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THE GREAT BLIZZARDS OF MASSACHUSETTS SPECIAL HOCKEY INC

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Welcome to Boston, and for many, Welcome Back!

We are honored to be hosting the world's most important international special hockey tournament, again in Boston. And we are beyond excited to once again share our incredible city with you for the next week.

On behalf of the entire Great Blizzards of Massachusetts inclusive ice hockey team, THANK YOU for being part of two dozen teams participating in three days of competition, friendship, camaraderie and accomplishments. And thank you for supporting Special Hockey International and of your country's hockey governing body.

As a team which loves to travel, we know you have put out sizable resources – financial and manpower – into making this trip a reality for your team, especially coming from across America and down from Canada. We commend you - players, coaches, managers alike - for all your hard work practicing week in and week out. And kudos to the parents and guardians who transport most of your players to practices and games.

We intend to send you home with all sorts of visual memories – personalized tournament jerseys, tournament pucks, cool golf towels - but moreso the memories you will have forever of the experience of being part of an international hockey experience with fellow hockey players.

While you are in the Boston area, be sure to visit some of our wonderful and historic attractions: the Museum of Science, Faneuil Hall, Freedom Trail, Italian North End of Boston, Boston Common and Public Garden, and the Duck Tours on Boston Harbor, but you are not far from some of the world's coolest beaches in Cape Cod and along the South Shoreline and some of America's earliest history in Plymouth.

We certainly could not have done this without the support of many generous companies and organizations: Polar Seltzer, Doug Flutie Jr Foundation for Autism, Jersey Mikes, Riverview School, Monogram Food Solutions, Dave & Buster's, Advanced Natural Group, Rise North Capital, Green Rabbit, Recycle Works, Second Nature Brands, and the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office. Plus the staff at Lovell Arena and the many many volunteers who have given their time to prepare and execute a hopefully flawless tournament experience over the next three days

When we concluded last year's tournament, we left the international special hockey community wanting more international gatherings. We have tried to set the bar high for the past two years. When all is said and done, when the last game has been played here in Boston, we set our sights on SHI 2026 in Toronto March 5-7 and the opportunity to be with our hockey-loving friends again. See you all there. ⁶⁹

Steve Nearman SHI Boston 2025 Tournament Director On Behalf the SHI Boston 2025 **Organizing Committee** And host The Great Blizz

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April 2025

Dear friends:

Welcome to the Polar Seltzer Special Hockey International 2025 Tournament, hosted by the Great Blizzards of Massachusetts Special Hockey.

We give special thanks to our hosts and their army of volunteers whose hard work make our tournaments so magical and special. We congratulate each and every player for their dedication and passion for the sport of ice hockey. We also thank club volunteers, coaches, sponsors, family members and others who support and work on behalf of our players to enable them to participate in this fantastic special event - the SHI Tournament!

Over the next few days, our players will meet old friends and make new ones while enjoying the finest traditions of special hockey. It's not about winning, it's about enjoying the sport of ice hockey and having fun while helping everyone on and off the ice to have fun too! In this way, we celebrate the diversity of our teams and players to promote a safe, truly inclusive special hockey experience for all. The SHI tournament is so much more special than any other tournament as it provides an opportunity to play and share in a passion that unites us within our respective countries as well as across borders.

Finally, we thank the founders of SHI, the late Pat Flick and Tony Sansone. We believe that their vision of a growing global family of special hockey teams has been fulfilled through the dedication of our volunteers around the world who have taken up the challenge over the past 31 years to establish special hockey in their local communities.

Through working in partnership with their respective National Governing Bodies such as Hockey Canada, USA Hockey, and their equivalents in the UK, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland, it has been possible for SHI teams to come together to participate in games at special hockey tournaments that are truly International.

In this respect, SHI is unique so we would like to take this opportunity to invite all Special Hockey teams to join or maintain membership of their respective National Governing Bodies so that they may participate in future SHI tournaments.

Mike Dwyer, President,
Special Hockey International
On behalf of SHI's Board of Directors



Maura T. Healey Governor

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KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

April 2025

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Lieutenant Governor Driscoll and I would like to welcome you to Polar Seltzer SHI Boston 2025, an annual tournament of Special Hockey International.

Hosted by The Great Blizzards of Massachusetts and organized by Special Hockey International, Polar Seltzer SHI Boston is a highly acclaimed three-day international tournament for players with developmental challenges, giving teams the chance to face off in four games each, plus a bonus "A" game. This tournament has attracted players hailing from Canada and the United States and emphasizes the importance of participation and fair play over rivalry. The tournament fosters a sense of community to many, promoting inclusiveness in ice hockey and lifelong friendships that transcend international borders. It is this attitude of kindness, inclusivity and love for the game of hockey that makes the Special Hockey International Tournament such a wonderful and impactful event.

Lieutenant Governor Driscoll and I are thrilled to be in support of Polar Seltzer SHI Boston 2025, and we extend our well wishes to all participants and fans for an exciting series.

Sincerely,

MAURA T. HEALEY GOVERNOR KIMBERYEY DRISCOLL LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Afficial Citation

Be it Known, that the Massachusetts Senate Hereby extends its Congratulations to:

SPECIAL HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL

In Recognition of:

YOUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT AND EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR ATHLETES

We it further Known, that the Massachusetts Senate extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Citation be duly signed by the President of the Senate and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the Senate.



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President of the Sena	ite Karen E. Spilka
Attest:	Charle D. Hurley
Clerk of the Senate	Michael D. Hurley
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April 15, 2025

Dear SHI Boston 2025 Participants:

On behalf of the Town of Rockland, I am pleased to offer warm greetings to all those attending the Special Hockey International Boston 2025 Tournament.

This year's Tournament, held at the state-of-the-art Lovell Arena, brings together 21 teams from across the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Each team will play four games over three days with nearly 350 players, plus their families and coaches, participating.

Your hosts, The Great Blizzards of Massachusetts, is a successful six-year program, offering an inclusive, fun and accessible ice hockey experience for more than 60 teammates and their families. The Great Blizzards provides an opportunity for people with disabilities to shine on the ice, regardless of physical or cognitive needs, gender, race, ethnicity, or experience.

The Town of Rockland welcomes you all and encourages you to take advantage of all our historic town has to offer.

I hope you have an enjoyable event as I extend my best wishes for your time in Rockland.

Sincerely,

Douglas Lapp

Town Administrator

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April 24, 2025

Dear SHI Boston 2025 Participants:

On behalf of the County of Plymouth, we are pleased to welcome you to the Special Hockey International Annual Tournament 2025.

This year's tournament once again being held at the state-of-the-art Lovell Arena located in Rockland, MA will bring together over 30 teams from across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom for an inclusive, fun, and accessible ice hockey experience for people of all abilities regardless of race, age, gender, cognitive or physical needs, or experience for an opportunity to unite in your love of hockey.

Enjoy your time in Plymouth County and Congratulations to your hosts, The Great Blizzards of Massachusetts, a very successful program, offering an inclusive and accessible ice hockey experience.

Sincerely,

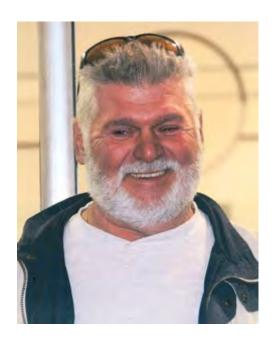
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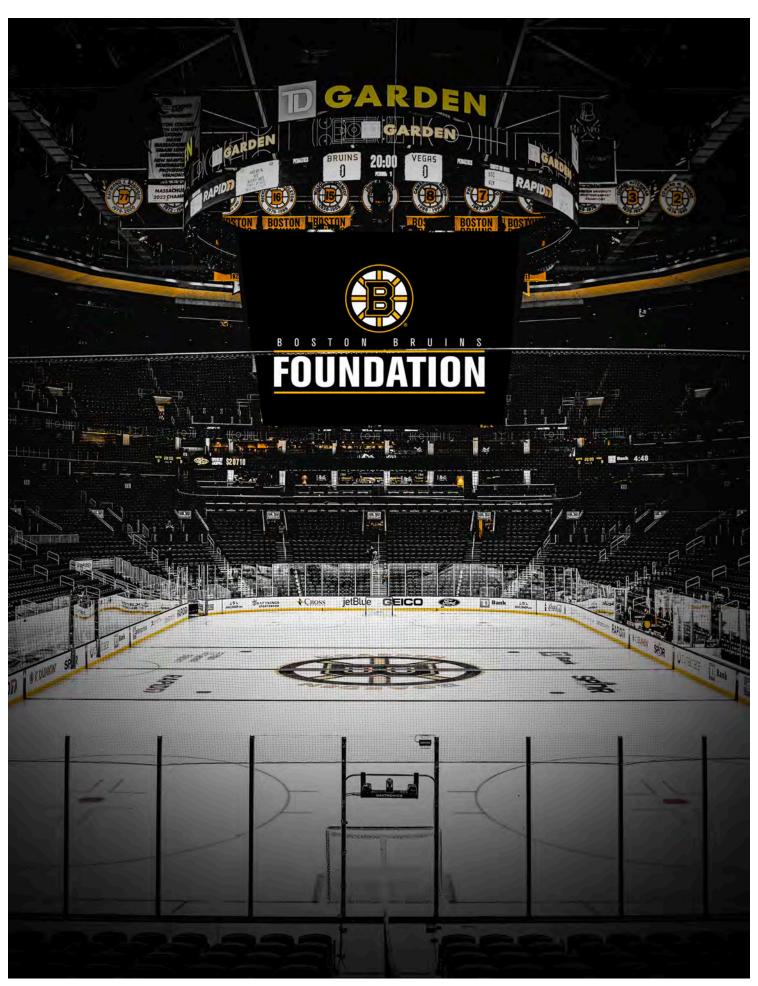
Pat Flick 1939-2023

Founder of Grandravine Special Hockey and Special Hockey International

"If you do it for the right reason and you see what the kids do, there is no award I could ever receive that would take the place of the feeling I got after doing what I did."

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SHI ON ICE SESSIONS Friday April 25th



Joe Mullen – Hard Work Pays Off!

Friday April 25th at 11:00am - 12:30pm

Join one of the hardest working NHL stars on-ice at 11 am on Friday April 25th as part of our Bruin Alumni Session. Joe played for Boston College and then St Louis Blues, Calgary Flames, Pittsburg Penguins and the Boston Bruins from 1979 to 1997. Joe was known for his hard work effort that resulted in 502 goals (the first American born player to do so), Three Stanley Cups, and The Lady Bing Trophy (for most gentlemanly player).

Joe will join us and show some important drills and then answer any questions.

Note: All players must have helmets, neck-guards, and skates in order to be on the ice.



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Bob Sweeney – Hockey Is Fun!

Friday April 25th at 11:00am - 12:30pm

Join Bob Sweeney for a fun session on ice at the SHI Tournament. Bob played in the NHL from 1987 to 1996 with The Buffalo Sabres, Calgary Flames and the Boston Bruins. Currently he is the President of Boston Bruins Foundation that collaborates with charitable organizations throughout New England.

Bob will help demonstrate some fun drills and games with and then answer your questions

Note: All players must have helmets, neck-guards, and skates in order to be on the ice.



SPONSORED BY:



Dave Silk – Believe In Miracles!

Friday April 25th at 11:00am - 12:30pm

Join Dave Silk for the Bruin Alumni Session on Friday April 25th. Dave's career was highlighted with the incredible gold medal victory in 1980 Olympics - "do you believe in miracles?" And, Dave played in the NHL from 1980 through 1991 with The New York Rangers, Boston Bruins, Detroit Red Wings and Winnipeg Jets.

We'll do some fun drills and games with Dave that show Dave's great hands and puck-handling ability.

Note: All players must have helmets, neck-guards, and skates in order to be on the ice.



SPONSORED BY:





BALTIMORE SAINTS B TEAM BLUE

PLAYERS

Breslen Davis			. 98
Lachlan Davis			. 65
Austin Geller			. 61
Terry Lang			. 38
Michael Liberman			. 27
Antonio Martinez.			. 13
Joshua Osten			. 45
Adam Rouch			. 71
Dan Schnell			. 95
Jacob Smith			. 18
Jimmy Yanchulis.			3

COACHES

Erika Coughlin Anne Douglas Joshua Douglas John Doyle Curtis Goodwin Bradford Saul



BALTIMORE SAINTS C TEAM RED

PLAYERS

Harrison Blockston			. 6	8
Caleb Chrismer			. 3	34
Gabrielle Douglas .			. 4	19
Rufus Edelenbos .			. 4	15
Michael Oakley			. 8	30
Alexandra Saul			. 3	31
Cooper Wagoner .			. 2	2
Amara Coughlin				9
Mark Eng			. 5	59
Ellen Scheel			. 5	3
Kieran Coughlin			. 9)4

COACHES

Erika Coughlin Anne Douglas Joshua Douglas John Doyle Curtis Goodwin Bradford Saul



BRICKSTARS

PLAYERS

Matthew Caccavano	١.				15
Paulie Crepaldi Jr					23
Christopher Farkas					14
Michael Garguilo					42
Bryan Huntley					20
JT Lanzieri					56
Joshua Lauver					17
Michael Mayhew					41
Johanna Schuele-Va	an	Α	ke	n	12
Eli Silva					46
Evan Silva					52
Danny Sullivan					39
Evan Yasser					27
Maryanna Vanderho	op)			.8
Alex Yoo					34

COACHES

Michael Mayhew Dina Crepaldi



CHICAGO STORM SPECIAL HOCKEY

PLAYERS

Karl Urycki			2
John Pellegrini			. 35
Ryan Slattery			. 11
Michael Palmquist.			. 46
Thomas Hall			. 53
Nickolai Krumrey .			. 60
Callum Anderson .			. 18
Taggard Blomquist.			. 55
John Damme Jr			. 64
Zachary Pierce			. 43
Eric Hum			4
Alexander Drews .			. 25
Christopher Donisch			2
Zachary Millard			. 40
Timothy Glennon .			. 95

COACHES

Jason Blomquist Jason Donisch Steven Drews Ben Hum Michelle Millard Wayne Millard Michael Riley James Pellegrini Chelsea Donisch Michael Krumrey David Pierce



EAST COAST JUMBOS B+

PLAYERS

Donald Brandt .					66
William Carroll .					14
Gavin Jolly					15
Patrick Mahoney					75
Louis Marino					18
Jenna Markow.					23
Jason Mazzola.					21
Brendan McElroy	/				22
John McElroy .					87
Benjamin Ragaz	ZC)			98
Jack Swenson.					39
Thomas Tamasa	ni	s			99

COACHES

Ray Leblanc Paul Scarnici Scott Swenson Kevin Wilkie



EAST COAST JUMBOS B-

PLAYERS

Jake Barbas					40
Patrick Bradbury					.6
Joseph Cabral.					.7
Luke Cesario .					63
Joey Coen					59
Brendan Griffin					33
Luke Knup					60
Sean Lawrence					27
Shane Leblanc.					.3
Cameron Lopez					.1
Brody McGuirk.					73
Audrey Muehleis	er	1			93
Ella Muehleisen					55
Milo Necochea.					44
Braden O'Conne	II				30
Giovan Pascal.					48
David Rosenzwe	ig				35
Richy Schwalm					19
Timothy Stevens	or	n			16

COACHES

Ray Leblanc Cristian Necochea Paul Scarnici Scott Swenson Kevin Wilkie

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GRANDRAVINE TORNADOES TEAM 1

PLAYERS

Michael Carcasole	. 16
Justin Cohen	. 55
Luke Delzotto Hammond	. 31
Nicholas Guzman	. 40
Mohamed Hamza	. 12
Zafar Khan	. 15
Mark Liotta	. 73
Ben Lohr	. 53
Todd Nagle	. 18
Carmine Palumbo	. 87
Ryan Reid	. 42
Viktoria Robeznieks	. 11
Sabrina Scalia	. 64
Andrew Zhukov	. 47

COACHES

Michael Cohen Colin Reid Anthony Scalia

GRANDRAVINE TORNADOES TEAM 2

PLAYERS

Niki Eren			. 33
Joseph Egizii			. 85
Andrew Garcia			. 63
Joshua Garcia			. 44
Claire Garcia			. 78
Christian Gioia			. 91
Biagino lamascia			. 45
Andrew Leah			. 66
Steven Magni			. 89
Steven Merrick			. 60
Justin Neville			. 97
Mark Rizzuto			. 19
Landon Stewart .			. 95
Jonathan Tedesco			. 13
Julian Trozzo			. 61

COACHES

David Leah Patrick Neville Joseph Trozzo Valentino Vescio

GRANDRAVINE TORNADOES TEAM 3

PLAYERS

Eric Allard						92
Angus Chan .						96
Benjamin Chu	ng	J .				25
Mio Espina						65
Ryan Inwood.						.9
Aaron Kwok .						43
Keith Alexand						
Thomas Marin	١.					52
Jonathan Pari	sie	en				29
Nick Pitoscia.						82
Jonathan Quir	nta	เท				94
Eric James Se	egi	uir	١.			17
Alex Tse						76
Donald Yip						39
Timothy Steve	ens	SOI	n			16

COACHES

Deiro Marin Joseph Rizzuto Valentino Vescio



THE GREAT BLIZZ B TEAM

PLAYERS

Ethan Anderson .				37
Jack Bailey				11
Declan Bohan				20
Brendan Carey .				99
Fiona Cheever				55
Joey Del Guidice				.7
Tomas Deware				33
Daniel Gardner .				27
Drew Goydas				88
Adam Klimovsky.				77
Kurtis MacDonald				.3
lan MacInnis				10
Thomas Marble III				25
Noel Medina				21
Sam Midouin				23
Lincoln Mosca				15
Jonathan Nearmar	ì			22



THE GREAT BLIZZ C TEAM #1

PLAYERS

Ben Andrews .					80
Will Barrett					81
Katelyn Cuzner					63
Matt Fleming					75
Luke Harris					29
Charlie Humber	٠.				19
Teddy Hunt					.4
Shane Kelly-Tw	igg	J.			14
Owen Lansing .					35
Colin Ledoux					64
Arthur Milagre .					17
Lilly Millowitz					28
Kayley Perlman					70
Sophia Plettner					44
Alex Remle					34
Eli Shaniro					1



THE GREAT BLIZZ C TEAM #2

PLAYERS

John Almeder									.3
Echo Avery .									.2
Ryan Bettcher									18
Tanner Burns									.8
Riley Devincen	it								.9
Annie Flanaga	n								24
Andrew Gorton	1								87
Charlie Grant									28
Shane Hathaw	ay	/							42
Elijah Livelsbei	rg	er							17
Laura Mahone	y								31
James Mosele	y								60
Oliver Perniola									88
Chris Spencer									25
James Towle.									.2
lan MacInnis.				1()	G	Э.	ΑL	ΙE
Jonathan Near	m	ar	1	22)	G	\cap	ΔI	ΙF

GREAT BLIZZ COACHES/STAFF

John Robertson Sean Mahoney Tom Mahoney Jeff Hemphill Patty MacDonald Shea McDonagh Pete Hall Steve Nearman Jack McIntosh Joe Coletti Ken Silva



GLADIATORS Hockey Club

HADC GLADIATORS

PLAYERS

Meaghan Bridges					. 48
Matthew Germain					. 61
Andrej Kink					5
Daniel Mazzei					. 41
Kevin Mueller					. 27
Sonia Petrocco .					. 39
Robert Ciampa .					. 34
Michael Congiusti					. 15
Frankie Crudo					. 17
Christian D'Ulisse					. 67
Stephen D'Alessa	nc	dro).		. 13
Kevin Deakin					. 18
Frankie Dejak					. 22
Marco Greco					3
Jason Lansing					. 30
Rishi Parikh					. 91
Johnny Perricone					93

COACHES

Scott Bridges Fernando Carinci Louis Lansing Daniel Loader Josie MacDonald Tony Mazzei Maria Milanetti



MAINE HIGHLANDERS B TEAM

PLAYERS

Gavin Blanchard			
Hunter Coombs .			. 28
Callum Donegan.			. 23
Grant Donegan .			. 13
Sean Hallee			. 63
Jaxson Hayes			
Griffin Higgins			
Kristian Joliat			. 19
Peter Mahoney			
Noah Moriarity			7
Lucas Parsons			. 12
Abigail Stevens .			. 14
Brandon Wear			. 29

COACHES

Michael Hallee Sarah Joliat Riley Kenney Patricia Hallee Jesse Moriarity



MAINE HIGHLANDERS C TEAM

PLAYERS

Bentley Black .					44
Cole Brazz					
Jeremiah Doneg	ar	1			99
Devonte Donega	เท				.5
Nyssaiah Dunn					20
Donte Eldred					10
Van Elofson					
Noah Gagne					87
Sam Gagne					15
Samuel Harmon					
Derek Levesque					98
Mike McIntire .					33
Noah Moriarity.					.7
Cash Terstegen					11
Brandon Wear .					29

COACHES

Michael Hallee Sarah Joliat Riley Kenney Bethany Terstegen Patricia Hallee Jesse Moriarity



MINNESOTA WILD RED TEAM

PLAYERS

Adam Rich					29
Allison Holden					22
Brooke Brezink	κa				89
Connor Nordva	all				28
Hope Thomas					.7
Neila Rupar .					12
Ruby Wheeler					.3
Ryan Frick					97
Shaun Siwek.					42
Alexa Frick					.9
Taylor Tokheim	١.				.8

COACHES

Chris Brezinka Teagan Brezinka Tate Rupar Andrea Thomas Colin Thomas Angela Wheeler Greg Williamson Jane Cashin



MINNESOTA WILD GREEN TEAM

PLAYERS

Elizabeth Peterson 2	4
Brett Williamson 8	9
Camille Nelson 2	6
Hailey Gilbertson 2	0
Jack Carter	7
Jeffrey Parnell 2	
John Lindeberg	
Jordan Perttunen 8	
Nathan Jockisch 1	8
Ron Hermansen 1	
Samuel Cashin 5	1
Tonia Frick 8	8

COACHES

Mark Lindeberg Colin Thomas Greg Williamson Catherine Zierden-Carter



MISSISSAUGA CRUSADERS

PLAYERS

Thomas Adams							34
Donhyea Gentles	s-\	N	ils	or	ì		18
Ryan Bazinet .							77
Zackary Carter.							11
Justin Crooks .							.2
Rodney Hong .							47
Michael James.							68
Mark Iwasiw							27
Michael Marshall	١.						25
Nicholas Roman	0						16
Jonathan Sperar	ıza	a					81
Bradley Bowen							29
Kevin Tanser							.1
Vincent Bassmar	า						24
Joseph Tullo							20
Ryan Zanette .							88
Dylan Woodvatt							31

COACHES

Renaud Adams
Douglas Carter
Doug W. Gillespie
Thomas Iwasiw
Andrew James
Bruce James
John Patton
Dylan Woodyatt







OTTAWA SPECIAL HOCKEY STARS BLUE TEAM

PLAYERS

Derek Beevor			. 41
Dwayne Shail			. 91
Michael Ashenden			. 99
Ryan Gaudette .			. 33
Philippe Aubry			. 88
Nicholas Segreto			. 17
Reese Tessier			. 29
Eric Breen			. 28

OTTAWA SPECIAL HOCKEY STARS RED TEAM

PLAYERS

Patrick Richard			.1
Percy Bradley			87
Julien Bailliu-Chaloux			12
Gavin Tsang			24
Alexandre Vautour			50
Samuel Gilbert			18
Dante D'Adesky			10
Sebastien Lamarre .			21
Nathaniel Marlot			71

COACHES

Leslie Anne Bailliu
MacKenzie Carr
Jeff Kelly
Kelsey Kelly
Stephane Lamarre
Alexander Langdon
Paul Leduc
Sean Leduc
Hannah Marcellus
Daniel Marlot
Francois Oulette
Erik RossKen Tsang
Michel Vautour
Bob Watson
Sang Yoon

RHODE ISLAND JR BEARS

PLAYERS

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Shane Bassett	22
Domenic Calligano 2	24
Connor Correira	26
Martin Conroy	11
Brandon Dicecco	18
Ayden Enos	16
Leo Foley	20
Collin Jacobson	27
Justin Kell	14
Austin Lamoureux	10
Dylan Lausier	25
Ethan Liu	28
Matthew Lobao	21
Myles Murphy	23
Brayden Stowell	.2
Oliver Tyce	.8

COACHES

Gerry Letourneau



WISCONSIN TIMBER WOLVES

PLAYERS

Cooper Anthon	١.					29
Alex Busse-Ca	m	bl	or			21
Kenneth Cosgi	O١	vе				.6
John Espil						22
Dylan Fecht .						52
Jacob Lange.						25
Zach McDonal	d					23
Mokya Mateni						47
Joe Riefke						13
Nicole Smazal						24
Charles Venne						11
William Whaler	1					12
Mason Young						22
Haldan Prager						13
Preston Hall .						81
Keegan Hunt.						36

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OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY APRIL 24TH

TIME	RINK L1	RINK L2	RINK L3
10:00am-11:00am		OPENING CEREMONIES	
11:00am-12:00pm	GRAND B1+ OTTAWA B+	GRAND B3- MAINE B-	BLIZZ1 C HADC GLAD C
12:00pm-1:00pm	GRAND B2- BLIZZ B-	MISSISSAUGA B EC JUMBOS B-	BALTIMORE C RHODE ISL C
1:00pm-2:00pm	MAINE C BLIZZ 2C	GRAND B1+ EC JUMBOS B+	HADC GLAD C CHICAGO C
2:00pm-3:00pm	BALTIMORE B+ WISCONSIN B+	GRAND B3- EC JUMBOS B-	OTTAWA B+ MINN B+
3:00pm-4:00pm	GRAND B2- MINN B-	'ALL COACHES' GAME	
4:00pm-5:00pm			
5:00pm-8:00pm	TOURNAMENT BANQUET DAVE & BUSTERS SOUTH SHORE PLAZA, BRAINTREE		

GAMES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY APRIL 25TH

TIME	RINK L1	RINK L2	RINK L3
10:00am-11:00am	BALTIMORE C BLIZZ1 C	BLIZZ B MISSISSAUGA B	
11:00am-12:00pm	CHICAGO C MAINE C	RHODE ISL C BLIZZ2 C	SHI ON ICE BRUINS ALUMNI SESSIONS 11-12:30
12:00pm-1:00pm	MINN B+ BRICKSTARS B+	BALTIMORE B+ EC JUMBOS B+ BRUINS MASCOT BLADES WILL HERE!	
1:00pm-2:00pm	MISSISSAUGA B MINN B-	BLIZZ B MAINE B- BRUINS MASCOT BLADES WILL HERE!	
2:00pm-3:00pm	CHICAGO C RHODE ISL C	MAINE C BLIZZ1 C	
3:00pm-4:00pm	BALTIMORE B+ MINN B+	BRICKSTARS B+ EC JUMBOS B+	
4:00pm-5:00pm	MINN B- EC JUMBOS B-	OTTAWA B+ WISCONSIN B+	

GAMES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH

TIME	RINK L1	RINK L2	RINK L3
10:00am-11:00am	GRAND B1+	BRICKSTARS B+	MAINE C
	WISCONSIN B+	OTTAWA B+	BLIZZ1 C
11:00am-12:00pm	GRAND B2-	HADC C	CHICAGO C
	MAINE B	BALTIMORE C	BLIZZ2 C
12:00pm-1:00pm	GRAND B3-	BRICKSTARS B+	EC JUMBOS B+
	MINN B-	BALTIMORE B+	WISCONSIN B
1:00pm-2:00pm	GRAND B1+	BLIZZ2 C	MISSISSAUGA B
	MINN B+	BALTIMORE C	MAINE B-
2:00pm-3:00pm	GRAND B2-	HADC C	GRAND B3-
	EC JUMBOS B-	RHODE ISL C	BLIZZ B
3:00pm-4:00pm		SPECIAL "A" PLAYER INVITATIONAL	

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The History of Special Hockey International and its Annual Tournament



1970

Pat Flick, who had been involved with minor league hockey since 1970 and who had been affiliated with the Grandravine Athletic Association in Toronto, notices a couple of young boys who always came out to the rink but only to watch their brothers play ice hockey. Flick discovers that these young boys were developmentally challenged. He has this dream - why not ice hockey for the developmentally challenged? So with the help of the Grandravine Athletic Association, he arranges some ice time, and the Grandravine Tornadoes are born.

1992

Fast forward to 1992, while waiting for his flight at Toronto International Airport, Tony Sansone of St. Louis Blues fame reads an article about Flick's team. He also dreams of starting a similar program in St. Louis. For two years, he struggles to find the ice time necessary.

1994

Finally, in January 1994, with the help of Kelly Chase of the St. Louis Blues, Tony launches the Gateway Locomotives. On Thanksgiving weekend, he invites Pat Flick and the Grandravine Tornadoes to St. Louis for a two-team tournament.

1995

In 1995, St. Louis again hosts their Thanksgiving tournament with two new clubs joining Grandravine and the host Gateway Locomotives. They are the Durham Dragons and the Ottawa Valley Ambassadors.

1996

In 1996 representatives from special hockey teams in St. Louis, Denver, New York, Toronto, and Ottawa met in St. Louis to form a league for teams to compete in international play. Special Hockey International is officially launched, with Pat Flick as commissioner and Tony Sansone as President. They establish an annual tournament to be hosted by different teams each year. St. Louis hosted the first annual SHI tournament and then alternated between U.S. and Canadian cities.

2002

In 2002, Mike Dwyer makes SHI truly international by starting a team in London. The Werewolves of London are a part of the Streatham Youth Hockey Club in London, England. Dwyer eventually becomes the president of SHI and still is, with Grandravine Director Joe Rizzuto as a Board member. Rizzuto too, is still a Board member of SHI.

Today, SHI has teams throughout North America and Europe, and the SHI Annual tournament attracts over 70 teams to its three-day festival.

2020

In 2020, COVID shut down the tournament

2023

But in winter 2023, with The Great Blizz Founder and Executive Director Steve Nearman dreaming of taking his team to the international level, he contacts SHI for an in-person meeting. Nearman, along with his wife Melanie and their 14-year-old lopped-eared bun Harpo, drive nine hours to Toronto and pitches his team to bring back the SHI annual tournament for 2024, the first time in five years.

With Rizzuto in person and two other SHI Board members, including Dwyer, on a ZOOM connection, the Board of SHI awards The Great Blizz with the SHI Boston 2024 special ice hockey tournament. The date is set for April 25-27 at Lovell ice arena south of Boston and north of Cape Cod.

2024

SHI hit its full stride again after the COVID shutdown of 2020 with The Great Blizzards of Massachusetts Special Hockey Inc hosting 33 teams from the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States over three days at the fabulous new Lovell Arena in Rockland, a suburb of Boston. Special guest Tony Sansone was on hand at Opening Ceremonies to take the ceremonial first puck drop with SHI officials Joe Rizzuto, Mike Dwyer and Rob Bentley. Boston Bruins mascot Blades made an exciting appearance as did former Boston Bruins stars Joe Mullen and Bob Sweeney conducting a clinic for the players.







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SHI Boston 2025 FAQs



When is POLAR SELTZER SHI Boston 2025?

April 24-26, 2025

Where is POLAR SELTZER SHI Boston 2025?

Lovell Arena, 120 Bill Delahunt Pkwy, Rockland, MA 02370. 781-610-4400

What time are the games?

Basically from 10am to 5pm all three days. CHECKIN begins at 10am Thursday.

What time is Opening Ceremonies?

Teams can enter the Arena at 8am on Thursday April 24. Teams should line up by their team sign in the hallway in front of the rinks by 9:30am. Opening ceremonies will begin promptly at 10am. Each team will file onto Rink 2 (center rink) alphabetically by team name. The rink will be scuffed up so skates are not necessary – street shoes are fine.

What about Closing Ceremonies?

Haven't read anything about that. Well, with teams leaving throughout the day on Saturday either to get home or to do the tourist thing, we felt it best not to have a formal Closing Ceremonies. However, when your team plays its last game, we will gather up the team and tournament officials and present our VERY COOL medals to the players plus a trophy for the team to take home with pride.

Is there abundant free parking at the rink?

Yes. Please park between the lines – red line, blue line, goal line.

How is the Arena laid out?

This fairly-new facility is incredible. You may not ever want to leave. The first level has the check-in room to the left side. If you just walk straight ahead, you will come out to the sheets of ice. Rink 1 is to the left, Rink 2 is front and center and Rink 3 is to the right. Locker rooms are across the hall from each sheet of ice, four locker rooms for each sheet.

If you head upstairs when you enter the Arena, you will find a full-service circular bar selling only Sam Adams – kiddin – a 4-lane

bowling alley, interactive golf, a gaming room, a full-service café and a well-stocked concessions stand. Also from upstairs you can watch the action on all three sheets of ice, from inside seating where it is warm to seating above the ice on a small balcony where it is ice temperature.

Will there be a photographer taking photos for our friends at home to see?

Yes, The Great Blizz team photographer Bill Wedge will be taking photos to be posted on The Great Blizz Facebook site. He will post Opening Ceremonies pics mid-day Thursday and will post photos from each day's action that evening. Be sure to thank him when you see him in the Arena! He will be the guy with the camera

Will the games be livestreamed?

No. And if you see a posting on Facebook saying that they are, it's a scam and just delete it. As well, we don't sell gear on FB so ignore any scammers posting as such.

Will there be a company selling sweatshirts and tee-shirts with the tournament logo?

The Great Blizz will be selling a limited number of Blizz-branded warm sweats, hats and scarves.

What options do we have for food?

The rink has a Café open most of the duration of the tournament, including morning coffee/tea and breakfast. The Café has an extensive lunch menu as well. The concession stand has a variety of candies we've never even heard of, plus all sorts of other snacks like chips and the like. The rink also has hydration stations to fill and re-fill your water bottles.

Speaking of food, what if we are driving around looking for a great sub shop which supports POLAR SELTZER SHI Boston 2025 and the autism community? That's easy, Jersey Mike's for sure. Through their partnership with the Tournament sponsor Doug Flutie Jr Foundation for Autism, Jersey Mike's is one of our sponsors. Frankly, there is no sub-stitute! Get it! You can find them at:

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SHI Boston 2025 FAQs



What if I forgot to bring a piece of equipment or my stick broke?

The Arena's pro shop will be open from 8am to 8pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The pro shop will be on your right side when you enter the Arena down the hallway past the ATM machine and drink vending machine. There is a wide variety of equipment and sportswear but you also can get your skates sharpened there. Also, if you don't find what you are looking for in the pro shop, there are Pure Hockey retail stores in Kingston at 167 Summer Street and in Braintree at 220 Wood Rd where you also can find a HUGE selection of goalie gear. It's like being a kid in a candy shop.

As well, for other retail shops, there are two malls nearby, the indoor South Shore Plaza in Braintree and the Derby Street shops in Hingham. Between the two, there are hundreds of national and regional retail stores and great restaurants to discover.

Hey, what about the tournament Banquet????

This year, we will have the tournament banquet for all teams under one roof at the same time! Dave & Buster's, 5-8pm on Thursday April 24. We are closing D&B for three hours for our private tournament banquet! Tickets available at the check-in desk at the rink on Thursday and at the door at D&Bs Thursday from 5-8pm. \$40 per person includes a delicious buffet plus \$10 Power Card plus unlimited video game play. Credit and debits cards will be readily accepted as well as checks and cash.

Does the chef accept requests for special diets?

If you have a participant who needs a gluten-free or dairy-free or vegetarian diet or is just plain picky, ask the staff at the Dave & Buster's to prepare your participant's plate individually to suit their dietary and other needs. We welcome the opportunity to exceed expectations!

My player/parent/coach needs a time-out. Where can they go to chill?

We will have a quiet room just inside the entrance to the Arena on the left side in the Training Room. We will have some stress-balls and other stress-relieving items in the room. If that doesn't work for the adults, we have a very attractive circular full bar on the second floor overlooking Rink 2.

Do you have any place for us to temporarily store our hockey bags?

Yes, and the key word is "temporarily." You can place them against the wall just inside the Training Room door. No overnight storage, please.

My female players and coaches would like to pad up in a female-only locker room. Is that possible?

Not just possible, absolutely we have a female-only locker room, compliments of the Lovell Academy girls program who will let us use their cool locker room inside the rink, to the right and down the hall.

Will we have a game program when we arrive at the rink?

No. But even better, you will have a virtual game program available to you by Tuesday at www.shiboston2025.org in PDF format to view, print or both. This will be a live document and we will update and make modifications daily if you/we left somebody off the roster or misspelled a name or any other gaffes.

Do you plan on any special features at this year's POLAR SELTZER SHI Boston 2025 tournament?

You bet!!! On Rink 2 from 3pm to 4pm we will have our annual Pat Flick Memorial Coaches Classic. Then on Friday from noon to 2pm, the Boston Bruins mascot Blades will make a guest appearance as well as the Boston Bruins Alumni who will do a clinic from noon to 1:30pm on Rink 3. And on Saturday, from 3-4pm, we will have our invitational "A" level game for all "A" level players on Rink 2.

Between 11am – 12:30pm, Rink 3, Hall of Famer and 3xStanley Cup champion Joe Mullen presents "Hard Work Pays Off" sponsored by Riverview School; Boston Bruins Foundation President Bob Sweeney presents "Hockey Is Fun" sponsored by the Boston Bruins Foundation; and 1980 Olympic gold medalist Dave Silk presents "Believe in Miracles" sponsored by Polar Seltzer. All participants must have helmets, neck-guards and skates in order to be on the ice.

Didn't answer one of your questions?

We knew it! Just email info@shiboston2024.org or pick up that phone and call Tournament Director Steve Nearman at 703-587-4321.



SHI Boston 2025 Tournament Rules



QUICK REVIEW OF THE SHI TOURNAMENT RULES TO ENSURE THAT EVERYBODY HAS THE ABSOLUTE BEST EXPERIENCE ON AND OFF THE ICE AT LOVELL ARENA

- PLEASE do not run up the score on the other team. If it is a lop-sided game, the dominant team would do well to help its opponent's players be successful as well. Then everybody leaves the ice feeling good;
- Helmets with face protection and neck guards are mandatory for all players on ice and bench;
- · Helmets mandatory for coaches and officials on the ice;
- Coaches, please leave your sticks off ice and let the players play;
- · No checking allowed;
- · No slap shots allowed;
- Penalties shots will be issued for intentional tripping and holding;
- 2-minute penalties will be issued for players exhibiting aggressive behavior;
- 5-minute penalties for rough play or slashing;
- Fighting will result in immediate expulsion from the game and possible expulsion from the tournament;
- · Blue line off sides will be waived and not called;
- · Icing the puck will be waived and not called;
- · Referee blows whistle at his/her discretion;

- Every effort must be made to ensure that each player has equal ice time. No double shifting unless due to lack of personnel;
- Each team may have five skaters plus one goaltender on the ice during play. In addition, a maximum of three extra players may be on the ice during play with both coaches in agreement;
- Clubs with more than one team may not substitute players back and forth, with the only exception being if the goalie is hurt or sick;
- If a player is in the opposite end, and the puck is passed to him/her resulting in a goal being scored, it shall only be allowed if the player's ability does not allow him/her to clear the opposition's end zone;
- In accordance with the true spirit of the inclusive hockey, each coach should attempt to match lines with similarly skilled players from the other team. While this may be difficult to achieve, every effort should be made to comply with this requirement;
- Play time will consist of three, 15-minute periods of running time with two-minute buzzer system and stop time between changing of lines. There will be a two-minute warmup time before the start of each game. Referee will blow whistle for start of game;
- Tournament teams consists of A, B and C teams, A being more advanced players.