

Minnesota Disabled Hockey Report
January 26, 2017

USA Disabled Hockey:

Save the Date!

Minnesota Disabled Hockey will host the 2017 NHL Sled Classic at the Plymouth Ice Gardens Nov 16-19, 2017. We will host sled teams from across the country and Canada with an NHL program in their area. This will include approximately 30 teams.

USA Hockey's Annual Congress is the yearly gathering of USA Hockey's volunteer leaders, including members of the organization's board of directors, councils, committees and sections. At each, some of the organization's most outstanding contributors and players are recognized. One of those awards is the Disabled Athlete of the Year. This individual is honored at the awards banquet in front of the entire USA Hockey congregation.

Created in 2005, the USA Hockey Disabled Athlete of the Year Award annually recognizes the outstanding perseverance and dedication by a disabled hockey player through demonstrating the ability to overcome obstacles in the pursuit of excellence both on and off the ice. Application can be found on the USA Hockey website and are due by April 16, 2017.

2017 Disabled Festival: San Jose, Ca, April 6-9

Minnesota Disabled Hockey:

Minnesota Warriors:

- We participated in VFW midwinter conference and will be receiving a large donation from them.
- We will travel to Mosine, Wi. 4 Feb for a charity game.
- We will have four teams in Hendrickson tournament
- We will be participating in MN armed forces tournament in March
- We are sending one team to USA Disabled Hockey Festival due to costs
- We will be displaying at VFW national convention in July

Minnesota Sled Hockey:

Metro team update:

On the Ice:

- Wild Adult team competed in NHL Sled Classic in Nashville, TN in November.
- Wild Dev team competed in a tournament in Madison, WI in November.
- Wild Dev team competed in the Wisconsin Dells in early January.

Off the Ice:

- Moved from Richfield to Coon Rapids for our home rink. It is Sled Hockey accessible.
- Received proceeds from the MN Wild Foundation 50/50 raffle.
- Received a grant from the Murphy Family Foundation.

Rochester team update:

In the past 3 months for the Rochester team...

- Hosted our Celebrity Sled Hockey game which was a big success. We had a great turnout of celebrity sled and stand up hockey players and the crowd was great. We raised over \$8K for the program
- We received our Trailer that we acquired with the Minnesota Wild Foundation funds and are working to get proper equipment on the interior
- Board members and players (Missy, Meegan and Allen) presented to the Rochester Rotary club to grow awareness of the team within Rochester.
- We submitted a grant through Mayo Clinic to study a wellness program for athletes with disabilities
- Continuing to have ~weekly practice to improve team dynamics on the ice.

Minnesota Special Hockey:

- Minnesota Special Hockey continues to celebrate our 10 season. We have 184 players and 126 registered volunteers. Our program continues to grow every year.
- We held a league game in Brainerd in January to showcase MSH. MSH was also invited by the Blake boys high school hockey team to come and skate with them. It is a great experience for our players.
- Our annual Alexandria Jamboree is scheduled for February, and we are looking forward to some great hockey and hotel comradery.
- To close our season, all our teams will be playing in the Hendrickson Foundation festival. The games will be played at the Schwan's Super Rink in Blaine. We are also sending a team to Toronto Special Hockey International tournament in February.

- As always we are looking for players and great volunteers to be a part of our program. We continue to look for ways to grow.

Minnesota Disabled Hockey Committee:

MINNESOTA HOCKEY DISABLED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Application are now being accepted for 2017. The 2016 grant winner can be found [here](#).

Each year Minnesota Disabled Hockey offers a grant award to eligible, registered members of Minnesota Hockey. The grant can be used at any post high school institution (i.e. college, transition program, etc.) or to enhance a player's personal growth and development, such as therapy services, rehabilitation services or specialized equipment. It will be a one-time award that will not need to be repaid. This grant does **NOT** cover transportation to hockey events, miscellaneous expenses at hockey events or on/off time.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Minnesota Disabled Hockey grant the applicant must be a resident of Minnesota, properly registered with and participating on a Disabled Hockey program of an affiliate association of Minnesota Hockey.

Application

[Application forms](#) are available. Please complete and send to Executive Director, Minnesota Hockey Disabled Scholarship Committee, 317 Washington Street, St. Paul, MN 55102. Or call 651-307-0660 for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
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