

Executive Director

Dave Ogrean

It would be hard to find a more accomplished executive in the Olympic family than Dave Ogrean.

A Connecticut native, Ogrean returned to USA Hockey as executive director on Aug. 1, 2005, after previously holding the same position from 1993-99. Ogrean began his career in the sports industry with the organization (then the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States) as its director of public relations in 1978.

Under his leadership since 2005, USA Hockey created a new department for membership development that has helped in the resurgence of growth in youth hockey in the U.S., including attracting more than 100,000 players in the eight-and-under age category for the first time in the organization's history; guided the development of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program to continue and enhance the organization's leadership role among amateur sports entities in providing a safe environment for all involved in the game; gained rights to host IIHF World Championships at all levels; began an annual nationwide celebration called Hockey Weekend Across America; and focused efforts on raising the profile of the USA Hockey Foundation.

Among his many accomplishments during his first term as executive director, Ogrean oversaw a significant increase in membership and revenue, and the construction of the current national headquarters; helped create the National Team Development Program; was a driving force in establishing the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award, presented annually to the top player in women's college ice hockey; and developed the concept of STAR (Serving the American Rinks) with U.S. Figure Skating.

Before returning to Colorado Springs, Ogrean served as executive director of USA Football from 2002-05 after he was recruited by the National Football League and NFL Players' Association to build a new, independent, non-profit organization to support and promote the sport of amateur football at all levels.

Prior to joining USA Football, Ogrean served as president and CEO of the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation where he led the development and creation of the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame and the Rocky Mountain State Games.

From 1999-2000, Ogrean worked for the United States Olympic Committee as deputy executive director of marketing. While there, he led the USOC team that, together with the Salt Lake organizing committee, generated almost \$200 million.

Previously, Ogrean served the USOC from 1990-93 as director of broadcasting. He was responsible for creating the initial broadcast division and generated over \$12

million in revenue as well as unprecedented exposure for the national governing bodies of Olympic sports.

From 1980-88, Ogreaan worked at ESPN in corporate communications and programming.

Following a successful eight years at ESPN, Ogreaan joined the College Football Association as assistant executive director for television.

Ogreaan received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Connecticut (1974) and his master's degree in film from Boston University (1978).

Listed among *The Sporting News'* Top 100 Most Powerful People in Sports from 1993-99, Ogreaan is currently among *The Hockey News'* Top 20 People of Power and Influence.

He is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee Board of Directors and serves on the USOC Audit Committee, Olympic Bid Working Group, USOC Strategic Planning Committee and Paralympic Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the nominating committee for the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame and served on the United States Olympic Committee CEO Search Committee in 2009.

Additionally, Ogreaan is active in the Colorado Springs community, serving on the El Pomar Foundation Pikes Peak Regional Council and the board of directors for the Colorado Springs World Arena.

Dave and his wife Maryellen have three grown children: son Matt, and daughters Tracy and Dana.