

# UNITED STATES HANDBALL ASSOCIATION

## USHA First Ace Program Grants

The U.S. HANDBALL First ACE® Development Program aims to provide new and emerging handball initiatives with financial and equipment support to aid in their growth towards strong and sustainable handball programs. Programs should adhere to the following rules:

- Eye guards are mandatory for all USHA Programs.
- Programs agree to promote USHA at their events.
- A USHA certified instructor must lead the program for a development grant and a qualified person should make requests for travel and equipment grants.

**Bill Bohr First Ace Development Grant-** Bill Bohr First Ace Development Grants target new development in clubs, youth service organizations, schools and colleges with the ultimate goal of creating self-supporting programs that continually promote the game to new players and markets. Applications for the grant are due by December 20<sup>th</sup> of each year and are reviewed by the First Ace Committee, who makes funding recommendations to the Board of Directors to be approved at the Winter Board Meeting.

**Wafe Risner Travel Grant-** This travel grant is available to Collegiate and Junior programs that travel to a USHA sanctioned or sponsored event. The application can be found on our website and must be submitted 10 days before the event. The grant pays out \$20 per player up to \$300 per event. Players must be USHA members.

**Equipment Grant-** These grants are available for the Annual Beginning Programs as well as any program of opportunity to develop new handball players. It is intended that these grants will enable qualified coaches and instructors to take immediate advantage of any emerging local interest in handball at any time.

**Replacement Equipment Grants-** This grant is the same as above but is available to longstanding programs (over a year old). Programs are eligible to submit Replacement Equipment Grants 1 year after receiving a previous Equipment Grant.

Applications and more information available at [ushandball.org/first-ace-grants/](http://ushandball.org/first-ace-grants/)

