

Cambridge Ice Hounds Hockey Club

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Special needs hockey in Cambridge is growing again

The Cambridge Ice Hounds, a local hockey team for children and adults with developmental disabilities, continues to grow as they head into their fifth season on the ice at Galt Arena Gardens. New this season, the team will be offering a Learn-to-Skate program to help introduce new players to the sport.

Open to any age, the Ice Hounds Learn-to-Skate program will teach basic techniques to help players build confidence on the ice and develop their skating skills. Participants are not required to have any previous skating experience only a desire to participate and a willingness to learn.

The cost to join the Ice Hounds as a junior or senior player or to participate in the learn-to-skate program is \$215. Practices and games are open to the public and occur on Saturday afternoons between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Galt Arena in Cambridge. The hockey season begins September 11th and runs through until the end of April.

Established in 2006, the Cambridge Ice Hounds have grown significantly in the past few years. In partnership with the City of Cambridge, Special Hockey International, and local sponsors, the Ice Hounds provide a hockey program in Cambridge for children and adults with developmental needs, allowing them to participate in a hockey program just like any other player. They accept members throughout Waterloo Region at any skill level.

At present, there are 15 Special Hockey International teams in Ontario. In Cambridge, there is a significant desire in the community to maintain and expand the program to provide a platform for individuals to share the dream of playing Canada's game, develop skills, and establishing new and healthy relationships that help with so many aspects of their growth and development. For more information on how to join the team or become a sponsor visit: www.cambridgeicehounds.com.

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