



St. Louis Blues Blind Hockey players with Hall of Famer Bernie Ferderko at the groundbreaking for the St. Louis Community Ice Center – home of the St. Louis Blues new practice facility.

## Feedback

I am so incredibly grateful for the SLBBHC. My son has wanted to play hockey for several years. He was born with congenital glaucoma and at age 5 due to retinal detachment had to have his right eye removed. To date he has had 31 eye surgeries and is still considered legally blind. Recently, he was able to play with both youth and adults from all over the country in a blind hockey summit and even scored a goal in the adult level game. He's only 13 and has gained so much more than just skating and hockey ability. *Heidi Fields*

Hockey practice! Mason wanted me and Elissa to go watch him. He has learned how to skate backwards! 😊 He is so awesome out there and gets more confident after every practice. This is an amazing program. I remember getting the paper work last year from his vision itinerant...i thought she had lost her mind 😊 *Tina Fries*

## A TEAM with PURPOSE

Our **MISSION** is to provide blind or visually impaired youths and adults the opportunity to participate fully in the sport of Blind Hockey.

Our program **FOCUS** is on the successful development of skating and hockey skills while emphasizing sportsmanship, teamwork, competition, and an overall love for the game.

Our **GOAL** is to create an active hockey community for both recreational and competitive players with skills and ability to participate in games regionally and nationally with the other U.S. and Canadian Blind Hockey organizations.



## ICE HOCKEY FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED & TOTALLY BLIND

The St. Louis Blues Blind Hockey Club is one of 8 formal programs in the U.S. currently, put together with support from the St. Louis Blues in the winter of 2017.

As one of the fastest growing segments of Disabled Hockey, blind hockey is a great opportunity for those individuals with vision impairment to be a part of the best sport in the world, ice hockey!

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## Our Supporters



## Blind Hockey

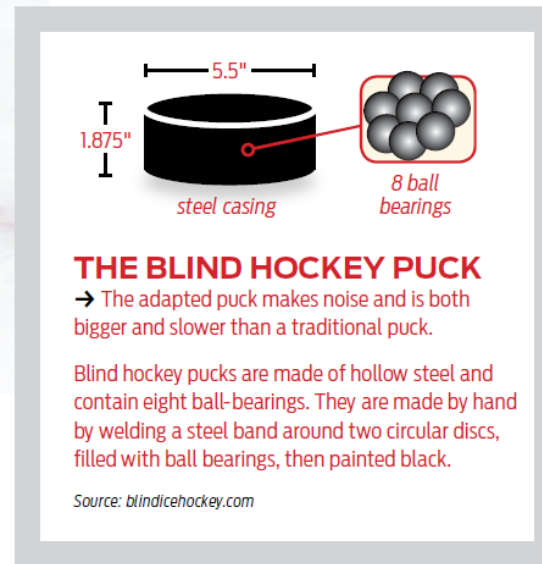
Blind Hockey is the same exhilarating, fast-paced sport as Ice Hockey with one main difference – all of the players are legally blind. Players must be classified as eligible in one of the three International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) classifications.

Typically: totally blind athletes play goal or defense; lower sighted athletes play defense; and higher sighted athletes play forward.

The most significant modification is the adapted puck that makes noise and is also both bigger and slower than a traditional puck.

Other rules adaptations include:

- Shorter, 3 foot high nets to keep the puck low near the ice so it can make noise and be tracked aurally.
- Teams must complete one pass in the attacking zone prior to being able to score, providing the low vision defense and goalie an opportunity to track the puck.
- Different whistles to indicate a completed pass.
- No Checking
- Tag-up offsides.
- Full protective gear
- Standard IIHF safety protocols to ensure player safety



Blind Hockey has been played in Canada since the early 1970's. The sport was first played in the U.S. on October 18, 2014 with the first ever Blind Hockey Summit in Newburgh, NY. At the 2015 USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival, in Buffalo, NY, blind Hockey was introduced to the rest of the Disabled Hockey Community.

Word has spread quickly about this new discipline of hockey, and players and programs have sprung up all over the country. The Blind Hockey Summit is now an annual USA Hockey sanctioned event which brings players and administrators together from across the country to play and grow the sport.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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**Power Play: \$1000**

**Logo on Helmet, Webpage recognition & link**

**COACHES**



*Our volunteer coaching staff is USA Hockey certified including education modules on Disabled Hockey. With many years on-ice experience and a dedication to the game the focus is on teaching the necessary skills from skating to game play so that our players can improve their skills and compete at the level they desire.*