



About Our Brick Stars Challenger Program:

BRICK HOCKEY CLUB
PO Box 2071,
Brick, NJ 08723
www.brickhockeyclub.org

Alex J. DePalma-
Brick Stars Director, USA Hockey District
A.D.M. Coordinator, Atlantic District,
A.C.E, Director, N.J.Y.H.L. Coach
in Chief
www.alexdepalma@comcast.net

The program started in 2009 with 8 original skaters and remarkably grew to over 25 by the end of its First Season in 2010. Thus, making it the fastest growing special needs program in the State of New Jersey. The program is for players between age five and twenty-one who have a developmental disability such as Down syndrome, Autism or any other learning delays that prevent them from participating in any other existing organization. It is designed to meet the needs of the developmentally challenged athlete.

The Brick Stars currently have 20 developmentally disabled players ranging from age 5 to adult with a range of skating ability from learn to skate to partaking in the game of “Special Hockey”

The Brick Stars Season for 2010-2011 practice every Sunday 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Ocean Ice Palace, Chambers bridge Road, Brick, New Jersey from September 29, 2010 thru February 27, 2011.

Alex J. DePalma is the Brick Stars Challenger Program Director, USA Hockey Atlantic District A.C.E. Director N.J.Y.H.L Coach in Chief, with over 25 years coaching experience at all age levels.

All the Brick Hockey Coaches are USA Hockey Certified and screened. The program is strictly run by volunteers of local coaches, current and past Brick Hockey Club Members, local travel organizations and local high school players. Assistance is also provided by professional certified physical and occupational therapists.

The Brick Stars Challenger Program are part of The Brick Hockey Club’s Organization which is a 501c (3) organization consisting of very dedicated volunteer members and rely on annual fundraising efforts to operate.





BRICK STARS EVENTS:

On January 31, 2010, celebrating Hockey Weekend Across America, The Brick Stars participated in a special Hockey game with the NJ DARE DEVILS at the OCEAN ICE PALACE to help promote “EVERYBODY SKATES” a group of disabled hockey players making history by visiting all 54 ice rinks in New Jersey in 54 hours. Their mission to convince local rinks to allocate one hour of ice time per week to Disabled Hockey.

See www.everybodyskates.com



On August 8, 2010, The Brick Stars participated in the Jim Dowd’s “Shoot for the Stars Foundation” Charity Hockey Game at the Red Bank Armory. Jim Dowd, (a former Brick Hockey Club Member and 1995 NJ Devils Stanley Cup Championship) presented the Brick Stars with a check for the proceeds of the event to support the program. A special guest appearance and helpful participant was James Van Riemsdyk #21 (First Round, #2 overall draft pick) of the Philadelphia Flyers, who also is a former Brick Hockey Club Member. Please see below link to the Philadelphia Flyers under “News Archives” Summer stories 9/8/2010 “JVR GETS STRONGER”



<http://flyers.nhl.com/club/newsindex.htm>

Ice Hockey has proven to assist the developmental 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.

For more information about our program or for scheduling a “Special Hockey Game” contact Director Alex J. DePalma at alexdepalma@comcast.net or Dina Crepaldi, Brick Stars Manager at Dinac01@aol.com