



History and Mission

The SHAW Pirates were established in 2016. The idea behind the Pirates was inspired by a simple question by Andy asking his dad "Why can't I play Dad?" At that moment SHAW Special Needs Hockey was born! The Pirates started with 6 players and has grown to over 40 rostered players today.

The SHAW Pirates' mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with Developmental Disabilities through increasing their personal development and confidence on and off the ice by Having Fun, Learning Teamwork, Gaining Friendships and Increased Physical Activity.

The Pirates are supported by SHAW Youth Hockey, WAHA, and USA Special Needs Hockey.

Who Can Join?

Athletes with disabilities of all ages from children to adults are encouraged to sign up to play as part of this fun and exciting program. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced skater, this program is for you!

When and Where

Practices are held on Saturdays from November to late March at Wilson Park Ice Rink, located on the southside of Milwaukee, 4001 S. 20th St. Milwaukee, WI.

SHAW is CLTS Approved

The SHAW Hockey organization is proud to be CLTS (Children's Long Term Support) approved in the State of Wisconsin. At SHAW, we have a strong commitment to inclusivity and providing opportunities for all athletes to participate in the game of hockey. SHAW ensures that players of varying abilities have access to supportive on-ice coaches and a welcoming team environment where they can develop skills, build confidence, and experience the benefits of teamwork.

Kindly note, that while SHAW is CLTS approved, funding approval may vary. SHAW CANNOT guarantee coverage by CLTS for SHAW hockey programs.

It is recommended that any questions or concerns regarding CLTS eligibility be directed to your service coordinator.

How to Register

Please go to our website by scanning this QR code:



Registration opens in July

Questions?

Please email Coach Juan Rios and Team Manager Wade Van Westen at shaw.specialhockey@gmail.com

Cost

Please go to our website by scanning this QR code for the latest ice fee:



Can my child dual roster?

Yes! We have a number of players in the SHAW Pirates who also participate on traditional hockey teams, including the SHAW Timberwolves. This dual participation gives athletes a well-rounded hockey experience by allowing them to benefit from both adaptive and traditional team environments.

At the same time, competing with teams like the Timberwolves provides opportunities to apply those skills in a more traditional, fast paced game environment, helping players further refine their abilities and game awareness.

How YOU can help

Donations:

Ice time (Financial or in-kind)
Scholarships - fees vary. Please scan QR code above.

Volunteer:

On ice coaches and helpers
(Please ask how you can help!)