

## London Blizzard Hosts One of the Largest Sledge Hockey Tournaments in the World

The London Blizzard Invitational Sledge Hockey Tournament is one of the largest sledge hockey tournaments in the world, bringing athletes from across North America and beyond to London, Ontario each year. Hosted by the London Blizzard Sledge Hockey Club, the event takes place annually on the third weekend in January and showcases elite competition while promoting inclusion, accessibility, and community spirit.



Teams travel from throughout Canada and the United States to compete in multiple divisions, including junior, intermediate, and competitive levels. In past years, the tournament has also welcomed international teams from Sweden, Russia, Japan, and England, making it a truly global event. This diverse participation exposes athletes to different playing styles and creates an exciting and competitive atmosphere.

On the ice, spectators experience fast paced, physical, and highly skilled action that highlights determination, teamwork, and resilience. Off the ice, the tournament builds strong connections among players, families, volunteers, and supporters. The welcoming environment encourages friendships and support networks that last well beyond the weekend.



The event also raises awareness about adaptive sport and the importance of inclusive recreation. By helping remove barriers and providing access to equipment, coaching, and competition, the Blizzard organization continues to grow the game and inspire new athletes.

**More than a tournament, the London Blizzard Invitational is a world class celebration of sport, perseverance, and community. – Chris Wood**