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## **NORTHWELL HEALTH ICE CENTER ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL NON-PROFIT**

**Pride in Athletics for Life (P.A.L.) Hockey Partners with Islanders  
Official Practice Facility**

*- Islanders to use resources such as coaching staff and NHL club  
facilities to train P.A.L. players –*

**EAST MEADOW, NY (February 25, 2017)** – Northwell Health Ice Center and the New York Islanders announced today, along with Pride in Athletics for Life (P.A.L.) Hockey, a non-profit, amateur hockey organization, the five-year agreement extension. The organizations have worked together for the past four years, developing Long Island youth hockey participants from the beginner levels, up to the highest level midget hockey that has placed numerous players in college and junior programs around the country.

Northwell Health Ice Center will be actively involved in the ongoing success of the P.A.L. Ice Hockey organization by assisting the organization with marketing initiatives, operational services, off-ice strength and conditioning clinics, coaching and player development guidance.

“We are thrilled to extend our relationship with P.A.L.,” Islanders President and General Manager Garth Snow said. “It has always been our goal to build a strong youth hockey program on Long Island for our local community. By combining the many benefits the P.A.L. program offers, along with the professional level areas of expertise the Islanders can provide, there is no better youth hockey organization. After a strong four-year relationship, having the P.A.L.



program skate at the Islanders official practice facility, Northwell Health Ice Center, this is the natural progression to continuing to set the program apart as one of the most elite youth hockey organizations in the country.”

The P.A.L. Junior Islanders Hockey Club operates teams at six different levels, including: mite, squirt, peewee, bantam, midget and junior hockey.

“To have the ability to utilize the depth and resources the New York Islanders and Northwell Health Ice Center has to offer, will truly benefit the players and coaches involved in our program,” P.A.L. Executive Director Tom Palamara said. “This partnership provides an opportunity for hockey players in our communities to have access to the best hockey expertise, instruction and development. Our expanded relationship with the Islanders will help develop our players not only on the ice but also prepare them for higher levels of hockey such as college or junior.”

One of the oldest, most well-respected hockey organizations in the northeast, Pride in Athletics for Life (P.A.L.) represents the same message it has been delivering to its players since 1975, skate with the passion which drives your desire to succeed. Treat your fellow teammates, opponents and our great game of hockey with respect. Live your life with integrity during all that life brings you. Approach your life with discipline both on and off the ice and never lose the enthusiasm for life, sport or the desire to achieve. P.A.L. Ice Hockey has travel teams, recreational house leagues, skills development, and USA Hockey Learn to Skate programs.

***About the New York Islanders***

*Founded in 1972, the New York Islanders Hockey Club is the proud winner of four Stanley Cup Championships. Keep up with breaking Islanders news on Twitter @NYIslandersPR. For more team information, log on to [newyorkislanders.com](http://newyorkislanders.com).*

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