**2019 CANADIAN BLIND HOCKEY SUMMER DEVELOPMENT CAMP**

**INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PACKAGE**

The sixth annual Canadian Blind Hockey Summer Development Camp takes place for the first time in Toronto from July 23 to 28, 2019. The camp is presented by AMI – Accessible Media Inc. and brought to you by CNIB Foundation, and supported by national partners the Daniel Family Foundation, Electra Health, and Manion.

For the first time ever, the 2019 camp is open to all Blind Hockey players in Canada featuring Children, Youth, Open, and National Team Divisions. Space is limited so registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

We are very excited to announce that this year we a planning on including a Children and Youth Summer Development Camp that will take place July 27 and 28 so long as we have enough participants register. We currently have 7 participants pre-registered and are hoping for a minimum of 10 to make this division viable, so if you are interested please register ASAP!

Participants will be grouped throughout the weeks’ on-ice and off-ice activities based on a combination of age and skill level. There will be plenty of opportunities for interaction and combined training with athletes from all divisions, and players at the Development Camp will have the opportunity to be mentored by members of the 2018 National Team.

In addition to the Development Camp, we will also be hosting the first ever Canadian National Blind Hockey Team Selection Camp as top athletes from across the country vie for a spot on the 2019 – 2020 Canadian National Blind Hockey Team. Team Canada will then compete versus Team USA at the 2019 Eastern Regional Blind Hockey Tournament in Ottawa this fall.

We encourage everyone to fundraise within their home communities and can provide letters of support to assist with this task. Any participants who would like to attend but cannot due to financial barriers are encouraged to contact Matt Morrow, Executive Director, Canadian Blind Hockey, [mattmorrow@blindicehockey.com](mailto:mattmorrow@blindicehockey.com) so we can work with you to find solutions, and potentially offer registration at a reduced cost or no cost through our financial assistance program.

All participants are required to organize and pay for their own travel to and from camp. Out of town participants who want shuttle service need to fly into YYZ Toronto Pearson International Airport.

We look forward to welcoming you for the best camp yet!

**For any other inquiries and to register please email:** [**lucademontis@blindicehockey.com**](mailto:lucademontis@blindicehockey.com)

**REGISTRATION PROCESS:**

Registrations must be submitted by email and are requested as soon as possible. The final deadline to register will be **FRIDAY JULY 5**, however space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Please fill out and return the last two pages of this document, and email to [lucademontis@blindicehockey.com](mailto:lucademontis@blindicehockey.com).

Once your registration has been received, you will be notified that your enrolment is confirmed and that you may book your travel arrangements. If you are flying, please send in a copy of your ticket including your arrival and departure times once you have booked your travel to Luca DeMontis.

All registration fees need to be paid by **July 19, 2019.**

**CAMP REGISTRATION FEE: $650**

**REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:**

* Four night’s double accommodation at Montecassino hotel
* Lunch, Dinner on Wednesday; Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Thursday through Saturday; Breakfast on Sunday
* Transportation to and from YYZ Toronto Pearson International Airport
* 10 hours of ice time reserved for Development Camp athletes
* Off ice Hockey 101 instructional sessions in proper hockey specific training
* Off ice Hockey specific dry land workouts
* Mentoring sessions on education, career opportunities, and entrepreneurship
* Saturday Night Camp Closing Party
* Camp T-shirt & Welcome Bag
* One fantastic week!

**LOCAL PARTICIPANT STAY AT HOME OPTION**

For Toronto area players who wish to stay at home, the discounted registration fee is $350, however your registration only includes on ice practice sessions and the Camp Banquet dinner on the Saturday night.

**HOW TO PAY YOUR REGISTRATION FEES BY JULY 19, 2019**

1. Send an e-transfer to [info@blindicehockey.com](mailto:info@blindicehockey.com) with the password “hockey”
2. Pay via credit card through Canadian Blind Hockey PayPal account at [www.blindicehockey.com](http://www.blindicehockey.com) Donate Now Section

**ROOMING AVAILABILITY FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

We have limited availability at the hotel this year and may be unable to accommodate any non-participants. If you would like to bring a family member or friend please contact Luca who will put you on a list, but it may simply not be possible this year.

**ARRIVAL**

Please book your travel to arrive in Toronto on Wednesday July 24 between the time frame of 10:00AM – 12:00PM. **NOTE**: Any BC participants who can not arrive in that time window should contact Luca prior to booking to discuss options.

The first practice session for the Development Camp will be on Wednesday, July 24 at 4:30PM – 6:00PM. Participants who arrive later on may need to organize their own transit to the hotel. It is not possible to arrive before July 24, 2019 for Development Camp athletes.

**DEPARTURE**

Please book your travel to depart on Sunday July 28 after 5:00PM.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The Canadian Blind Hockey Association recognizes that individuals who have slightly too much vision to meet the criteria of legally blind may still in fact be visually impaired and unable to play hockey with sighted players and a traditional puck. As such, we have expanded our criteria

to participate in our Blind Hockey programming to match the Quebec Ministry of Health’s definition of visually impaired.

Players who have CNIB cards and are recognized as legally blind are automatically eligible. CNIB definition of legally blind in Canada: “Legal blindness is defined as worse than or equal to 20/200 with best correction in the better eye or a visual field extent of less than 20 degrees in diameter.”

Players who do not have CNIB cards but meet the following criteria may participate but will need to submit documentation confirming their visual condition:

* A visual acuity of less than 6/21;
* A continuous visual field of less than 60°, including the central fixation point measured horizontally or vertically;
* Or complete hemianopia.

**NECESSARY SKILLS / EXPERIENCE**

This is a Blind Hockey camp and skating ability is a pre-requisite skill. The participant must be able to skate around the arena independently and be able to stop without using the boards.

No hockey experience or skills are necessary. We anticipate a wide range of skills and abilities and will be adjusting the curriculum and grouping of participants as such. Anyone who has participated in previous Canadian Blind Hockey programming including the National Blind Hockey Tournament, National Youth Summer Camp, or ASRAB Challenge is eligible. If you are not sure, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

**ACCOMODATION**

The accommodation part of the camp takes place at Montecassino Hotel where each camp participant will be provided a room with two double beds. Participants aged 18 and under will room with their chaperone, participants 19 and older will have double occupancy accommodation. There is a convenience store across the street and restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. The hotel is also a 15-minute walk away for the TTC Downsview Subway Station. The hotel is a 4-minute drive or 19-minute walk to the arena. Canadian Blind Hockey will have shuttle vans transportation players back and forth from the hotel to the arena.

Montecassino Hotel and Event Centre

3710 Cheesewood Dr

Toronto

M3J 2W4

**ARENA / SPORTS FACILITIES**

The Summer Development Camp will take place at Scotiabank Pond Arena. Development Camp players will have a storage room at the arena to keep their equipment throughout the camp. The arena has a restaurant and a Pro Shop, which sells hockey sticks and also sharpens skates.

Scotiabank Pond Arena

57 Carl Hall Rd

Toronto

M3K 2E2

**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE: 2019 SUMMER DEVELOPMENT CAMP**

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| **Wednesday July 24** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10:00AM | 12:00PM | Development Camp Arrivals | | |  |  |
| 12:30PM | 1:00PM | Team Lunch at Hotel | |  |  |  |
| 2:45PM | 3:00PM | Development Team Bus departs hotel for Scotiabank Pond | | | | |
| 4:30PM | 6:00PM | Development Camp Practice #1 | | |  |  |
| 7:30PM | 8:30PM | Camp Dinner at Hotel | |  |  |  |
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| **Thursday July 25** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7:30AM | 8:30AM | Team Breakfast at Hotel | |  |  |  |
| 9:30AM | 10:30AM | Development Camp Off Ice Workout | | |  |  |
| 11:00AM | 11:30AM | Team Lunch at Hotel | |  |  |  |
| 11:45AM | 12:00PM | Development Team Bus departs hotel for Scotiabank Pond | | | | |
| 1:00PM | 2:15PM | Development Camp Practice #2 | | |  |  |
| 5:00OM | 5:30PM | Team Dinner at Hotel | |  |  |  |
| 5:30PM | 5:45PM | Development Team Bus departs hotel for Scotiabank Pond | | | | |
| 7:00PM | 8:30PM | Development Camp Practice #3 | | |  |  |
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| **Friday July 26** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7:30AM | 8:00AM | Team Breakfast at Hotel | |  |  |  |
| 9:00AM | 9:15AM | Development Team Bus departs hotel for Scotiabank Pond | | | | |
| 10:30AM | 12:00PM | Development Camp Practice #4 | | |  |  |
| 1:00PM | 2:00PM | Team Lunch at Hotel | |  |  |  |
| 3:30PM | 3:45PM | Development Team Bus departs hotel for Scotiabank Pond | | | | |
| 5:00PM | 6:00PM | Development Camp Practice #5 | | |  |  |
| 7:00PM | 8:00PM | Team Dinner at Hotel | |  |  |  |
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| **Saturday July 27** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7:00AM | 7:30AM | Team Breakfast | |  |  |  |
| 8:00AM | 8:15AM | Development Team Bus departs hotel for Scotiabank Pond | | | | |
| 9:00AM | 9:50AM | Development Camp Team Red Practice | | | |  |
| 10:00AM | 10:50AM | Development Camp Team Yellow Practice | | | |  |
| 12:00PM | 12:30PM | Team Lunch at Arena | |  |  |  |
| 2:00PM | 3:00PM | Development Camp Skills Competition | | |  |  |
| 6:00PM | 9:00PM | Camp Banquet Dinner | |  |  |  |
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| **Sunday July 28** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7:30AM | 8:00AM | Team Breakfast | |  |  |  |
| 8:30AM | 8:45AM | Development Team Bus departs hotel for Scotiabank Pond | | | | |
| 10:00AM | 11:00AM | 2019 Development Camp Showcase Game | | | |  |

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| Please note that we will wait until after we have all registrations and determine ages, levels of experience and skill before determining the final schedule. Ice times may be divided into separate sessions and you will not necessarily participate in all of them.  **EQUIPMENT**  Full protective hockey gear is required, which includes skates, shin pads, pants, jock/jill, shoulder pads, elbow pads, gloves, neck guard, helmet and full face shield. Canadian Blind Hockey has a limited supply of hockey gear for participants who do not currently own any. Please inform us and we will work with you to secure equipment if you require any.  Jerseys and socks will be provided to use to all camp participants. A $50 fee will be charged if any player misplaces their jersey.  **WAIVERS**  Participants / Parents / guardians will have to sign a standard release of liability waiver, as well as a media consent waiver prior to the camp. Waivers will be sent with the letter of acceptance.  **YOUTH PARTICIPANTS 18 AND UNDER: PARENT / GUARDIAN / CHAPERONE**  Each participant aged 18 and under must bring a parent, guardian or chaperone to attend camp with them. Parents who attended the 2014 - 2018 camps had as great a time as the participants, and in many cases remain in touch. Camp instructors will be responsible for the youth participants during the day’s activities. Chaperones will be rooming with camp participants overnight and are responsible for them outside of camp activities.  **CAMP FUNDRAISING / SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**  Canadian Blind Hockey is a charity that raises the necessary funds to put Blind Hockey programming at a low cost throughout the year. There are plenty of sponsorship opportunities beginning at $500 including website, camp T-shirt, social media acknowledgement, as well as jersey, press release, and signage logo opportunities for larger sponsors. Anyone interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities should email [mattmorrow@blindicehockey.com](mailto:mattmorrow@blindicehockey.com).  **2019 CANADIAN BLIND HOCKEY SUMMER DEVELOPMENT CAMP REGISTRATION FORM**  **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**  Participant Name:  Date of Birth:  Age:  Sex:  Height:  Weight:  Visual Condition:  CNIB Number:  T-Shirt Size:  Jersey Size:  Shoe Size:  Skate Size:  Shoots (Left / Rights):  Level of Hockey Experience (Okay if none):  Skating Skill (Basic / Intermediate / Advanced):  Does participant own hockey gear that currently fits (yes / no):  Do participant own skates that currently fit (yes / no):  Participant Address:  Any medical conditions we need to be aware of:  Medication:  Allergies:  Dietary restrictions:  Emergency Contact:  Email:  Cell Phone:  Home Phone:  Work Phone:  **FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 19: GUARDIAN INFORMATION**  Guardian #1 Name:  Relationship:  Email:  Cell Phone:  Home Phone:  Work Phone:  Guardian #2 Name:  Relationship:  Email:  Cell Phone:  Home Phone:  Work Phone:  Chaperone name and info if different than guardian:  Relationship:  Email:  Cell Phone:  Home Phone:  Work Phone:  Dietary Restrictions:  Medical Conditions: |