



## DEAF HOCKEY IS BACK IN ONTARIO!

👤🇨🇦 **ODSA** is excited to announce we are bringing hockey back across Ontario—and this time, we're rebuilding it together.

No gatekeeping.

No politics.

Just opportunities to play safe and fun hockey with your Deaf community.

We are aiming to host our first Ball Hockey event this Summer 2026!

Where? That depends on interest and how many people sign up based on locations!

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Deaf and hard of hearing signing hockey players!

CODAs and interpreters and new signers who love hockey!

New players who want to learn to play

Former Deaflympics legends who miss the game

Hockey Fans who just want to watch hockey and socialize

If you love hockey and the Deaf community, you belong here!

### WHAT'S COMING

🏀 Ball hockey

👤🇨🇦 Ice hockey

🏒 Roller hockey

👤🇨🇦 Social NHL Playoffs Watch Parties

🏆 Competitive tournaments

We're starting simple with local Ball Hockey pickup games first.

The goal is to expand and also offer Ice and Roller hockey opportunities as well.

For those who don't play but are still fans of the game, you're also welcome to come and watch and socialize at ODSA hockey events, or come out to an NHL watch party!

Once we can grow ODSA Hockey with enough players and interest, I hope to host larger, more competitive tournaments with players all over Ontario, or bigger if possible!

Wait! Don't get too excited!

First we need to start small and local, with a focus on fun, safety and affordability.

**Sign up** first to let us know what you want!

**WHERE WE'RE STARTING:**

Milton

Toronto

London

Belleville

Depending on demand and type of hockey, there will be more locations to come.

First we need to see where the first truly committed players are, then I can start coordinating and booking the gyms in each location and set dates! We also need volunteers and local leaders in each location to help me out!

**THE IMPORTANT PART**

We're not guessing what people want.

We're building this based on YOU.

🔗 Fill out the ODSA Hockey Sign-Up Form: <https://forms.gle/BrNctwd9Q5mGkesP6>

Takes 1–2 minutes. Easy!

Finished? You'll be in the loop for the next announcement!

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Organizing the first recreational fun pickup Ball Hockey games Summer 2026!

No pressure. No long-term commitment.

Just drop in to pick up hockey and enjoy playing with the Deaf community in our language!

All ODSA Hockey events will be voice off, to respect Deaf culture and encourage signing development for new players to welcome to the Deaf community.

**WANT TO BE INVOLVED?**

We're looking for people in each city to help organize locally.

If you've got leadership, connections, and energy—we want you involved.

Reach out to me, Paul, anytime at [ODSA.hockey@gmail.com](mailto:ODSA.hockey@gmail.com)

**BOTTOM LINE**

This only works if YOU show up.

So bring your stick and gloves and helmet! Tell your hockey friends and family! Get a healthy sweat while having fun!

That's it for this announcement.

Thank you and I am excited to play some (actual) Deaf hockey again!

See you soon!

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