



ACHA MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a great time of year! It seems like this season has flown by for the most part as we prepare for conference playoffs, final rankings, Regional Tournaments, our 2020 ACHA National Tournament, M3 All Star Challenge and then the Annual Meeting in Florida. A lot going on, but I wouldn't want it any other way....It amazes me (still) how many great people we have associated with the ACHA, many having been part of this for years! Traveling to games and events throughout the season, I have been fortunate to meet a lot of our volunteers that give so much to the game and our student-athletes. Our growth and stability are a direct result of all of you, on behalf of our staff and Board, thank you! ... USA Hockey meetings in January included some great topics about players safety and development. Discussions also took place on coaches development and it sounds like we will see some changes to the coaches education certifications coming in the next couple of years...With the season winding down and post-season play gearing up, I want to thank our Commissioners and their staff with all the preparation going on right now to ensure post-season play becomes a great experience for all those who qualify.... I realize many of our membership have difficulty attending the Annual Meetings so please use this time to have a voice with membership proposals, general membership surveys and reaching out to Commissioners and ACHA staff to provide input and thoughts...Have a great home stretch and good luck to all! ~ **Craig Barnett**



HOCKEY IS GROWING IN THE SOUTH & ACHA IS VERY MUCH INVOLVED

During the recent USA Hockey Winter Meetings, statistics showing membership numbers throughout the country were revealed and except for the 13-14-year-old group, there is a healthy increase in participation in all categories and genders. One of the geographic area's that is growing very well is the South, or Southeastern District. Reviewing this season so far, it is no secret that the ACHA is playing a part with this growth. Evident by ACHA teams playing in front of large crowds in **North Carolina** with the Governor's Cup, or in **Texas** as part of the NHL's Winter Classic, or even in **Georgia** in a sold-out Savannah Hockey Classic event, the ACHA is making its mark both from a student-athlete experience as well as with fans attending and learning more about college hockey opportunities outside of the NCAA. Many thanks to the event organizers, commissioners, coaches and volunteers all across the country hosting ACHA games and tournaments, and also for those in these important growth areas. We can only build on this success and continue to provide great college hockey opportunities nationwide!



2020 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

The ACHA National Tournament returns to the Dallas metroplex area from **March 19 – 29, 2020**. The NHL Dallas Stars as well as the city of Frisco will co-host our event with games being played at the Stars practice facility Comerica Center, and Children's Health StarCenters in Plano and McKinney, TX. Visit www.achanationals.com

TEAM HOTELS

The ACHA has partnered with HPN Global as the exclusive hotel partner for the 2020 National Tournament. To book your rooms [CLICK HERE](#). For questions contact Tournament Director Russ Slagle at rslagle@achahockey.org



DIVISION DATES

Men's Division 1:
March 19 – 24, 2020

Men's Division 2:
March 20 – 24, 2020

Men's Division 3:
March 24 – 28, 2020

Women's Division 1:
March 25 – 29, 2020

Women's Division 2:
March 25 – 29, 2020

TICKET INFORMATION

On-site ticket sales are available at the venues:

- Comerica Center | Frisco
- Children's Health StarCenter | Plano
- Children's Health StarCenter | McKinney

Tickets can also be pre-purchased online at: DALLASSTARS.COM/ACHA

Prices: Single Game Pass = \$25; National Tournament All-Access Pass (109 games) = \$60

A promotional banner for the 2020 ACHA National Championships. The background is a green chain-link fence. In the top left is the ACHA logo (American Collegiate Hockey Association). In the top right is the text 'PURCHASE TICKETS AT DALLASSTARS.COM/ACHA'. In the center is the tournament logo. At the bottom, on a black background, is the text '72 COLLEGE TEAMS | 5 DIVISIONS' and 'MARCH 19 - 29, 2020'.

www.achahockey.org

TEAM TRAVEL TO NATIONALS OPTION



Beginning on December 1st, 2019 American Collegiate Hockey Association's National Tournament attendees will receive a **Discount on airfare** and **50% Bonus Rapid Reward** points from Southwest Airlines through our SWABIZ® account when traveling to and from Dallas. Purchase your tickets before March 11th, 2020 to take advantage of the discounted rates. Book your flights to leave as early as March 16th, 2020 and return no later than April 1st, 2020.

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2020 M2 & M3 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



M2 REGIONALS:

West: Feb. 27 – 29, Boise, ID
Central: Feb. 28 – March 1, Allendale, MI
North East: Feb. 28 – March 1, Keene, NH
South East: Feb. 28 – March 1, Lawrenceville, NJ

M3 REGIONALS:

North: March 6 - 7, Grand Rapids, MI
Pacific: March 6 - 7, Milwaukee, WI
South: March 7 – 8, Wesley Chapel, FL
Atlantic: March 7 – 8, Wilkes-Barre / Scranton, PA

M3 ALL-STAR CHALLENGE UPDATE – Location Has Changed

Final details for this spring's M3 All-Star Challenge will be announced shortly once everything is finalized. Here are some important facts you should know now:

DATES: April 17-19, 2020

WHERE: Revolution Ice Center, 12 Old Boston Rd, Pittston, PA 18640 (WB/Scranton area)

TEAMS: 8 Teams representing M3 conferences

ASC DIRECTORS: Steve Hyjek (M3 VP) and Dave Kurtz (Asst. Dir of Hockey Ops)

COLLEGE PROSPECT SHOWCASES HIGHLIGHT ACHA OPPORTUNITIES

With the growth and popularity of the ACHA, we have been contacted by several spring/summer college prospect showcases which provides opportunities for high school juniors, seniors and graduates to display their skills in front of ACHA coaches.

In addition, some of these events provide ACHA coaches an opportunity to not only evaluate the talent but to present and talk to the prospects and their families about your specific schools academic and hockey programs. From my perspective, a well-run event is a great opportunity to talk about the many benefits of ACHA hockey.

Here are a couple of early spring events that have reached out to us and that have had successful ACHA representation in the past that you may want to consider attending:



JOG ATHLETICS & BLACKHAWKS PROSPECTS
CHICAGO, IL
APRIL 12-14, 2020
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



USA HOCKEY'S AMERICA'S SHOWCASE
ST. LOUIS, MO
APRIL 16-20, 2020
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



THE ACHA WELCOMES ITS NEWEST PARTNER



The American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) has partnered with **JOG Athletics** to become the "Preferred Uniform Supplier of the ACHA." "JOG Athletics is a popular brand name in the college hockey world with many ACHA teams currently donning their jerseys and socks," said ACHA Executive Director Craig Barnett. "With many different levels of uniforms to choose from, including their new eco-friendly REPLAY SERIES, our ACHA membership will appreciate the consistent quality and high level of service coupled with great prices for their teams. Over the past ten years, JOG Athletics has shown, and this agreement shows, that JOG is highly committed to ACHA Hockey." Check out ACHA opportunities [here](#) and contact JOG at 302.538.9444.

ACHA ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: April 22-25, 2020

WHERE: Naples Beach Hotel, Naples, FL

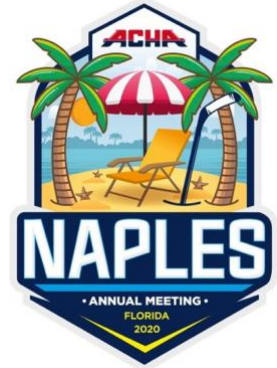
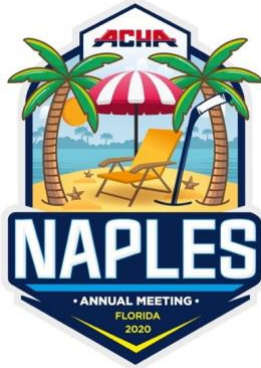
WHAT: ACHA Hall of Fame & Coach of Year Banquet – Friday, April 24

ACHA General Session and Divisional Breakout Mtgs – Saturday, April 25

REGISTRATION: ACHA Members must register to attend – [CLICK HERE](#)

NEED TO KNOW: The ACHA meetings are held in conjunction with the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) so there are really two (2) events happening at the same time – ACHA meetings and AHCA convention. If you plan on attending both, you must register for both.

DAILY SCHEDULES: Both ACHA meeting and AHCA convention schedules – [CLICK HERE](#)



IMPORTANT - MEETING VOTER REGISTRATION:

Voter registration for the annual meeting in Naples will open soon. Registration is done online at

www.achaelite.com/voterregistration.php

Voter registration is separate from registration for the annual meeting and the American Hockey Coaches Association. You can register for the meeting and the AHCA convention here - [CLICK HERE](#) (this is the same link as above under "REGISTRATION")

1. Teams must be represented in person to vote.
2. Each team in attendance is allowed one (1) vote.
3. Each team must designate a person to represent the team and vote.
4. The person designated to vote **MUST** be registered with your team. No other documentation will be accepted for registration. The online form will check your info against the ACHA registrations to make sure the person designated is registered with your team. **PLEASE USE THE SAME EMAIL YOU USED TO REGISTER WITH THE ACHA AS IT WILL BE CHECKED AGAINST YOUR LAST NAME!**

Your registered designee must check in before the meeting and will receive a wristband to identify them as your designee. Only the designee may vote for your team.

COMMISSIONERS CONTACT INFORMATION

M1: Commissioner **BRIAN MORAN** – bmoran4@achahockey.org

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W1: Commissioner **MOLLY MAHONEY** – mmahoney@achahockey.org

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