2019 CANADIAN NATIONAL BLIND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

MARCH 22 - 24

TORONTO, ON

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GAME SCHEDULE

Friday, March 22

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Select Series: Canada East vs USA
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Open Division Game 1 / 3
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Low Vision Division Game 1 / 3
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Children's Division Game 1 / 4
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Youth Division Game 1 / 4
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Select Series: Canada East vs Canada West

Saturday, March 23

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Children's Division 2 / 4
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Youth Division 2 / 4
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Select Series: USA vs Canada West
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Open Division Game 2 / 3
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Low Vision Division Game 2 / 3
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Children's Division 3 / 4
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Youth Division 3 / 4
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Select Series: USA vs Canada East (2)

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Children's Division 4 / 4
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Select Series: Canada West vs TBD
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Youth Division 4 / 4
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Low Vision Division Game 3 / 3
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Open Division 3 / 3
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Select Series: Canada West vs TBD

WELCOME FROM CANADIAN BLIND HOCKEY

Welcome to the 2019 Canadian National Blind Hockey Tournament presented by AMI – Accessible Media Inc. and brought to you by the CNIB Foundation. This year's tournament features a record 136 participants competing in five different divisions including Children, Youth, Open, Low Vision, and Select Divisions. Thank you for supporting the Canadian Blind Hockey community and joining us in celebration of the growth of this great para-sport!

This past year has been monumental for Blind Hockey. We launched our new Children and Youth Programs and Divisions to ensure that Blind Hockey programming is available for all Canadians who are blind or partially sighted, we've held dozens of try-it sessions, camps, tournaments, and special events across the country, and we've had our first European players from England and Finland. However, by far the biggest development of the past twelve months is that Canada and USA competed in the world's first International Blind Hockey Series with Team Canada defeating USA 2 games to 0 this past October in Pittsburgh!

We hope that you enjoy all the action this weekend. Whether you are witnessing the kids as young as three who are just starting their Blind Hockey journey, or the All-Stars representing Canada-East, Canada-West, and USA Blind Hockey in the Select Division, you will leave with no doubt that Blind Hockey is for Everyone!

Thank you to all of our organizational partners AMI, CNIB, Daniel Family Foundation, Electra Health, and Manion for supporting our charity and allowing us to offer life-changing Blind Hockey programs year-round! Thank you to all of our tournament sponsors and donors whose logos are proudly displayed on the back of this program and signage throughout the venue: your support has ensured that the seventh annual Canadian Blind Hockey Tournament will be the best Blind Hockey Tournament to date.

Welcome to all of our athletes, coaches, sponsors, donors, volunteers, spectators, and especially our guests who have travelled form England and the United States to compete this weekend.

From the board and staff of Canadian Blind Hockey, we wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Gary Steeves, President
Mark Bentz, VP
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Matt Morrow, Executive Director
Luca DeMontis, Program Director

ABOUT CANADIAN BLIND HOCKEY

Canadian Blind Hockey is a national registered charity (CRA # 834195224 RR0001) that runs children's try it sessions, learn to skate programs, development camps, eastern and western regional tournaments, as well as our flagship Canadian National Blind Hockey Tournament.
Blind Hockey programming contributes to the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of Canadians who are blind or partially sighted across Canada, and has impacted the lives of well over 1000 different boys and girls through our youth programs coast-to-coast. Canadian Blind Hockey works in partnership with the nine Blind Hockey Teams across Canada and with USA Hockey in the United States. Programs include:

CANADA

Toronto Ice Owls
Hiboux de Montreal
Vancouver Eclipse
Calgary Seeing Ice Dogs
ASRAB Calgary Youth Blind Hockey
Edmonton SeeHawks
Nova Scotia See-Kings
Newfoundland Eye-Landers
Canadian Blind Hockey - GTA
Youth Blind Hockey

UNITED STATES

NY Nightshade
Washington Blind Hockey
Pittsburgh Penguins Blind Hockey
Chicago Blackhawks Blind Hockey
Hartford Braillers
NY Metro Blind Hockey
St Louis Blues Blind Hockey
Colorado Visionaries
Minnesota Wild Blind Hockey
Indiana Blind Hockey
Seattle Blind Hockey

THE ADAPTED RULES OF BLIND HOCKEY

Adapted Blind Hockey Puck

The official adapted Blind Hockey puck measures 5.5" across and nearly 2" high. It's made of thin, 22 gauge steel, is hollow, and contains 9 ball bearings designed to make noise.

Adapted Net

Blind Hockey goalies are totally blind or extremely low vision, and the adapted Blind Hockey puck does not make noise in the air. For both these reasons, the adapted goal in Blind Hockey is only three feet high instead of the traditional four feet.

One Pass Rule

In order to give the low vision and completely blind players the best chance to track the puck, teams must complete one pass after crossing the offensive blue line prior to being eligible to score. The referee signals that the pass has been completed by blowing a distinct high pitched electronic whistle, which alerts the offence that they are now eligible to score, and the defence and goalie that a shot may be coming.

Freezing the Puck

Blind Hockey goalies are totally blind or extremely low vision, and the adapted Blind Hockey puck does not make any noise when still. For both these reasons, after a goalie makes a save the puck stops completely in the blue paint of the crease, the play is blown dead. In other words, the goalie does not have to cover the puck in order to freeze it.

Player Safety

The game is played with standard IIHF safety protocols including no-touch icing and strictly enforced crease violations. All players must wear full protective gear including face mask, there are no slap shots with the stick raised above the waist, and the play is blown dead any time a goalie is hit in the mask with a puck.

A TRIBUTE TO HOCKEY IN TORONTO

The teams competing in the Open, Low Vision, Youth, and Children's Divisions are named in honour of Toronto's rich hockey history.

The Toronto Arenas and St Pats were local NHL clubs before the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Toronto Roadrunners were the former local AHL team prior to the arrival of the current Toronto Marlies AHL team, and the Markham Thunder and Toronto Furies currently play in the Canadian Women's Hockey League.

The Open Division will feature the Leafs vs the St Pats, the Low Vision Division will feature the Arenas vs the Toros, the Youth Division will be the Thunder vs the Furies, and finally in the Children's Division, the Marlies will compete against the Roadrunners.

2019 CANADIAN BLIND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT EVENT TEAM

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TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS

Select Division
The 2019 Select Division features USA Blind Hockey, Canada-East, and Canada-West competing in a three-team double round-robin, and includes more than 40 of the best Blind Hockey players in the world. The Select Division is played under International Blind Ice Hockey Federation (IBIHF) rules, which includes a point system to ensure that while each player's individual level of vision may vary, the overall level of vision for each team on the ice is always approximately the same.

Players classified as B3 (10% vision or less) wear black helmets, players classified as B2 (5% vision or less) wear white helmets, and players classified as B1 (no vision) wear red helmets. Goaltenders must be classified as B1 – completely blind. Each team may have a maximum of 14 points on the ice at any time, including the goaltender.

Low Vision Division
The Low Vision Division includes players who are extremely low vision or completely blind. This division features modified rules including 4 on 4 play, plus a sighted player-coach who is there to direct their teams and aid in locating the puck, which is similar to the role of the goaltender in Blind Soccer. Players in this division do not have to make the "one-pass" prior to scoring, and instead the pass whistle will blow each time the puck crosses the blue line. 2019 will be the first time we try this adaptation of the sport, and are excited to create a new division that will allow all of our participants to fully enjoy Blind Hockey.

Children Open, Adult Open, and Youth Divisions
In addition to the Select and Low Vision Divisions, Canadian Blind Hockey is pleased to offer Children Open, Adult Open, as well as Youth Divisions. These divisions are divided based on age, size, and skill to ensure that everyone competes with and against the appropriate level of competition.

TEAM ROSTERS

YOUTH DIVISION
THUNDER (YELLOW)

SKATERS
Anthony Ashbaugh
Oliver Gonneau
Tommy Guy
Liam Howell
Edward Laba
Logan Lariviere
Braedan Lyons
Brianah Miskosky
Anthony Pamplin
Emma Paparilla
Joseph Robinson

GOALIES
Andrew Meade-Colgrove
TJ Stewart

COACHES
Blake Finne
Eric Gonneau
Jacques Herivault
Grant Kitterman

YOUTH DIVISION
FURIES (BLACK)

SKATERS
Greg Beckett
Eli Bomers
Zackary Harris
Brock Kitterman
Adison Lemmon
Tiago Martin
Curtis Ruttle
Ashton Sinclair
Jillian Stewart
Aidan Quilty

GOALIE
Rory McDonald

COACHES
Michael Alexander
Rick Ashbaugh
Jason McDonaugh
Jeff Stewart
MikeQuilty
Jason McDonough

TEAM ROSTERS

LOW VISION DIVISION:
ARENAS (RED)

SKATERS
Amos Ackerman
David Brown
Randy Cameron
Shawn Creelman
Danielle Main
Brian McLean
Ted Moritsugu
Shannon Murphy
Ben Ho Lung

GOALIE
Francis Mainella

SIGHTED PLAYER COACH
Paul Kerins

COACHES
Robert Gignac
Fred Angers
Jacques Herivault

LOW VISION DIVISON:
TOROS (YELLOW)

SKATERS
Guy Carriere
Salmaan Chaudhri
Don Cruise
Ryan Kucy
Christopher Meyer
Dave Poidevin
Zac Robinson
Drex Sison
John Tee

GOALIE
Blaine Deutscher

SIGHTED PLAYER COACH
Matt Morrow

COACHES
Devin Wing
Rory Kucy
Nick Castaneda

TEAM ROSTERS

CHILDREN'S DIVISION:
MARLIES (YELLOW)

SKATERS

Gabriel Alves
Kaiden Benoit
William Cheang
Axel Davis
Daniel Eustace
Easton Alexander Kitto
Juliet Pinter
Owen Sansom
Dylan Wood
Mason Yoken

GOALIE

TJ Stewart

COACHES

Vince D'Andrea
Joe McCallion

CHILDREN'S DIVISON:
ROADRUNNERS (BLACK)

SKATERS

Cinzia Antonellis
Koen Geertsema
Keaton Hamilton
Lily Hughes
Mary Ellen MacEachen
Joshua Ntwari
Cassandra Ruttle
Francis Rankin
Murathan Tekin

GOALIES

Rory McDonald
Andrew Meade-Colgrove

COACHES

Jason McDonaugh
Jeff Street

TEAM ROSTERS

OPEN DIVISION:
LEAFS (YELLOW)

SKATERS

Randy Banks
Normand Blais
Dylan Bradbury
Dustin Butterfield
Craig Fitzpatrick
Jamie Fotak
Graham Foxcroft
Dominic Lareau
Brian Mackie
Laura Mark
Geoff Martin
Emily Molchan
Mathieu Poirier
Vince Ryan
John Tee

GOALIE

Mario Ros

COACHES

Sylvain Audet
Ryan Banks
Joel-Anthony Del Grande
Tyler McGuffin

OPEN DIVISON:
ST PATS (RED)

SKATERS

Ashlie Andrews
Pierre BriseBois
Steve Galarneau
Yan Gobeil
Brandon Joy
Samuel Lamontagne
Hugues Leduc
Chaz Misuraca
Randy Nelson
Amanda Provan
Ian Rankin
James Ruttle
Caleb Smith
Nathan Tree
Nathan Tunis

GOALIES

Oliver Pye
Justin Wack

COACHES

Greg Manion
Denis Maybury
Mahesh Sood
Jordan Watts
Brock Quarrington

TEAM ROSTERS

SELECT DIVISION: CANADA EAST

B3

10 - Julien Blais
89 - Wyatt Harvey
97 - Alex Angus MacEachen
71 - Rick Oriold
19 - Simon Richard
22 - Kelly Serbu
12 - Gary St-Denis

B2

17 - Francois Beauregard
5 - Joseph Del Grande
9 - Mark DeMontis
93 - Joe Fornasier
16 - Wayne St. Denis

B1 - GOALIE

30 - Joey Cabral

HEAD COACH

Paul Kerins

ASSISTANT COACHES

Wade Del Grande
Joe McCallion

SELECT DIVISION: CANADA WEST

B3

64 - Anthony Ciulla
12 - Shawn Dale
44 - Martin Dufour
71 - Sean Heaslip
89 - Kiefer Jones
16 - Wade Shepherd
91 - Jason Yuha

B2

87 - Mark Bentz
17 - Brian Cowie
10 - Gilles Ouellet
87 - Scott Roberts
3 - Paul Schmold

B1 - GOALIE

1 - Lorne Webber

HEAD COACH

Jeff Street

ASSISTANT COACHES

Joey Ali
Sean Cowie

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival. Tampa, Florida. March 28 - 31
2019 Canadian Blind Hockey Summer Development Camp. Toronto, ON. July 21 - 28
2019 USA Hockey – Blind Hockey Summit. St Paul, Minnesota. August 23 - 25
2019 Canadian Blind Hockey Eastern Regional Tournament. Ottawa, ON. Fall 2019

For more info about the sport and the organization, visit
canadianblindhockey.com

TEAM ROSTERS

SELECT DIVISION: USA BLIND HOCKEY

B3

19 - Anthony Chesrow
21 - John Guzik
15 - Keith Haley
7 - Tim Kane
23 - Victoria McDermott
11 - Luke Miller
4 - Matthew Miller
8 - Dirk Morgan
24 - Blake Steinecke

B2

22 - Daniel Belding
17 - Mark DeFlorio
2 - Christine Vanturini

B1

5 - Kevin Brown
10 - Kevin Shanley

GOALIES

1 - Doug Goist
35 - Mike Straub

STAFF

Michael Svac, Head Coach and GM - Hockey Operations
Nick Albicocco, Assistant Coach
David Svac, Assistant Coach
Kline Donley, Goalie Coach
Kevin Allison, Skating Coach
Doris Donley, General Manager - Team Operations

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