



To: ACHA Membership
From: Craig Barnett, ACHA Executive Director
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Re: Membership Updates

2021-22 DECLARATION & REGISTRATION: Our Declaration and Registration portals will be open and ready to go on **July 1**. We will send out details that day along with the link to the Declaration portal to start your process. This information will also be posted on the ACHA website under **RESOURCES** beginning July 1. Please contact Dave Kurtz - dkurtz@achahockey.org with any questions.

2021-22 ANNUAL DUES: For those teams that are looking to pay next year's ACHA Annual Dues now, before your 2020-21 fiscal year ends, the online Shopacha store site is open – just click on your respective Division at [2021-22 ACHA Dues Online Payment Link](#) or email Jim Martin at jmartin@achahockey.org for an invoice if needed.

ACHA STAFF CHANGES FOR 2021-22 SEASON: As a result of the pandemic and the financial impact it has had on the operations of the ACHA, the Board of Directors approved the following recommendations that will reduce staff stipends by \$38,000 for the 2021-22 season:

- **Director of Hockey Operations** position which was furloughed this past season has been restructured and will be filled by Dave Kurtz, who filled that role while serving as the Assistant Director this past year. The ACHA will support Dave's former **Assistant Director** position with a small stipend and will look to fill the position this summer.
- **Men's Division 3 (M3) Leadership Structure** will be reorganized as a result of several M3 changes over the past 2 years. The formation of a **Competition Committee** this past year led by Commissioner Derek Conner and comprised of representatives from all M3 conferences and independents, proved to be very effective. With the reduction of the number of regions at the M3 level, the Competition Committee will remain in effect this coming season. In addition, a **Deputy Commissioner** position with a small stipend will be added to work with the Commissioner and Competition Committee group. These changes will replace the 4 Regional Coordinators and will provide an effective structure for our current M3 landscape as well as improving membership input.
- **Director of National Tournament** role has been restructured to a **Coordinator position** with a small stipend. With the addition of Sports Commissions and local Parks and Recreation departments supporting National Tournament hosts, the ACHA can reduce this position from a yearly general expense to a 2-month role supported by income generated from the National Tournaments.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR 2021-22 SEASON: The following modification for Player Eligibility has been approved for the Fall 2021 semester:

Background: With Board approval back in August 2020, we modified Players Eligibility due to the pandemic which included the following clause regarding the FALL SEMSTER of the 2021-22 season:

“In Fall of 2021, all eligibility requirements as outlined in the Policy Manual will be back in full effect. A 2.0 GPA or greater will be required at the beginning of Fall 2021 semester.”

Now that we are through the 2020-21 season and it's been 10 months since the Board approved the modification, the following recommendation has been approved by the Board of Directors for the Fall 2021 semester.

Approved Recommendation: Remove the GPA requirement for the 2021 Fall semester.

Rationale: This modification will only make the rule more lenient for the Fall semester - which ultimately treats all of our student-athletes the same regardless if they competed this past spring or not. It is also important to be unified across all our divisions for those programs that have multiple teams with players moving up and down.

the August 2020 modification, however, the 2.0 GPA or greater will NOT be required until Spring semester beginning in January 2022.

If any questions, please contact your respective ACHA Commissioner and/or Director of Hockey Operations Dave Kurtz.

2022 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Co-hosted by the St. Louis Sports Commission and the St. Louis Blues' Centene Community Ice Center (CICC), the 2022 ACHA National Tournament will take place in St. Louis, MO from **March 10-20, 2022**. Final dates for each Division will be forthcoming as well as all other logistical information. All 5 ACHA Divisions will be together once again with a total of 113 games, 78 teams and the crowning of 5 National Champions!

2022 & 2023 ANNUAL MEETING DATES: The AHCA has released the dates of their Convention for the next 2 years that will be hosted by the Naples Grande Hotel, thus we (ACHA) can plan our dates for General Session and Breakout meetings as shown below:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>
2022	AHCA Convention	April 20-24 (ACHA Meetings will be on Saturday, April 23)
2023	AHCA Convention	April 26-30 (ACHA Meetings will be on Saturday, April 29)

TREASURER END-OF-YEAR REPORT – For those members who might have missed it, ACHA Treasurer Jim Martin presented his End-of-Year Financial Report on **Sunday, June 6, 2021**. Here is the link to keep you updated: [2021 ACHA End-of Year Financial Report](#)