



NEW YORK ISLANDERS TEAM UP WITH P.A.L. ICE HOCKEY

TO CREATE ELITE TEAM TO PLAY IN

UNITED STATES PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE INAUGURAL SEASON

The New York Islanders, in a continued effort to help grow the caliber of hockey on Long Island announced today the creation of an “elite” team to begin play in the United States Premier Hockey League (USPHL) in the inaugural 2013-14 season.

The New York Islanders teamed up with P.A.L. Ice Hockey this past January at the Tier I Elite level as well as supporting the P.A.L. organization with its Tier II and Tier III programs. The P.A.L. Junior Islanders now have teams at the mite level (7 and 8 years old) through the USPHL junior level (up to 20 years old), which demonstrates the NHL club’s efforts to promote and grow the game at the grass roots level.

"There have been a lot of terrific NHL players who have grown up on Long Island. The goal of this effort to join with P.A.L. is to develop a player from the mite level and see them develop through the program to where they are selected at the NHL Draft to officially become a New York Islander," New York Islanders General Manager Garth Snow said. "With the help of our experienced coaching staff assisting the various levels, this goal can become a reality. We're extremely excited to begin this partnership with the P.A.L. program."

"The USPHL provides a unique opportunity for our players to compete at the highest level with the ability to showcase their talents to the top collegiate programs in the country" Executive Director of P.A.L. Ice Hockey, Tom Palamara said. "The honor of being the only Long Island program chosen to participate in the USPHL inaugural season is a testament to not only the organization’s ability to run a first class junior program but also to the depth and quality of our youth program. We look forward to providing our players with a chance to play at multiple skill levels yet have a pathway to develop their hockey skills, play against high quality competition and receive tremendous exposure to NHL and NCAA scouts, without ever needing to leave home."

The USPHL will sponsor three levels of hockey, including 16U and 18U Midgets, in addition to Juniors. The teams in the 16U and 18U midget divisions will remain registered through their respective USA Hockey Affiliate organizations and will play under USA Hockey Rules for league play.

The USPHL has developed a complete player development model where there presently are over 2,000 boys and girls training, competing and enjoying the sport of ice hockey. These programs go beyond the on ice experience to include education, leadership and community service components to help foster a complete student athlete. The member organizations competing in the USPHL provide the next step in high performance training and competition, providing unmatched exposure to NCAA hockey programs for young aspiring hockey players.

Tryouts for the USPHL will take place throughout the month of April. The USPHL will commence competition in September of 2013. Visit the USPHL website at www.usphl.com or the member organizations for specific information regarding the registration and tryout process.

<p>Boston Junior Bruins Peter Masters 508-820-1600 x102 peter@bostonjuniorbruins.com 20U/18U/16U</p>	<p>Islanders Hockey Club Sean Tremblay 978-609-5577 sean@islandershockeyclub.com 20/18U/16U</p>	<p>Jersey Hitmen Toby Harris 732-904-8000 toby@jerseyhitmen.net 20/18U/16U</p>
<p>South Shore Kings Scott Harlow 508-331-5909 jpanciocco@foxborosportscenter.com 20U/18U/16U</p>	<p>Philadelphia Flyers Elite Pat Ferrill 215-952-4167 pferrill@comcast-spectacor.com 20U</p>	<p>Portland Pirates Brad Church w: 603-373-7243 bchurch@legacyglobalsports.com 20U/18U/16U</p>
<p>Rochester Stars Tony Maksymiu 585-427-2206 tony@maksymium.com 18U/16U</p>	<p>Team Comcast Pat Ferrill 215-952-4167 pferrill@comcast-spectacor.com 18U/16U</p>	<p>Bay State Breakers David McCauley 617-680-7825 baystatebreakers@verizon.net 20U/18U/16U</p>
<p>NH Jr. Monarchs Ryan Frew 603-568-7246 ryfrew@yahoo.com 18U/16U</p>	<p>CT Yankees Geoff Marotollo 203-668-2377 info@centralctyankees.com 20U/18U/16U</p>	<p>P.A.L. Jr Islanders Ron Kinnear 631-553-1175 rkinnear@suffolkjuniors.com 20U/18U/16U</p>
<p>Springfield Pics Patrick Tabb 413-351-6633 patricktabb@gmail.com 18U/16U</p>	<p>Selects Academy Devin Rask 860-682-2077 www.facebook.com/selectshockey 18U/16U</p>	