

Minnesota Disabled Hockey Report  
September 17, 2015

## **USA Disabled Hockey:**

### **Disabled Hockey Workshop .**

USA Hockey is proud to announce that the 2015 Disabled Hockey Workshop will be October 2-4 in Boston, Mass. New and existing program administrators from around the country will come together for a weekend of educational sessions and networking. The best part is that the workshop is FREE! Participants will be responsible for transportation and hotel cost, but the actual educational sessions will be covered by the USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Section.

This year we will again be offering individual sessions for attendees to choose from. Many of the sessions will be offered multiple times so you can get to the ones you want. Some of the tentative sessions include:

- Try Hockey Events / Clinics
- Framework of a Program
- Effective Communication
- Supporting Your Program: Volunteers
- Supporting Your program: Fundraising
- Promoting Your Program: Public Speaking
- The Rink: building a relationship with your home rink
- The Doctor is in: Office Hours with Dr. Laura Dunn

The workshop will begin at noon on Friday, Oct. 2, and will conclude at noon on Sunday, October 4. In addition, there will be a dinner with keynote speaker on Saturday evening.

The workshop will be held at the Matthews Arena on the Northeastern Campus. Finally, we will be offering a Disabled Hockey Coaching Clinic on Sunday, Oct. 4, From 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This coaching clinic will also be held at the Matthews Arena.

Minnesota Disabled Hockey will have representative from our Warriors, Special and Rochester Sled programs, as well as our Disabled Coach in Chief.

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## **Save the Date!**

2016 Disabled Festival: Detroit, Michigan, April 7-10

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

NHL Sled Classic: Coral Springs, Florida. Hosted by the Florida Panthers and Florida Sled Hockey Association. November 19-22, 2015

### **Minnesota Disabled Hockey:**

Teams are a little slow during the summer, but are busy making plans for the upcoming season. Here is a brief description of current activities.

#### *Minnesota Warriors:*

- The Warriors attended the National VFW convention over the summer and were able to make connections with several interested parties across the nation to begin their own Warriors program. Minnesota Warriors are truly becoming ambassadors to grow the program nation wide.
- The Warriors attended the second annual VA Adaptive Sports expo in September. This is an opportunity to share the sport of hockey with injured vets and to make them aware of opportunities once they are discharged or during recovery.

#### *Minnesota Sled Hockey:*

- The sled program was quiet over the summer, with the exception 2 events:
  - Danny Lilya represented Minnesota at this years USA Disabled Hockey Sled Select Camp.
  - Brynn Duncan, from our Hope, Inc. program in Moorhead, attended the USA women's sled try outs and MADE THE TEAM! Congrats to Brynn for this amazing accomplishment.
- The Rochester program continues to grow and was proud to receive a grant from USA Hockey for the purchase of 5 new sleds. They will have regular ice time during this next season with 12 committed/registered players.

#### *Minnesota Special Hockey:*

- Minnesota Special Hockey held it's annual summer picnic for July 19 in Edina.
- The kick off skate for the season will again be held at Mariucci Arena on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

#### *Minnesota Disabled Hockey Committee:*

**General information:**

**Minnesota Disabled Hockey partners with WILD Foundation**

Minnesota Disabled Hockey and the WILD Foundation recently met. The Foundation has been an amazing support to our programs in the past and we are looking forward to developing a consistent communication process, allowing greater opportunities for all of our programs going into the next season. Each of our programs this year will be recipients of 50/50 raffle opportunities and program sales.

**Minnesota Disabled Hockey is the WILD September Charity of the Month!!!**

We are very excited to announce that the Wild along with Innovative Solutions will be honoring all of Minnesota Disabled Hockey during the month of September. Highlights include:

- Minnesota Disabled Hockey night with the Wild, Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 5pm
- Designated table and signage during the game.
- Video and print on all Wild social media

Please join us that night or share the info found on the Wild web page. Minnesota is truly the State of Hockey and proves that hockey is for everyBODY!

Respectfully submitted,  
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