



Dallas Team Handball Club

Annual Report - 2024

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Dallas Team Handball Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has obtained tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Services

Our mission is to develop, promote, educate and grow the Olympic sport of Team Handball, making it accessible to everyone in the North Texas Area, and emphasizing the ideals of fair-play, cooperation, responsibility and respect

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History

Dallas Team Handball Club (“DTHC”) has been active in the North Texas Area for more than 15 years. The club consists of both Men's and Women's teams that compete at the highest amateur level in the United States. The teams consist of players from age 18 to 40+ from many different cultural backgrounds, but all living in the greater Dallas area.

DTHC has a great tradition of Team Handball at the National Level in the United States. The Men's team has often competed in the US National Championship Tournament dating back to 2009. The Women's team has won the silver medal in 2024. In years that DTHC has been unable to field a women's team, representatives of Dallas have found success with other clubs as well.

Until the middle of 2024 DTHC existed without official structure, existing instead as a dynamic group of team handball enthusiasts. To be able to better promote and grow the sport of team handball a group of club members in 2024 took the steps to incorporate DTHC as a non-profit organization. The original board of directors of “Dallas Team Handball Club” consisted of Tudor Craznic, Omid Bazanjani, and Jordan Wenske. Original officers of the club were president Oscar Nales and Treasurer/Secretary Michalina Neubauer.

Activity Report

Structure

After existing for many years without much formal structure as discussed in the History section above, several DTHC players took the initiative in 2024 to organize Dallas Team Handball Club as a non-profit organization. Date of Incorporation in the State of Texas was August 27th 2024. The Employer Identification Number was received from the Internal Revenue Service on September 16th 2024. Tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code was received December 5th 2024 from the Internal Revenue Service, effective retroactively to the date of incorporation.

Board of Directors

During the formation of Dallas Team Handball club, the following 3 directors were identified; Tudor Craznic, Omid Bazanjani, and Jordan Wenske. In addition, officers were appointed by the board to help with the operations of the club. The next regular election for directors, in accordance with the bylaws of the organization, will be during the annual meeting of the board of directors in 2025.

Officers of the Organization

In addition to the board members discussed above, officers for the organization were appointed by the board of directors. Oscar Nales was appointed as President of the organization, and Michaline Neubauer was appointed as the Treasurer/Secretary. The next regular election for officers, in accordance with the bylaws of the organization, will be during the annual meeting of the board of directors in 2026.

Practices

Dallas Team Handball's actively held practices every Monday evening, with the exception of national holidays and occasional cancellations due to facility request or organization conflicts (tournament recovery). The primary facility for practices was the gymnasium of Mustang Park Recreation Center in the city of Irving. These practices included teaching beginners team handball basics as well as preparing competitive teams for various tournaments. We were excited to see the club grow with many newcomers to the sport of handball, having discovered the sport during the 2024 Summer Olympics held in Paris, France.

Practices were held from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The coach for the men's team was Tudor Craznic, along with assistant coach Oscar Nales; the head coach for women's team was Gaston Chi, along with assistant coach Yanis Hermance.

During the summer months and early fall, additional practices were held on Thursday evenings from 6:00PM until the earlier of 8:00PM and sundown. These practices were held at the outdoor basketball court at

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Cottonwood Park in Richardson TX, weather permitting. Practices were organized by Michaline Neubauer and Oscar Nales.

This year, the total number of unique participants in practice was over 50 men and approximately 15 women. In future years, better accounting of these numbers, as well as increasing these numbers, is a prime focus of the organization.

Tournament/Event Report

1. US Handball Union National Championships

June 6th - 9th, 2024

Las Vegas, NV

Tournament was hosted by the US Handball Union at the Westgate Resort and Casino in Las Vegas Nevada.

Our men's team placed 8th in the open division with an overall 0-4 record. The team had hard fought matches against Miami, Minnesota, Columbus, and Massif (Salt Lake City), but was unable to convert any into wins.

Our women's team had their national debut at this tournament, and left the weekend taking the silver medal! The march to their second place finish included wins in the group stage against Vancouver and Salt Lake City. The team got the opportunity to avenge a group stage loss against the California Eagles during the gold medal match, but fell just short of their goal.

2. Dallas Round Robin Day

Nov 9th, 2024

Plano, TX

In preparation for the upcoming Samala Super Cup, the club hosted a round robin handball evening at the Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center. Players from across Texas were invited to participate in an evening of friendly matches. Overall, three mens teams were able to participate, composed of two mens teams from Dallas as well as a combined team of players from Houston and Austin.

Two womens teams were also able to participate, the Dallas women's team and a mixed team from Houston, Austin and Dallas.

3. Samala Super Cup

December 6th - 8th, 2024

Aurora, CO

Dallas Team Handball Club finished our 2024 tournaments and events with a 5th place finish out of 8 teams at the tournament. In the groups stage, our men's team had close losses Denver Wolves 1st team, as well as San Francisco CalHeat. The final game of the groups stage was an exciting tie against the US Air Force Academy.

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Dallas advanced to the 5th place match on goal differential, where they defeated Massif (SLC) to take 5th place in the tournament.

Dallas Team Handball Club was unable to field a women's team for this tournament, but members of our women's team found an opportunity to compete with the women's teams for Massif (SLC) and Denver. These teams finished 1st and 3rd respectively

Fundraising Efforts

A major part of organizing as a club this year was beginning to accept dues and donations. This fundraising structure was the primary means of financing the team, but it is expected that with the recent recognition as a tax-exempt organization more significant campaigns are upcoming in 2025.