



United States Quad Rugby Association

How to Join the USQRA

BACKGROUND

The United States Quad Rugby Association (USQRA) was established in 1988, and is the governing body for the sport of Wheelchair Rugby in the US. Our main purpose is to help promote the game on both the local and National levels, as well as to oversee and enforce the rules under which it is played. We are a non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation, and operate based on the Constitution and Bylaws established by our membership.

There are currently over 450 players, and more than 35 teams that are members of our association. Joining the USQRA is a simple process, and we welcome any team that would like participate in the sport to become an active member. There are two types of membership available to you.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

- **Developing Member Teams** – This is used primarily for new clubs that are in the very early stages of development. Teams only qualify for this level during their first year of play, and must have no plans to compete during post season. Membership at this level is not required for new teams, but offered as a way to help save money during your first year of development. The registration fee for a Developing Member Team is \$150.
- **Member Teams** – Every registered team in the association enjoys this status after their first year of play. New teams are encouraged to join at this level if they can, as it offers teams the most benefits. The registration fee for Member Teams is \$350 per season.

Note: Each member team is allowed to roster one international player on their team. If a team should choose to exercise this option, an assessment fee of \$500 will be added to their team dues for each season that an international player is rostered with them. A team can list as many as 15 players on its roster each season. Staff positions are unlimited, but should be limited to a manageable number.

BENEFITS OF JOINING

While there are many benefits of joining the USQRA, the best one is probably the right to participate in regular league and post season tournaments. Some of the additional benefits are:

- **Liability Insurance.** Every team will need liability insurance in order to conduct practice sessions and to host tournaments. The USQRA has made arrangements to provide \$3 million dollars of liability coverage to each of our teams, along with an additional \$1 million dollar umbrella policy to meet your needs, all at no extra cost. For more information on insurance, please contact the [USQRA Secretary](#).

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- The right to Vote. The USQRA holds its Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year in conjunction with our National Championships. All registered teams are allowed to submit rule changes and/or proposals prior to this meeting, and then vote on them, along with others during the AGM. Our sport and association is guided by its membership, and we want to hear your input.
- Classification Panels. Every player in the USQRA must be classified before they can compete in post season play. We have recently changed our policies and will work harder to get a classification panel to an event near you whenever possible. For more information on Classification, please contact a [USQRA Board Member](#).
- Experience and Knowledge. The USQRA has a group of people who can answer all of your questions and provide assistance in most any area. We want your team to be successful, and are happy to help in any way that we can. Just ask us and we will try to provide assistance.

REGESTERING A TEAM

To register your team, you will need to contact the USQRA Secretary for the most current registration form, or download one from the [File Library](#). Dues and team rosters are to be returned to the Secretary's office by October 1, and are considered late and subject to a \$100 fine if received after October 31. It is possible for new teams to roster after this date.

GUIDELINES

As a member of the USQRA, there are specific rules and guidelines that every team is expected to abide by. You can obtain a current copy of the USQRA's Constitution and Bylaws online at the [File Library](#), or by requesting a copy from the USQRA Secretary.

CONTACTS

For the most current list of USQRA contacts visit us as the [USQRA Board](#).