games be played before your registration is completed and approved by USA Hockey.**
- A team can roster a maximum of 25 players and dress a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goalies for a total of 20 in a game.
- Each player, coach, and any other team member who is listed on the roster and will be on the ice or bench must complete the USA Hockey Consent to Treat Form, and Medical History Form. The Team Manager or other designee must present these forms at the time of check-in and any other time, when requested, during the State Invitational Tournament. (See "Forms" section in this guide for a copy of these forms.)

Please be reminded that the state tournament is **by invitation** and that all teams must meet all ISHSHA Board and USA Hockey requirements.

USA Hockey Insurance:

Questions about insurance should be directed to the appropriate District Risk Manager.

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PLEASE BE AWARE, YOUR PLAYERS ARE NOT COVERED BY USA HOCKEY INSURANCE UNTIL YOUR TEAM ROSTER IS RECEIVED BY THE MID-AM ASSOCIATE REGISTRAR !!

USA HOCKEY TEAM REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

ISHSHA registered high school teams must use the USA Hockey Registry website. Teams should use the following steps for USA Hockey Registry and ISHSHA team registration.

1. Complete a request for the USA Hockey Registry username and password immediately.
(Contact Mid Am/State Assoc. Registrar or MAHA District 6 Assoc. Registrar- contact information on page 4)
2. Username and password information will be e-mailed to you from USA Hockey.
3. Log into the USA Hockey Registry.
 - Enter information for your team.
 - Add personnel to team ... for each player, coach or manager.
 - Assign players a position of Forward, Defense, Goalie, or F/D
 - Assign home and away sweater numbers
 - for coaches, use head coach or coach
 - Repeat these steps each time a player change is made.

NOTE: Please be sure all information is correct and complete; errors could affect the team's or player's registration, eligibility or insurance coverage.

Additional steps required to complete your ISHSHA registration

PLEASE NOTE: The information you supply to us will be used for the website as well as for team roster information in the Tournament program. Please be accurate and spell names correctly. Contact Mid Am/State Assoc. Registrar or MAHA District 6 Assoc. Registrar with problems, questions, or concerns about electronic registration.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SCORE SHEETS FOR ALL GAMES

The Gamesheet platform can be accessed by going to the following website: www.ishsha.com . Those individuals who have been designated as score sheet managers by their individual teams will use this system to enter ALL of their score sheets and those individuals will have been provided with a username and password to enter into the system.

League, Crossover, other GAMESHEET score sheets (original PDF copy is preferred but, in any case, a legible copy is required) should be sent to your appropriate LEAGUE representative, within the LEAGUE in which your team participates, and to the state statistician. This includes ALL league games, crossover games and "other" games. For the purpose of defining a game - If there are referees on the ice during play, it is considered a "game" for purposes of requiring a score sheet to be submitted. Teams maintaining "Mirrored Rosters" and competing in strict midget level games as well as their high school contests should submit all score sheets for these games as well, as these games are considered "OTHER" games. Teams that do not participate as a member of a league (Independent) must submit their score sheets to the state statistician weekly. Gamesheet is the primary means to score all games.

The ISHSHA strongly believes in the integrity of each individual team, but feels that all teams must play under and be accountable for all ISHSHA rules. Any team that fails to maintain a complete record of all their game scores on the state website, and through their individual Leagues may be considered not in good standing with the ISHSHA and may be ineligible for the State Invitational Tournament.

GAME MISCONDUCTS:

A copy of the score sheets for **ANY AND ALL** (crossover, other, AND pre/post midget games) that involves a game misconduct, match penalty or coach suspension must also be submitted to the State Statistician and State Commissioner in addition to the appropriate league representative. In submitting this information, be sure to include the full referee write-up of the incident which is often found on the back side of the original score sheet.

LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each league is responsible for maintaining score sheet information for all its member teams for all games played. These sheets should be readily available in the event copies are requested by state officials. A SCORE SHEET FOR **ANY** GAME PLAYED MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE STATISTICIAN.

IF you must use a hand written scoresheet, teams must use pre-printed labels, but each copy of the score sheet MUST have a label. Score sheets without pre-printed labels or legible, complete information will not be accepted.

Please note: Before submitting score sheets to the League and State Statistician(s) each Tuesday, the team score sheet manager should review the score sheets for completeness and accuracy. If a score sheet was not completed accurately by the scorekeeper, the team score sheet manager should complete, and/or correct as necessary, the score sheet information and indicate what additions or corrections were made and by whom. Having completed, correct score sheets reduce the amount of time needed to enter information into the database. The State and League Statisticians thank you in advance for your help on this issue.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SCORE SHEETS FOR ALL GAMES – Cont.

Please ensure scorekeepers follow these tasks for each game:

Scorekeepers must be trained in how to use GameSheet

Score sheets must be legible, in ink, and have all game information completed. Please press firmly is using a written sheet. The date played and home and away team names **MUST** be on every score sheet. If there is more than one team in your organization, please differentiate on the score sheet (e.g. indicate Carmel Gold or Carmel Blue, not just Carmel).

- ▶ List player names as completely as possible; if two players have the same last name, a first initial is required; if the first initial is also the same, another form of the first name must be provided.

List players on the score sheet in order by **JERSEY NUMBER, NOT in alphabetical order.**

Cross out names of players not able to play with a **single line through the player name**; indicate reason for not playing in summary column(s), e.g. injured, suspended, coach's decision, ill, academic, absent, etc.).

Record the period and time of any/all goalie changes.

Prior to the game, obtain each head coach's, or acting head coach's, signature on the score sheet.

If applicable, clearly write "**Crossover Game**" across top of score sheet.

Use "**clock time**", not "**elapsed time**"!

At end of game, complete all summary information:

- o Recapitulation summary: team goals, assists, penalties and penalty minutes.
- o Scoring Summary: goals per period - not cumulative score by period.
- o Summarize player and coach statistics: goals, assists, penalties, penalty minutes. o Summarize all goalie statistics.

- ▶ Scorekeeper must sign and print name in appropriate places on the score sheet.
- ▶ A coach is required to review score sheet immediately after the game
- ▶ Have the referee review and sign the score sheet; make sure the referee writes up game misconduct or match penalties.
- ▶ Before separating copies, **BE SURE ALL COPIES ARE LEGIBLE** if using paper scoresheets.
TEAMS DO NOT RECEIVE THE TOP COPY! The top copy is submitted to the Statistician!
- ▶ **If you are using electronic scoresheets, the same rules apply as paper sheets, including all signatures and game misconduct write ups.**

NOTE: Full names must be used when score sheets are signed by Head Coaches and the Referee.

Crossover Games:

The original (top) score sheet for all crossover games is to be emailed to your league statistician on the Monday following the date the game is played. A crossover game is a game that is played **between the dates of October 2, 2026 and January 18, 2027** (inclusive) against a "state tournament eligible" member team outside your league or against a "state tournament eligible" Independent Member Team. **Any crossover score sheets not received within one week of the game date may not be considered as a crossover game.** Crossover score sheets received after this deadline may affect the team's State Tournament eligibility.

If there is more than one "state tournament eligible" team in your organization, please make sure to differentiate the proper team on the score sheet so that the crossover game will be properly recorded.

All rostered players are to be listed on score sheets for crossover games, **with the name of a non-participating player crossed out. An injured player must be so identified on the score sheet.** As stated before, **players must be listed in numerical order, by sweater number, NOT alphabetically by name. If labels are used the labels must be used on each copy of the score sheet (see instruction on page 7). Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph will result in the game not counting as a crossover game.**

If you are hosting a tournament with crossover games involved, email the original (top) score sheet for **all tournament games** to State Statistician on the Monday following the tournament.

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2027 STATE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each team and player must meet the following requirements in order to be considered for invitation to the State Invitational Tournament:

1. Each team must be a high school hockey team and an ISHSHA Member Team in good standing. Each coach, player, manager, or team representative must be in good standing with their respective leagues or the ISHSHA. Each team must register with the ISHSHA by having the Team Manager attend the Annual ISHSHA Team Representative meeting and completing the Team Information Form. Any and all new Head Coaches of a team, whether or not he or she has previously been a head coach, must attend the Annual ISHSHA Meeting. All Head Coaches are required to attend in the years there are USA Hockey rule changes. These rule changes will be discussed in detail at these Annual Meetings.
2. Each team must submit a USA Hockey certified roster and the Excel file (see page 6, Item 6) to the appropriate State's Registrar **before its first game**. Teams, players and coaches must be registered with USA Hockey to compete in the State Invitational Tournament.
3. Each team must submit the State Invitational Tournament application fee of \$2,700 to the State Treasurer by **November 15, 2026**. On **November 16, 2026**, the fee increases to \$2,950. The final fee deadline is **December 15, 2026**.
4. *Each team desiring to participate in the 2027 ISHSHA Invitational Hockey Tournament is required to complete a minimum of eight (8) "crossover" games between October 2, 2026, and January 18, 2027. Culver A will complete a minimum of 16 cross over games. No more than three games can be played with the same opponent and count as a Crossover Game. Every player on these tournament-bound teams must participate in a minimum of 75% of their team's scheduled crossover games and in 75% of their team's scheduled games during this same time period. Teams with more than 20 players (up to 25 players) can indicate the "Healthy Scratch" column in the 75% spreadsheet for those players not playing in that respective game. This "Healthy Scratch" must be marked and indicated at the time of the game, not later or if there is an eligibility question.*

Under no circumstance will any team participating in less than eight crossover games be allowed to play in the State Tournament. The ISHSHA Commissioner may grant a waiver depending upon circumstance.

Teams completing the minimum of eight (8) crossover games will be seeded into classes for tournament play by the ISHSHA Board of Directors. These teams will be eligible for placement in any class of play including the highest class.

- *A crossover game is defined as any completed game against a state invitational eligible team which does not participate in the team's league of play. Crossover games for teams not participating in a state league will include all games vs. state invitational eligible teams.*
5. Crossover games WILL NOT COUNT until the ISHSHA receives the team's registration information (certified copy of roster) and all USA Hockey screening letters.
 6. Each ISHSHA rostered player must not have received any combination of 4 or more of the following during the season in all games played (including games played on a non-Member Team):
 - Game misconduct
 - Match penalty

In the unlikely event a player receives four game misconducts in the same stoppage of play, that player may request an appeal to the ISHSHA Commissioner. A \$250.00 non-refundable fee will be required. Upon review, the ISHSHA Commissioner may form a Disciplinary Committee to **review** his/her eligibility status. The request must be received by the ISHSHA Commissioner within one week of the game in question. The season for calculating game misconducts is from the first game of play down games until the day before the first day of play down games the following season.

7. **An ISHSHA Member Team must not have received 10 or more of the following during the season in all games played (including games played as a "mirror rostered" team):**
 - **Game misconduct**
 - **Match penalty**

2027 STATE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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TOURNAMENT FORMAT

8. A high school hockey player who has not completed the required number of crossover games due to an injury or illness must submit a letter from a medical doctor, on the physician's stationery, defining the starting date of the illness or injury and the date on which the player was released to play. Other unique circumstances which preclude a player from competing in the minimum number of crossover games must be documented by the Team President. The information must be sent to the State Commissioner by **January 18, 2027**.

9. All ISHSHA players must participate in **75%** of all scheduled team games (excluding TI Blackout weekends). If the team schedule changes (add or delete games) during the season; it is the responsibility of the Team to update the schedule and send to the ISHSHA Statistician. All 75% forms must be verified by the state league rep for that given league. Participation spreadsheet can be found in the FORMS section of the ISHSHA website.

If any ISHSHA member team, player or coach exhibits any act deemed unsportsmanlike in any state-sanctioned event, that player, team and/or coach may receive notification that their future conduct will be monitored and reviewed in regarding future invitations to the ISHSHA Invitational Tournament.

10. 15-1 Rule, JV and Varsity skater/goalie participation. The 15-1 Rule assigns Varsity players to Varsity only teams. They cannot be moved down to the JV level.

Skaters – A team has until November 15th to decide what team a player will play on, whether it is JV or Varsity. After November 15th, all JV rosters will be locked.

Goalie – A goalie assigned to a Varsity Team as a 15-1 Goalie is not eligible for JV. Regardless of the goalie issue on the team(s). JV Goalies are not allowed to play back up for Varsity teams during the ISHSHA State Tournament. Varsity Goalies are not allowed to play back up for JV Teams. A discussion and review can be requested to the ISHSHA Commissioner for an exemption.

JV SPECIFIC RULES

1. All JV rosters will be locked on November 15, 2026.
2. Prior to November 15, a JV player may move between JV and Varsity with the following exception
 - a. If a player plays 10 games on a varsity club, they are no longer eligible to play JV and must stay on the varsity team.
3. All players must qualify on the 75% form for the team they will be playing on for the State Invitational Tournament.
4. At the end of the season, the top ranked X number of teams will be moved up to the 1A bracket. This number will be based on the number of teams needed to fill an 8 team 1A bracket
 - a. The rankings will be based on how teams end the regular season
5. Of the remaining teams, the next top 8 teams will compete in the single elimination season ending tournament.
6. Any Head Coach found to violate these rules will be suspended for 5 games per occurrence.

The 2027 Indiana State High School Invitational Tournament pool play will be held February 19 – 21 2027 in two locations. Two brackets will be held in South Bend and two brackets in Fort Wayne. Division locations will be decided at the seeding meeting. The tournament format will be double elimination for varsity for the first two games, with two teams advancing to a championship game for each class. The championship games will be played February 27 2027 in Evansville IN. The season ending JV tournament will be a single elimination, with the final games taking place in South Bend the weekend of February 19 – 21 2027.

Specific information on the State Invitational Tournament will be sent during the season to Team Representatives via e-mail and through the ISHSHA website, www.ishsha.com. The ISHSHA depends on its Team Reps to pass along important information about the deadlines, requirements, etc., to the families of their member teams.

ACADEMIC and PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

All Indiana State High School Hockey Association players, whose team is registered with the ISHSHA, must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible to participate in crossover games during the season, as well as, in the State Invitational Tournament:

STUDENT / ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT – What is a Student/Athlete?

1. Students must have a 2.0 GPA or its equivalent the previous semester. This begins with the semester ending at the end of December 2026.
2. A student must be attending high school (grades 9 through 12, four (4) continuous years). There are no exceptions. If it is found a non-eligible player is allowed to play in a game, the game is an immediate forfeit, and the Head Coach will be considered “not in good standing” for the entire ISHSHA Invitational State Tournament.
3. Students must be enrolled in 5 solid courses or the equivalent. If you have a question, ask.
4. There are no “re-take, Re-do, “make-up or “course correction” allowed. The grades at the end of the semester are the grades used to determine eligibility. Incomplete grades are just that. No grade is no grade.
5. There are cases where students have a “work/study” program, internship, college courses or are attending a technical school (part or full time). These exceptions must be explained with school, program, etc..... documentation.
6. At no time is a player allowed to graduate early and remain an eligible player.
7. All academic eligibility requirements in accordance with the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. - Rule 18 (as amended from time to time). The exception is that the ISHSHA requires a 2.0 GPA or its equivalent.
8. All academic eligibility requirements imposed by the player’s respective League excepting the ISHSHA requirement of a 2.0 GPA.
9. All academic eligibility requirements as imposed by the Indiana/Michigan high school in which the player is enrolled excepting the ISHSHA requirement of a 2.0 GPA.
10. All academic eligibility requirements as imposed by the team for which the player plays.

Home schooled students – Players must follow all ISHSHA, league and team requirements. All home school students are required to follow the Indiana Home School requirements outlined below:

“With respect to students enrolled in a non-public, non-accredited school, players must comply with the enrollment requirements of Rule 12-5 of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, in addition to any applicable requirements set forth above.”

If questions arise, it is recommended that team representatives talk with school administration officials regarding IHSA and school eligibility requirements.

Team representatives are responsible to ensure that their players meet all minimum academic requirements in order to maintain their eligibility. The names of players that become academically ineligible must be promptly reported to State Commissioner (see page 12 for contact information). Team representatives must also inform State Commissioner when a player’s eligibility has been reinstated.

75% VERIFICATION SPREADSHEET

All Indiana State High School Hockey Association players, whose team is registered with the ISHSHA, must be documented for games played and games missed on the 75% Verification Spreadsheet. This is provided and maintained by the ISHSHA Statistician. The document is NOT to be changed in any way other than filling in the required team information and player participation (this includes adding columns, rows, changing headers....). The document is saved as an Xcel only and will only be accepted as an Xcel document. The ISHSHA highly suggests recording player information after each game for accuracy. 75% Verification Spreadsheets are to be verified by the team, then sent to the ISHSHA League Representative for verification and accuracy. After being reviewed by the ISHSHA State Representative, they are responsible for sending the verified 75% Spreadsheet to the State Statistician and the State Commissioner. Teams are NOT to send the respective spreadsheets to the ISHSHA Statistician and Commissioner. The spreadsheet will be returned to the team without verification.

75% Verification Spreadsheets are to be verified by the team, then sent to the ISHSHA League Representative for verification and accuracy. The ISHSHA League Representative will then send the spreadsheet to the ISHSHA Statistician and Commissioner. Teams are NOT to send their respective spreadsheets to the ISHSHA Statistician and Commissioner independently. They will be returned without verification.

Failure to follow these instructions will result in the following: Any team found not completing the 75% spreadsheet or changing it in any way, will be subject to a \$250 fine for the first offense and each subsequent offense. IF the fine is not paid by the seeding meeting, the team is subject to either the Head Coach being suspended for the first game and/or a forfeit for their first game of the ISHSHA Invitational Tournament. There is no appeal.

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ACADEMIC AWARDS PROGRAM

To promote high academic standards for high school hockey players, the ISHSHA awards program honors both individuals and teams. Application forms for these awards can be found in the “Forms” section of this Annual Guide. **Team Reps: It is your responsibility to pass along this information and application forms to your senior parents.**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND MEMORIAL AWARDS: Each year, scholarship awards are presented to senior athletes at the State Invitational Tournament. The awards are made based on academic achievement, citizenship, community, and school contributions, leadership, dedication, and sportsmanship. The recipients of the awards are announced during the State Invitational Tournament. Award winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be applied toward college expenses, an individual plaque to keep, and their name on a traveling trophy to be displayed at the player’s home rink for the next year. Players and parents must complete an application and mail or email it so that it is received by January 15, 2027 (contact information is on the form).

- The Matt Crace Memorial Award was established in 1978 to honor Matt Crace, a dedicated sportsman and an accomplished hockey goaltender, who died in an auto accident at the age of 15. The award was established by Matt’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crace of Columbia City, Ind., and numerous friends who knew of Matt’s exceptional talent and dedication to the game.
- The J. Howard Guitard Memorial Award was established in 1983 to remember Howard Guitard, who died on August 19, 1981. Howard was a driving force in the support of youth hockey in Indiana and was instrumental in establishing the youth hockey program in Columbus, IN. He worked in all aspects of the program, including coaching the high school team for six years.
- The Robert Gillikin Award was established in 1991 in honor of Robert Gillikin of Columbus, Ind., by the Carmel Ice Skadium in recognition of the contributions he made to youth hockey programs in Indiana. Bob was a devoted supporter of youth hockey in Columbus and served at the local and state levels for a number of years. He now lives in Texas.
- The Nick Wehring Memorial Award was established in 2003 to remember a young player from Noblesville, Ind., who died in 1995 during his freshman year of high school. Despite being deaf and small in size, Nick played hockey with all his heart and did it for the sheer fun of it. He didn’t live long enough to play in a State Invitational Tournament, but he would have relished the experience.
- The Dr Jeffrey Watt STEM Academic Award, established by Dr Jeff Watt, ISHSHA Commissioner Emeritus, recognizes high school senior athletes who demonstrate academic excellence in high school mathematics and have chosen a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Dr Watt has been dedicated to youth and high school hockey in Indiana for more than 35 years. He has worked individually with student athletes and encourages all players to seek higher education. Dr Watt was honored as the 2010 Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the first Professor in Indiana to be awarded this honor.

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM: This program is designed to honor players who have also succeeded academically. Those who qualify are listed in the State Invitational Tournament Program and are posted at all the tournament sites. For this honor players must be seniors who have a “B” cumulative GPA. For this honor, players must be seniors who have a “B” cumulative GPA and a minimum combined score of 1050 on the SAT or 20 on the ACT. Parents must complete an application via email (or request mailing address) so that it is received by January 15, 2027 (contact information is on the form).

HENRY G. SCHALLERT TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD: The ISHSHA established this award in 2003 to recognize the Indiana State High School Hockey Association team or teams with the highest average GPA total. The award is named in honor of Henry G. Schallert, a dedicated educator. Teams must apply for this award via email (or request mailing address) the application form so that it is received by January 15, 2027 (contact information is on the form).

HOBEBY BAKER HIGH SCHOOL CHARACTER AWARD: Each Indiana high school varsity hockey program that is a member of the ISHSHA can honor one member of its team who best exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship and character demonstrated by the legendary hockey player Hobey Baker, who played at Princeton and died before returning to the United States after serving as a fighter pilot in World War I. Coaches/Team Representatives will register on the Hobey Baker Foundation website to submit their nominations. Website instructions from the Hobey Baker Foundation will be distributed as soon as they are available for this season, typically in January.

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INDIANA STATE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

INDIANA STATE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AND MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATION

[Applications](#) are to be completed by January 15, 2027, and should be completed by a parent or other adult (Teacher, advisor, coach, etc.) Please include email address of person submitting for any follow-up questions the committee may have.

Applications must be submitted via [Google Form](#) at the following [link](#):
<https://forms.gle/mmA8Ti2TewoHXR8x5>

In recognition of different academic calendars, the initial submission can be submitted with a complete transcript (including all classes taken and cumulative GPA) through the grade 11; the additional transcript, to include grade 12 S1/T1 needs to be submitted by January 31, 2027.

Only complete applications will be reviewed. A complete application includes:

- All questions in application answered
- A parent statement (see below)
- A student-athlete statement (see below)
- A full transcript through grade 11 with initial submission, additional transcript to include grade 12, S1 or T1, by January 31, 2027.
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- List of Awards and Honors

Application Components

- Completed [application](#) questions, submitted through [Google Form](#);
- **Parent Statement:** Please provide a statement regarding your student-athlete's attitude toward fair play, commitment to home, school and community activities, and dedication to hockey, team, ability and leadership;
- **Student-Athlete Statement:** Please provide a letter of introduction and statement regarding what you have learned from your experience participating in high school hockey and how that has impacted your activities in school and in the community. What is preparing you for your next steps in your education? What has being a high school hockey player meant to you on your journey to college;
- **Transcript** must include all classes taken, a cumulative GPA and preferably include SAT/ACT scores;
- **Letter(s) of Recommendation** from coaches, teachers, school administrators or other people who can speak to your candidacy for the award; and,
- **List of Awards and Honors** that highlights achievements through your high school career.

Contact the awards chair (Misti Chandler) at ISHSHAawards@gmail.com with any questions .

INDIANA STATE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM

The Academic All-Team is an honor bestowed annually by the ISHSHA. Those who qualify are listed in the State Invitational Tournament program and are honored during the tournament. To be considered for placement on the Academic All-State Team, a high school hockey player must fulfill the following requirements:

- Must be a senior.
- Must participate in at least 10 varsity games as a senior.
- Must have at least a “B” cumulative GPA. To the ISHSHA, this means the GPA must be 3.0 or better on a 4-point system, 4.0 or better on a 6-point system, or 8.0 or better on a 12-point system. There will be no rounding to achieve the 3.0, 4.0 or 8.0 minimum.
- Strongly preferred: achieve a minimum combined score of 1050 on the SAT or 20 on the ACT. **(SAT/ACT website score reports are acceptable.)**

Important Instructions:

- [Applications](#) must be received by **January 15, 2027**, and should be completed by a parent or other adult (Teacher, advisor, coach, etc.)
- [Applications](#) must be completed via [Google form](#)
- Completed forms become the sole property of the ISHSHA and will not be returned. The form should be completed by a parent or other adult (teacher, advisor, coach, etc.)

In recognition of different academic calendars, the initial [submission](#) can be submitted with a complete transcript (including all classes taken and cumulative GPA) through the grade 11; the additional transcript, to include grade 12 S1/T1 must be submitted by **January 31, 2027**

[Applications](#) submitted must include all information. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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INDIANA STATE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HENRY G. SCHALLERT TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD

INSTRUCTIONS

Applications MUST be received by January 15, 2027 via Google form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNhxUYyu6OEwRLyIlnkCCsWp48IEmVygrPj-XH3C5an_Ty3Q/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Completed applications become the sole property of the ISHSHA and will not be returned. Form should be completed by the Team Manager, Coach or another team official.

To promote high academic standards for high school hockey players, the ISHSHA has established an award to recognize the Indiana high school team with the highest total GPA average for the first semester/trimester of the 2026-2027 school year. Girls' high school teams and JV teams may participate as well if all players are in grades 9 or above.

The top team or teams will receive a plaque and recognition during the pool play games of the State Invitational Tournament. In the case of more than one team with the same highest average (rounded to the hundredth), all teams with that average will receive an award. Top teams will also be recognized in the tournament program.

Team managers and/or coach should complete the application via Google form (2027 Template - Schallert Team Award.docx). The information is to be taken from the players' school grade reports as submitted by the parents to the team manager, or from the school itself if the school ordinarily will do so for the team. Copies of grade reports may be requested by the Awards Committee for finalist teams with the highest GPA average.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

A complete application must include all players listed on the final roster submitted to the State Registrar on December 31, 2026. Fill in each player's name, list the GPA for the first semester of the 2026-27 school year, and the point base of the school. (For example, Player A received a 3.2 on a 4.0 point base.) If you have students from two or more different schools, fill out the GPA and point base for each school. Don't fill in the total if the point base is something other than a 4.0 base. The Awards Committee will compute the equivalencies and fill in the total.

If a school has weighted grades, any grades above 4.0 on a 4.0 point base will be counted as 4.0. This is in fairness to those schools that do not have weighted grades. However, please record the actual GPA as listed on the student's report card and do not fill in a total for the team.

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Team Information Form – 2026 - 27 Season

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION, WRITE LEGIBLY, DOUBLE CHECK FOR ACCURACY,
AND RETURN THIS FORM BY AUGUST 1 TO NANCY LAMOTHE (SECRETARY)

FULL TEAM NAME: _____

LEAGUE: _____

Please designate with an “*” next to the person’s name who serves as the team’s primary contact. This contact must have an e-mail address. The Team Score sheet Manager also must have an e-mail address.

CONTACT INFO	TEAM REP/ MANAGER	HEAD COACH
Name		
Mailing Address		
City/ State		
Zip Code		
Work Phone #		
Cell Phone #		
E-Mail Address		

CONTACT INFO	SCHEDULER	SCORE SHEET MANAGER
Name		
Mailing Address		
City/ State		
Zip Code		
Work Phone #		
Cell Phone #		
E-Mail Address		

REGISTRAR’S NAME: _____ PHONE# _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Email to Nancy Lamothe by August 1st.
260.704.0628

lamothenj@gmail.com

Nancy will forward all team information to Tonya.

Letter of Intent to Participate

March 17 – 21 2027

Location Amherst NY

Date:	
Association Name:	
Association Number:	
Contact/President:	
Contact Phone:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip Code:	

All Coaches in association are screened and Safe Sport Trained, **please circle one.** Yes No

Please circle which tier to compete in (tier 1 is lowest). 1 2 3

Assn. President Signature (required): _____

This letter does not guarantee you will go to Nationals, only your willingness to go is selected.

The selection process will look at your MyHockey Rankings, along with your game misconduct count. While able to still apply, if you have gone to Nationals the past three seasons in a row, the ISHSHA reserves the right to select a lower ranked team to allow others to experience High School Nationals.

All letters must be sent to the State Board President no later than midnight (eastern time) November 1, 2026 to be considered.

Steve Bartels – ISHSHA President – steven.bartels@kraftheinz.com

USA HOCKEY CODES OF CONDUCT

The following Codes of Conduct were prepared by USA Hockey's Youth Council.

Coaches' Code of Conduct

- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember, players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at players.
- Adjust to personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; never verbally or physically abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage all your players to be team players.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.

To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.

Players' Code of Conduct

- Play for FUN!
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
- Learn team work, sportsmanship and discipline.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Learn the rules, and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, opponents and officials.
- Never argue with the official's decision.

Sportsmanship Tips

Sportsmanship tips for student-athletes:

Accept your responsibility as a role model. Understand that representing your school and your community is a privilege that's not to be taken lightly.

Learn the rules of the games you play. Help your parents and fellow students understand them better.

Treat your opponents the way you want to be treated - with respect. Nobody understands how hard they have worked better than you do.

Refrain from taunting, trash talking, or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents - especially comments of an ethnic, racial, or sexual nature. No trash talking! Got it?

Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials, no matter how much you may disagree with them.

Sportsmanship tips for parents:

Remember that high school athletes are teenagers. They're still learning, which means they make mistakes. It's important to praise them and not criticize.

Always respect opposing players, coaches, and spectators. Show appreciation for the outstanding plays they make. And never cheer if one of them is injured.

Respect game officials. Understand that they are people like you and me who are doing their best to support our youth. Hey, where would our community be without them?

Censor those fans around you whose behavior is inappropriate.

Remember that a ticket to a high school athletic event is not a license to verbally assault others - including officials, coaches, and players from the opposing team.

Sportsmanship tips for coaches:

As a coach, you need to exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership possible. You're a lot more than just a coach. You're a teacher. There is no profession that is more important. Practicing good sportsmanship is teaching good citizenship.

You need to do more than teach the rules of the game. You must also respect them and abide by them - in letter and in spirit.

You must stress to your student-athletes that disrespectful behavior - especially taunting, trash talking, and intimidating - will not be tolerated.

You've got to set a good example for players and fans alike to follow. This means treating game officials with respect - even when you disagree. And no arguing, gesturing or throwing stuff - including your hat, clipboard, or jacket.

There are so many examples of unsportsmanlike conduct at the professional level; you've got to make sportsmanship your number-one priority. Aspire to be role models that professional coaches can follow.

USA HOCKEY SELF-EVALUATION CHART FOR COACHES

Using the following chart, evaluate how well you carry out your roles as a leader, teacher, and organizer. For each statement, select the word which best describes you. This chart can be used to assess yourself throughout the season.

	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement
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AS A LEADER:

- | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Establish Goals | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Use a democratic coaching style | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Am a good role model | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Develop leadership skills in my athletes | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Have a positive relationship with referees | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Interact effectively with parents | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Help athletes maximize their potential | _____ | _____ | _____ |

AS A TEACHER:

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|--|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Teach the necessary hockey skills | | | _____ |
| 2. Teach the skills using the proper sequence and progressions | | | _____ |
| 3. Teach skills using understandable language | _____ | _____ | |
| 4. Realize athletes differ in their readiness to learn a skill | _____ | _____ | |
| 5. Realize athletes learn skills at different rates | _____ | _____ | |
| 6. Teach more than just hockey skills | _____ | _____ | _____ |

AS AN ORGANIZER:

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Plan effective practices | | | _____ |
| 2. Select very good assistant coaches | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Have parents assist in the program | _____ | _____ | |
| 4. Attend to details | _____ | _____ | |
| 5. Communicate effectively | _____ | _____ | |

INDIANA STATE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

HOCKEY OFFICIALS' EVALUATION FORM

Please use a rating system of 1-5 with 5 being the best

	Referee	Linesman 1	Linesman 2
Name:	.	.	.
Attitude:	.	.	.
Communication:	_____	.	.
	_____	.	.
Consistency:	_____	.	.
Judgment:			

Date:_____ **Time:**_____ **Rink of Contest:**_____

Home Team & Score_____

Visitor Team & Score_____

Comments: _____

Submit to: Your League Referee-in-Chief

Submitted by: _____

Contact Number: _____

**Or, Submit to: ISHSHA Referee-in-Chief
ISHSHA Commissioner
League President**