



MISSION STATEMENT

The Delaware Valley Disabled Hockey Division is open to any athlete, male or female over the age of 5 years old to 21 years of age, with mental challenges such as Down's syndrome, Autism, ADD/HD, or any other developmental disability that would prevent them from participation in any other organized ice hockey program. There are no tryouts. They don't even need to be able to skate. All they need is what they already have...desire. They will teach you how to skate, how to hold a stick, how to handle a puck, how to make a pass, how to take a shot, how to make a save. Some may learn by the end of their first season, others may take years. What they will all do immediately is participate...at every practice and at every game. That's because they don't have to meet anyone else's expectations, only their own.

The Atlantic District of USA Hockey (USA Hockey is the governing body for ice hockey in the United States) is continuing to expand their ice hockey program for the enrichment of the athlete with a developmental disability.

The programs exist for the enrichment of the athlete with a developmental disability. In addition to physical hockey skills, the programs emphasize on the development of desirable individual characteristics such as dependability, self-reliance, concentration, willingness to share and personal accountability. The game of hockey has proven to assist the developmentally challenged athlete by emphasizing on their strength, endurance, focus, eye hand coordination, social skills, motivation and willingness to reach their fullest potential on and off the ice.

Ice hockey is no more dangerous than any other athletic activity. Our coaching staffs are very experienced and all practices and games are carefully supervised.

Special Hockey allows the developmentally challenged to achieve their own goals on their own schedule. Special hockey has now grown into over 50 other organizations like ours in the US and Canada.