

HOW DOES ICE HOCKEY BENEFIT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ?

STRENGTH
ENDURANCE
FOCUS
EYE HAND COORDINATION
SOCIAL SKILLS
MOTIVATION
HAPPINESS THROUGH ACHIEVEMENT



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BRICK STARS CHALLENGER HOCKEY



LIST OF ASSOCIATIONS

BRICK HOCKEY CLUB

www.brickhockeyclub.com

USA Hockey
ASHA American Special Hockey Association

www.americanspecialhockey.org



Brick Stars Challenger Hockey PO Box 1737

Brick, NJ 08723

www.brickstarshockey.webs.com



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The program is for players between the ages 5 through adult who have developmental disabilities, mental challenges or learning delays that prevent them from participating effectively in other sports organizations. The ice hockey program is designed to meet the needs of developmentally challenged athletes.

The Brick Stars program is a 501(c)(3) special needs hockey program founded by Coach Alex J. DePalma in 2009 and the recipient of Mark Messier's 2010/2011 Bridgestone Youth Leadership Award. The program originally started with eight players and now has grown to over 50 players thus making it the fastest growing special needs program in the State of New Jersey. The program operates with a group of dedicated volunteers, local coaches, physical therapists and players from various hockey organizations who devote their time and expertise to help our kids excel on the ice. 100% funded by individual and corporate donations.

ABOUT OUR COACHING STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Alex J. DePalma-Brick Stars Director, USA Hockey District A.D.M. Mite Coordinator, Atlantic District Associate Coach in Chief, with over 25 years coaching experience at all age levels. All Coaches involved in the program are USA certified and screened.

Our volunteers are current and past Brick Hockey Club Members, local travel organizations and local high school players. Assistance is provided by professional physical therapists.



Top: With a little help the Brick Stars face-off.

Middle: Coach Alex gives his volunteers an important pep-talk

Left: A volunteer works with a young beginner



WHERE IS PROGRAM LOCATED?

Ocean Ice Palace Rink
197 Chambers Bridge Rd
Brick, NJ 08723



WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM START ?

Brick Stars 20 week season
Starts in September and ends in February
held on Sunday Mornings
Dates and Times: TBA *

*check website
www.brickstarshockey.webs.com
for more information

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED ?

- *Helmet
- *Skates
- *Gloves
- *Elbow Pads
- *Shin guards



**We offer free loaner equipment or there is a starter kit rental option through the Ocean Ice Palace Hockey Supply with a \$150 refundable deposit.*

HOW DOES AN INTERESTED PLAYER REGISTER?

Contact Coach Alex J. DePalma, at alexdepalma@comcast.net or Team Manager, Dina Crepaldi at Dinac01@aol.com