
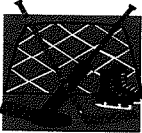


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Dear Council Members,



Ice Hockey



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Good Evening! My name is Susan Reese. This is my interpreter, Jeanne Coker. I am a volunteer Scout for the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association in Chicago, Illinois.

I am here to propose that the city of Ann Arbor host the World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships. I would like to propose the venue take place here in Ann Arbor.

The World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships are scheduled for the end of March/ early April, 2013 for 5-10 days.

I am Deaf. I am also crazy about Hockey. I would like to show off our Hockey Town affiliates:

- Simply because WE CAN. The infrastructure is already in place since the campus has all the facilities.
- Hosting an international event such as the World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships brings prestige to any city AND
- It will financially benefit the city of Ann Arbor.

We are here to propose this venture in the hopes that you will consider Ann Arbor for the 2nd World Deaf Ice Hockey and Curling Championships in the year 2013.

Thank you for your time.

AHHA: An Organization Supported By Your Generosity

The not-for-profit American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association is supported entirely by financial gifts from corporations, foundations, grants and contributions from individuals. There are no dues-paying members of the organization and athletes who participate in the annual hockey school are not assessed a fee for attending.

We'd like to keep AHHA functioning in this manner — but we need your help. Please make a contribution today in support of AHHA.



*Funded by contributions and
staffed by volunteers.*

How You Can Help

AHHA is supported entirely by contributions from individuals, corporations and organizations — we do not assess fees to participate in our hockey school and we do not charge for other year-round activities and services. We believe very strongly that our program should impose as little financial burden as possible to those we serve.

As such, AHHA incurs considerable expenses on an annual basis. The following list provides an example of some of these expenditures:

- ◆ Hockey equipment for players in need
- ◆ One week's expenses (room, board, travel) at Stan Mikita Hockey School for players in need
- ◆ College scholarships
- ◆ Facilities and ice time
- ◆ Preparation for and participation in international hearing impaired hockey tournaments (travel costs, training facilities, ice time, etc.)

Make a Contribution:

By Mail: Check or Money Order

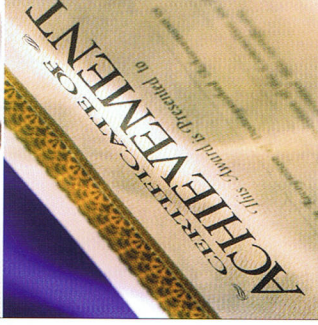
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AHIHA: A Successful Hockey Organization for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (AHIHA) is one of the leading sports organizations in the United States serving deaf and hard of hearing athletes.

Founded in 1973 by National Hockey League Hall of Fame member Stan Mikita and Chicago businessman Irv Tiahnnybik, AHIHA's mission is to instill confidence and self-esteem in deaf and hard of hearing athletes — many of whom find it difficult to participate in mainstream athletic programs because of problems associated with their hearing loss. AHIHA overcomes this obstacle by creating an environment that accommodates the special needs of deaf and hard of hearing athletes.



From on-ice interpreters, to special off-ice programs such as speech therapy or financial assistance for medical equipment or continuing education, AHIHA offers everything a deaf or hard of hearing athlete needs to improve his or her hockey skills over the entire course of their playing career.

Accomplishments

Founded as a not-for-profit organization, AHIHA has a long list of accomplishments, including:

- ◆ Hosting more than 2,000 deaf and hard of hearing youngsters over the years at its annual hockey camp;



- ◆ Winning a gold medal, two silver medals and one bronze medal at the last four international hockey tournaments organized by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (sanctioned by International Olympic Committee);



- ◆ A number of AHIHA "alumni" who have extended their playing careers at local high schools, colleges, and have played in tier one and tier two junior hockey leagues.

AHIHA: An Organization That Assists Deaf and Hard of Hearing Athletes

While it is the only nationally-focused hockey program in the U.S. serving deaf and hard of hearing individuals, AHIHA is much more than just a

place where kids learn how to skate and shoot pucks. AHIHA is an organization that works hard to help



its participants achieve goals and become successful in both life and hockey.

Below are some of the ways AHIHA assists deaf and hard of hearing athletes beyond the sport of hockey:

- ◆ Educational scholarships are awarded to deserving athletes for furthering their education at institutions of higher learning;
- ◆ Access to additional speech therapy services are available;
- ◆ Financial assistance for purchasing hearing aids, cochlear implants or other medical equipment or services is offered to athletes with special needs.