



San Francisco CalHeat

Annual Report 2021-2022

San Francisco CalHeat is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and has obtained a tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Services.

Its mission is to develop, promote, educate and grow the Olympic sport of Team Handball, making it accessible to everyone in the San Francisco Bay Area, and emphasizing the ideals of fair-play, cooperation, responsibility and respect.

History

San Francisco CalHeat Team Handball Club has been active in the Bay Area for more than 37 years. The club consists of men's, women's, and youth teams that compete at the highest amateur level in the United States, North America, and the World. The teams consist of players from age 10 to 50+ from many different cultural backgrounds, but all living in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

SF CalHeat has a great tradition of Team Handball success at the national level in the United States and at the Continental level as well. The men's team won the US National Championship in 1984, 1985, 1986, 1990, 2019, and 2022, a silver medal in 1987 and 2018, and bronze medals in 1996, 2001, and 2002. They also won the NACHC Men's Club Championship in 2021 and, as result, qualified for the 2022 IHF Super Globe. The women's team won the US National Championship in 2003 and 2006, the silver medal in 1997, 1998, 2004, and 2005, and the bronze medal in 1995 and 1996. The Youth Men's team won the US National Championship silver medal in 2022. Several former US Olympians and US National Team members have played for SF CalHeat.

For the past 28 years SF CalHeat has worked together with Centerville Junior High School in Fremont to introduce their students to the sport of Team Handball. SF CalHeat is using the gymnasium of the school for handball practices, scrimmages, clinics, and tournaments.

Until 2011 SF CalHeat existed without much official structure, just as a dynamic group of Team Handball enthusiasts. To better promote and grow the sport of Team Handball, a group of club

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members in 2011 took the step to incorporate SF CalHeat as a non-profit / tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, the “SF CalHeat Handball Club” was born. The original board of directors of “San Francisco CalHeat” consisted of President Sven Mayer, Treasurer Philippe Tracol, Secretary Jean-Marc Junique, Slave Jovanovski, and Bernward Schwarte.

Later in 2021, the club unveiled its 5-year strategic plan, aiming at advancing our teams’ competitiveness and developing the practice of the Olympic Sport of Handball across all age groups in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. This exercise, which resulted in dozens of hours of brainstorming, discussion and analysis, allowed us to reflect on our past, identify barriers to growth and define the building blocks and milestones for a successful future. You can find more information about our [strategic plan](#) on our website.

Structure

After existing for many years without much formal structure, as stated above, several SF CalHeat players took the initiative, in 2011-2012, to set up SF CalHeat as a non-profit organization. The organization was incorporated, in the state of California, on August 12th, 2011. The Employer Identification Number (EIN) was received on October 19th, 2011. The Tax-exempt status was received on October 31st, 2012 from the Internal Revenue Service. The Tax-exempt status was received both on the federal and state level. The initial agent for service (a.k.a. “Principal Officer”) was, and still is to this day, Jean-Marc Junique, who joined SF CalHeat in 2000.

Activity Report

At the beginning of the season the board was composed of the following Directors and Officers: President: Jean-Marc Junique; Vice-President: Bernward Schwarte; Treasurer: Vacant; Secretary: Martin Bilello; Directors: Michelle Mensing, Danilo Rojevic, and Mark Lockenmeyer.

Board of Directors

On September 30th, 2021, Danilo Rojevic resigned as a board member.

On February 26th, 2022, Constance Duvert was appointed as a board member.

Practices

SF CalHeat’s active indoor season started on Monday August 30th, 2021 and ended on Wednesday May 18th, 2022. We conducted over 120 practice sessions for our women, men and youth athletes (approx. 250 hours of gym time).

Adults Indoor practices were, similarly to the previous season, conducted 3 times a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Gymnasium of Centerville Junior High School in Fremont, CA. This included teaching beginners Team Handball basics as well as preparing competitive teams for various tournaments.

Practices were held from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm for the season. The coach for the men's first team was Danilo Rojevic, along with coach Francis Brero for the second team; the head coach for the women's team was Kristina Alavanja.

SF CalHeat members again supported the intramural sports program of Centerville Junior High School by providing volunteers to coach kids during practices on Thursday nights (7:30-8:30 pm). Boys and girls were taught on half court, with a full-court game being played occasionally.

Coaching staff for the Junior High School students were: Bernward Schwarte, and Omar Bentahar.

Participation report

This year the total number of participants was 29 Women, 54 Men, and 22 Youth players during CalHeat practices and activities.

Committees

Youth Team Handball Committee

The club restarted its youth development program after the COVID pandemic. We organized our youth team handball league for the High School and Middle (MS) School levels as well as starting a girls Middle School league. On the High-School (HS) side participants were Sterne High School, SF CalHeat THC, Pioneer High School, and Cali Kings. On the MS side, participants were Castillero Middle School (boys and girls), and Bret Harte Middle School (boys and girls).

On September 11th, 2021 a clinic for coaches and players was hosted with more than 70 kids in attendance. The regular season league games were carried out by all the teams.

The season ended in the 5th Youth California Cup on November 13th and 14th, 2021. Cali Kings Blue was crowned the High School champions with Pioneer High School second and Cali Kings Gold third. Bret Harte Middle School won the U14 California Cup with Castillero Middle School in second place. Bret Harte Middle School won the U14 Girls California Cup with Castillero Middle School in second place.

The third iteration of our SF CalHeat Youth Elite team was assembled and participated at the US Youth National Tournament for 2022 obtaining the silver medal. Cali Kings, from our league, was crowned US Youth National Champions of 2022. From SF CalHeat, Ian Hodgson was named Top Goalscorer and Best Left Back, Ezekiel McClintock was named Best Goalkeeper, Joseph Kuo was named Best Right Back, and Cooper Black was named Best Right Wing. From Cali Kings, William Towers was named Best Pivot and Aiden Bulow was named Best Left Wing and MVP.

Danilo Rojevic was appointed USATH's (U21) Junior Men's National Team Coach.

Martin Bilello was appointed USATH's Youth Men's National Team Coach.

Eight players from our Youth League got selected to represent the US at the 2nd Youth Beach Handball World Championship 2022 in Greece (See the “Beach Handball Committee” section further below for all the details).

Competition Committee

Despite a shortened and less active first half of the season, our teams participated in several tournaments domestically: Minnesota Fall Classic (Bloomington, MN), Michael Lipov Memorial Cup (Chicago, IL), California Cup, and Los Angeles Invitational.

We then sent a total of four (4) teams to the USATH Open Championships in Adrian, MI (May 13-15). In the Women’s Open Division, our women’s first team ranked 5th while our women’s second team ranked 12th. In the Men’s Open Division, our men’s second team ranked 2nd and won its first ever medal in this category. In the Men’s Elite Division, our first men’s team ranked 1st and defended their national championship title.

Besides, our first men’s team hosted and **won the 2021 NACHC Men’s Club Championship** and participated in the 2022 IHF Super Globe in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (Oct 5-9, 2021). This marked **our first ever participation** in this global event, which brought together some of the best teams in the world like FC Barcelona (Spain), SC Magdeburg (Germany), SC Zamalek (Egypt), etc.

On the administrative front, USA Team Handball revised down the annual club membership fees to \$100 (instead of \$200) while maintaining the price of the individual memberships (\$70 for adults, \$50 for junior players).

Lastly, the committee started engaging on a reform of the competition rule book in June 2022 together with the major club representatives. The objective is to streamline the qualification process and team/player eligibility requirements pertaining to the highest women’s and men’s divisions.

Coaching Committee

Unfortunately, there were still no coaching certification programs provided by USA Team Handball in the 2021-22 season, however, the organization is closely working with the International Handball Federation (IHF) to make coaching education available to members.

In this season, the coaching staff remain unchanged on the women’s team. On the men’s team, Machiel Schepers joined the men’s first team staff as an assistant coach while Francis Brero, long-standing member of the club, took over the men’s second team.

The coaching fund continues to be an essential pillar of our organization and one that supports our coaches traveling to tournaments.

At the national team level, our club continues to be well and actively represented. Michelle Mensing continues to be the assistant coach of the US Women Beach Handball National Team. Martin Bilello and Danilo Rojevic were recently appointed as coaches of the US Youth Men, respectively US Junior Men’s National Team.

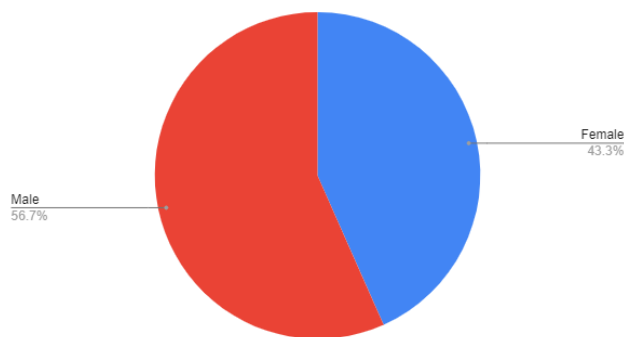
Beach Handball Committee

The beach handball season for SF CalHeat started with regular beach and grass handball practices in Mountain View, San Francisco, Campbell and Santa Cruz. During the course of the season, many grass handball practices and beach handball sessions were conducted.

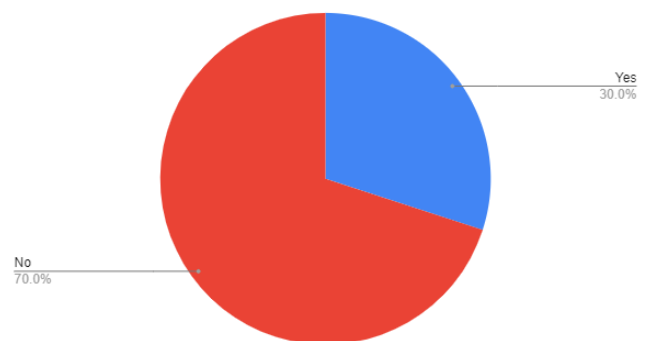
Michelle and Constance led a 3 day training camp in Aptos, CA in July for the Cali Kings handball team introducing the first youth players to beach handball. The players introduced there participated in the NorCal Beach Cup and SoCal Beach Handball Championship subsequently.

As part of the US Beach Handball Tour, San Francisco CalHeat hosted the NorCal Beach Cup on July 31st, 2021. The tournament saw 4 coed teams participating from a diverse background:

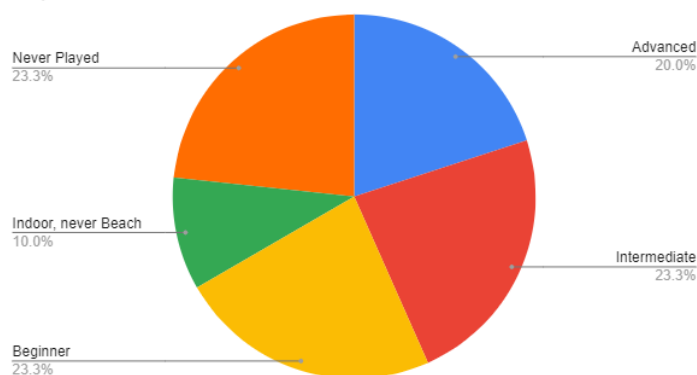
Participants



Former or Current CalHeat Player



Experience Level



Michelle Mensing led the organization of the event, officiated the 8 games together with Mark Lockenmeyer. The total number of participants reached 30 with an additional 10 spectators. The youngest participant was 9 years old. No purchase of a permit or insurance was required to cover the event.

Eight players from our Youth League got selected to represent the US at the 2nd Youth Beach Handball World Championship 2022 in Greece: Nicolas Fawzi, August Aingworth (San

Francisco THB), Ian Hodgson, Paulo Barr-Gutierrez, Aaron Wolf-Bloom, Cael Crogan (Pioneer High School), Oliver Goodall, and Andrew Konstant (Cali Kings).

Martin Bilello was appointed USATH's Youth Beach Men's National Team Coach for the 2nd Youth Beach Handball World Championship. The US participated for the first time and got the first win ever at such an event.

Michelle Mensing was appointed USATH's Women's Beach Handball Assistant Coach for the 2022 season representing the US at the North American and Caribbean Championships in Mexico (April 2022), World Championships in Greece (June 2022) and World Games in Birmingham, Alabama (July 2022).

Michelle Mensing helped establish the first college beach handball team at Stanford led by Mike and Rachel Heffner. Drew Bradley and Aaron Johnson supported running the practices on a weekly basis.

Athena Del Rosario, Drew Bradley and Aaron Johnson tried out for the senior national teams and Aaron Johnson was selected as an alternate for the World Games in Birmingham.

CalCup Committee

After a one-year hiatus, the California Cup resumed for its 15th edition on Feb 4-6, 2022. The event brought together a total of 12 teams (8 men & 4 women's teams) from all over the nation.

Following the successful organization of our prior editions, the committee was faced with the challenge to organize a large-scale indoor handball tournament amid a sensitive public health context. The tournament was conducted without spectators.

For the first time in years, and thanks to a grant awarded by the US Team Handball Foundation, the event generated a profit of over \$5,000, which the committee plans to reinvest over the next few tournament editions.

Next year, the event will be scheduled on Feb 3-5, 2023.

Public Relations

Our club finally has a [Wikipedia page](#). Please check it out at your earliest convenience.

Our social media presence and engagement received a boost this season, mostly following our participation in the 2021 IHF Super Globe. Thanks to the brilliant work of one of our former members, Izabelly Santos, our Instagram grew from 1,500 to over 2,200 followers. Our Instagram following still remains far behind USA Team Handball (16.4K followers) and New York City Team Handball Club (7.1K) but ahead of Detroit Handball Club (1.8K).

Our participation in the 2021 IHF Super Globe overall led to several publications on the IHF website, as well as player and staff interviews in local newspapers, websites and podcasts across Europe.

Regular practices and club activities continued to be displayed and shared on Facebook, Meetup, and the club's website.

Towards the end of the 2021-22 season, our club held an official ceremony in honor of Ray Gehrke, one of the core founders of Team Handball in California. This ceremony also served to unveil our new club continental banner following the continental club title in August 2021.

Sponsoring & Merchandising Committee

This season, we did not manage to renew our sponsorship agreements with Dish Dash, RockTape and Waymo. However, RockTape continuously supplied our teams with kinesiology equipment such as tape, resistance bands, etc. In the new season, we will put a lot of emphasis in both renewing these sponsoring agreements whenever possible, and signing new ones.

We also received significant financial support from the US Team Handball Foundation (USTHF) to help offset costs related to the California Cup (gym rental, referees, health and safety protocol, etc.) and, later in the season, the 2022 NACHC Men's Club Championship.

As part of the preparation towards the 2021 IHF Super Globe, and to help fund part of the men's team training camp in Europe (Sep 29-Oct 3 in Bern, Switzerland), we launched a global fundraising campaign and put limited edition jerseys for sale (\$95 / unit). The campaign generated significant outreach and funded nearly half of the cost of the training camp.

Disciplinary Committee

The Code of Conduct has been updated.

No disciplinary procedure has been opened during the 2021-2022 season.

Tournaments

2021 NACHC Men's Club Championship - Fremont, CA: Aug 25-27, 2021

The 2021 North American & Caribbean (NACHC) Men's Club Championship is a continental event serving as a qualifier for the IHF Super Globe. This is the event's third edition.

The tournament included a total of three (3) teams: San Francisco Calheat, New York City Team Handball Club and Club Ministros (Mexico). Our men's team ranked 1st and qualified for the 2022 IHF Super Globe. Eloy Rubio was named tournament's top scorer and most valuable player (MVP). Lucas Kroeger was named tournament's most valuable goalkeeper (MVG).

Minnesota Fall Classic - Bloomington, MN: Oct 2-3, 2021

The tournament's first edition was hosted by Minnesota Team Handball and our men's team ranked 3rd, collecting the bronze medal.

The men's division included a total of six (6) teams: Minnesota Team Handball, Army West Point Black, Chicago Inter Handball, San Francisco Calheat, Denver DireWolves and Milwaukee United.

2021 IHF Super Globe - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Oct 4-9, 2021

The 2021 IHF Super Globe is an international event hosted by the IHF. This was our first participation in the event as the reigning North American & Caribbean champion.

The tournament included a total of ten (10) teams: FC Barcelona (Spain), SC Magdeburg (Germany), Aalborg Handbold (Denmark), EC Pinheiros (Brazil), San Francisco Calheat, Al-Duhail SC (Qatar), SC Zamalek (Egypt), Sydney University (Australia), Al Wehda (Saudi Arabia) and Al-Noor (Saudi Arabia).

The tournament was conducted in a round robin format followed by crossover and placement games. Our men's team lost their quarterfinal playoff game to the host, Al Wehda (20:29). Then, in the placement games, our team lost to the Saudi Arabian champion, Al-Noor (24:30), and the winner of the Asian Men's Club Championship and Qatari Champion, Al-Duhail SC (23:30). San Francisco Calheat ranked 10th.

5th Youth California Cup - Fremont, CA: November 13-14, 2021

Cali Kings Blue was crowned the High School champions with Pioneer High School second and Cali Kings Gold third. Bret Harte Middle School won the U14 California Cup with Castillero Middle School in second place. Bret Harte Middle School won the U14 Girls California Cup with Castillero Middle School in second place.

Michael L. Memorial Cup - Chicago, IL: Dec 3-5, 2021

The tournament was hosted by Chicago Inter Handball. Unlike previous years, no women's division was held due to lack of participation and COVID-19 restrictions preventing a few teams from attending the event.

The men's division included a total of eight (8) teams: Chicago Inter Handball, New York Athletic Club, Inter Miami, San Francisco Calheat, Miami Storms THC, Chicago Inter Handball II, Minnesota Team Handball and Milwaukee United.

Our men's team ranked 3rd and collected the bronze medal.

15th California Cup - Fremont, CA: Feb 4-6, 2022

The men's division was won by our men's first team, defeating New York Athletic Club in overtime. San Francisco Calheat II ranked 6th. Lucas Kroeger was named most valuable

goalkeeper while Zuwed Akuro collected the most valuable player award. The tournament brought together a total of eight (8) teams: San Francisco Calheat, New York City Team Handball Club, Chicago Inter Handball, US Air Force Academy, New York Athletic Club, Los Angeles THC, Army West Point Black and San Francisco Calheat II.

The women's division included a total of four (4) teams: San Francisco Calheat, New York City Team Handball Club, Chicago Inter Handball and Los Angeles THC. The New York City Team Handball Club won the tournament in overtime. San Francisco Calheat ranked 3rd and collected the bronze medal.

Los Angeles Invitational - Torrance, CA: Apr 15-17, 2022

The tournament was hosted by Los Angeles THC and our women's team ranked first, collecting the gold medal.

The tournament included a total of three (3) teams: Los Angeles THC, San Francisco Calheat and San Diego Handball Club. Michelle Mensing was named tournament's top scorer and most valuable player.

USATH Open Youth Nationals - Chapel Hill, NC: May 8-10, 2022

Our club sent a men's youth team to the **first edition of the US Open Youth Nationals!** The Cali Kings team, from our youth league, also participated.

Our team finished in 2nd place with the Cali Kings taking the Championship. Final ranking was as follows: 1. Cali Kings, 2. SF CalHeat, 3. New Jersey Ocean. From SF CalHeat, Ian Hodgson was named Top Goalscorer and Best Left Back, Ezekiel McClintock was named Best Goalkeeper, Joseph Kuo was named Best Right Back, and Cooper Black was named Best Right Wing. From Cali Kings, William Towers was named Best Pivot and Aiden Bulow was named Best Left Wing and MVP.

USATH Open Nationals - Adrian, MI: May 13-15, 2022

Our club sent two women and two men's teams to the 2022 edition of the US Open Club Nationals. After a two year break, the event was back in full swing in the city of Adrian, MI.

Our women's teams finished in 5th and 12 places. Final ranking was as follows: 1. Handball Quebec (Canada), 2. Carolina Blue, 3. Chicago Inter Handball, 4. Boston THC, 5. San Francisco Calheat, 6. HC Toronto, 7. Inter Miami, 8. New York City II, 9. New York City, 10. Handball Quebec II (Canada), 11. Los Angeles THC, 12. San Francisco Calheat II.

Our first men's team competed in the Elite Division (seeded #1 as the defending champion) and **won the national title for a second consecutive year!** In the final game, our first men's team defeated New York Athletic Club 33:22, claiming a sixth national title and getting closer to the all-time greats, New York Athletic Club (13 championships) and New York City THC (7). Final

ranking was as follows: 1. San Francisco Calheat, 2. New York Athletic Club, 3. New York City THC, 4. Chicago Inter Handball, 5. Boston THC, 6. Army West Point Black, 7. Inter Miami, 8. Los Angeles THC. Lucas Kroeger reclaimed the most valuable goalkeeper award.

Our second men's team competed in the Open Division and ranked 2nd, **claiming its first ever medal at the national championships**. Final ranking was as follows: 1. Carolina Team Handball, 2. San Francisco Calheat II, 3. New York City THC II, 4. Minnesota Team Handball, 5. Chicago Inter Handball, 6. Detroit Handball Club, 7. Carolina Blue, 8. Miami Storms THC. Alexandre El-Assad was the tournament's top scorer with 30 goals.

Jean-Marc Junique, a (very) long-standing member (and co-founder) of the club, achieved an outstanding goal by participating and playing in his 20th US Nationals, (within his 22 years playing for CalHeat)! Very few players in the US have reached this amazing achievement, none at Calheat.

Financial Report

The following table contains the income and expenses for the 2021-22 fiscal year. The club does not have any tangible assets.

San Francisco CalHeat		
Income Statement - Season 2021-2022		
Income		
	Participation Fees	\$ 18,071.75
	Donations	\$ 17,619.42
	Restricted Donations	\$ 30,937.77
	Restricted Donations (Youth Development)	\$ 4,748.90
	Disqualified Restricted Donations	\$ 575.00
	Sponsorship	\$ -
	Grant	\$ -
	Tournament Registrations	\$ 11,770.00
	Events: Misc Income	\$ 2,024.91
	USATH Indiv Member Fees (Collected)	\$ -
	Equipment: Personal	\$ -
	Equipment: Promotional	\$ 11,402.31
	Team Travel	\$ 10,211.01
	Youth Development	\$ 1,154.02
	Uncategorized	\$ -
	TOTAL Income	\$ 108,515.09
Expenses		
	Taxes / Legal	\$ 48.75
	USATH Club Fees	\$ 100.00
	USATH Indiv Member Fees (repaid)	\$ 3,980.00
	Tournaments Fees	\$ 8,710.00
	Events: Misc Costs	\$ 9,225.66
	Events: Facility / Gym	\$ -
	Facility / Gym	\$ 28,824.21
	Insurance	\$ -
	Equipment: Supplies	\$ 7,700.12

	Equipment: Personal	\$ -
	Equipment: Promotional	\$ 8,620.49
	Western League Costs	\$ -
	Team Travel	\$ 43,724.50
	Coaching	\$ 4,300.74
	Bank Fees	\$ 415.13
	Youth Development	\$ 6,263.82
	California Cup	\$ 5,217.50
	TOTAL Expense	\$ 127,130.92
Net Income		\$ (18,615.83)