## **Volunteer Guidelines: USHA State/Area Chairs**

State/Area Chairs represent the primary link between the State or Area players and volunteers and the USHA. State/Area Chairs should maintain contact with the USHA Headquarters, the Regional Board Member, and the USHA Regional Commissioner. The primary focus of the State/Area Chairs is to coordinate the scheduling of tournaments within their respective state/area and to support local Ambassadors, tournament directors, and volunteers.

## **DUTIES:**

- Provide direction and maintain communication with state/area tournament directors.
- Provide direction and maintain communication with state/area Ambassadors.
- Promote USHA sanctioning of tournaments within the state/area.
- Attend as many state/area tournaments as possible to promote the USHA at the grassroots level.
- Have a working knowledge and promote the various USHA fund raising programs.
- Organize annual USHA state/area championships, to be held in the best location to promote the sport and association with as many divisions offered as possible. A special effort should be made to include Women and Junior divisions and provide reduced entry fees for students.
- Maintain the sanctioning integrity of the state/area tournament(s).
- Promote the sale of USHA tournament balls and USHA OFFICIAL Merchandise within the state/area.
- Uphold USHA rules, including mandatory eye protection and nonconflicting sponsors.
- Promote USHA membership by following up on expired members and promoting new memberships.
- Recruit new members from within the state/area.
- Support the regional commissioner's efforts to develop, maintain and widely distribute an annual, region-wide tournament schedule which minimizes tournament conflicts.
- Maintain regular contact with the state/area Ambassadors, the regional commissioner, the regional board member, and USHA headquarters.
- Distribute handball and other USHA information to players in the state/area via mailings, newsletters, e-mail, phone calls or meetings.

The State/Area Chair will serve for three years. Tenure can be extended for an additional, agreed upon period of time upon the mutual concurrence of the incumbent Chair and the Regional Commissioner.

Appointed by: USHA Executive Director

I have read and agree to serve as outlined above (please include a photo).

Signature:	Date:
E-mail:	Phone:
Address:	Region: