



80+ HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

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The Year in Review

The 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame continued to promote active participation, well-being and recognition of recreational hockey players in their “golden years” during the past year.

Inductions

Two induction ceremonies were held in 2025:

Ottawa, ON, Induction held on 3 May 2025. The event was held at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre and hosted by the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame Executive. Twenty-six players and two builders— Johnny Leroux and Reg Woods— were inducted. Among those inducted were four players who came all the way from Newfoundland for the ceremony, bringing with them greetings from the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Gatineau, QC, Induction held 25 October 2025. On ice activity took place at the Slush Puppy Centre followed by the banquet and induction ceremony at the Chateau Cartier Hotel and Resort. The event was hosted by *Les Grands Flos de Gatineau* hockey club. Twenty-eight players and one builder—Michel “Pepe” Bourgoin— were inducted. This ceremony also marked a milestone with the induction of the Hall’s first woman player, Ginette Hatin, who plays with *Les Sages de la Rive-Sud* in St. Hubert QC.

With these two induction events the total membership of the 80+ Hockey Hall of fame is now 450.

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80+HHOF at the NHL

The 80+HHOF received a significant boost during an NHL game between the Ottawa Senators and the Columbus Blue Jackets.

During the first intermission the President, Herb Brennen, and Vice-President, Loris Bondio, were interviewed on-air by TSN’s Claire Hannah. Their lively conversation highlighted the Hall’s mission and captured the spirit and joy of 80+ hockey.

During the second intermission thirteen 80+ HHOF alumni—wearing their gold and blue 80+HHOF jerseys—took to the ice at the Canadian Tire Centre for a spirited three-minute game. The 80+HHOF logo lit up the jumbotron, and the crowd responded with enthusiastic applause.

The event provided outstanding visibility for the Hall and showcased the lifelong value of staying active and playing hockey well past age 80.



Canada 150 Cup



The 2025 Canada 150 Cup, the annual tournament for 80+ hockey teams from Canada and the United States, was hosted by the Burlington Oldtimers Hockey Club from October 21–24 at the Appleby Ice Centre in Burlington, Ontario. This year’s competition featured two teams from each country: USA 1 and USA 2 representing the United States, and the Ottawa Elder Skatesmen and Canada 80+ representing Canada. Canada 80+ captured the championship trophy.



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SoYouThinkYouKnowHockey:

- Q1: Who was the first NHL Player to score 100 points in a single season?
- Q2: Who was the first commissioner of the NHL?



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USA 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame

The USA 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame held its first induction ceremony on 4 October 2025 at Superior, Colorado, USA. The event included a Legends Game with 16 octogenarians facing off on the ice, followed by a banquet and induction ceremony. Thirty-six individuals were inducted including two former NHL players and five players who had been inducted in the Canadian 80+HHOF.



The Year Ahead

Induction Events

With the good news of more hockey players continuing to play into their 80's, there are more players eligible for induction into the 80+ HHOF. Accordingly, there will be three induction events in 2026.

The 19th induction into the Hall will be held in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario on March 28, 2026. The event is being hosted by the K-W Daytimers Hockey Club. This induction is fully booked with 30 players entering the Hall. The event includes a KW Daytimers 75+ game, an 80+ Alumni game and the inductees' game as well as the banquet in the evening. The induction event website has more information:



www.kw80hhof.ca. Contact Rod Brandvold at rodbrandvold@rogers.com or John Thompson at jtdaytimershockey@gmail.com.

The 20th Induction will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on 18 April 2026 hosted by the Saskatoon 60+ Hockey League. This induction is also fully booked. The event includes a game between the league's 75+ players and a U-15 girls' team prior to the inductees' game. The evening banquet and induction ceremony will be held at the Western Development Museum. It includes a silent auction and door prizes, with Brent Butt of TV series *Corner Gas* giving the after-dinner speech. Contact Rod Brandvold at rodbrandvold@rogers.com or David Hume at dave.hume@sasktel.net.



Looking ahead, the 21st induction will be held in Whitby, Ontario on 24 October 2026, hosted by Dukes of Durham Hockey Club. Contact Rod Brandvold at rodbrandvold@rogers.com or Wayne Watson at wwatson@rogers.com.



Looking farther ahead, planning is already underway for 2027 inductions in Niagara Falls and Ottawa.



Local Hosting

The 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame invites teams, clubs, and communities to host induction events. Holding ceremonies locally helps reduce travel costs for inductees and their families, while also allowing each region to bring its own character and traditions to the celebration. The Hall’s executive will collaborate closely with the local organizing committee and provide a detailed hosting manual to support planning and execution.

To explore hosting an induction event, contact Herb Brennen at herbertbunting31@gmail.com or Rod Brandvold at rodbrandvold@rogers.com.

Canada 150 Cup in 2026

Initial planning for the 2026 Canada 150 Cup tournament is underway. The tournament will be held in Huntsville Ontario hosted by Huntsville Senior Shiny Hockey Club. Dates, format and other details are not yet arranged.

Other 80+ Tournaments

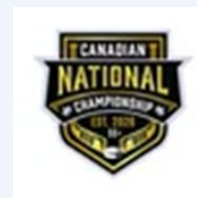
There are some other renowned hockey tournaments with 80+ divisions.



The 35th Victoria Playmakers Hockey Tournament will be held in Victoria, BC, 24-28 March 2026. The tournament is fully subscribed with 47 teams registered but team

applications are being accepted to go on a waiting list open in case a team drops out. There is also provision for individuals to apply to be picked up by a team or be on a spares list. A form for this purpose is on the web site at: www.victoriaplaymakers.ca. The tournament has six teams registered in the 80+ division – remarkable!! For information contact Butch Boucher at butchboucher@shaw.ca.

The Canadian National Senior Hockey Tournament will be held in Calgary, AB, 9-12 April 2026. Deadline date for applications was 30 November 2025. Information is on the tournament website at: www.chc55plus.com.





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The XXIV Parksville Panters Fall Classic Hockey tournament will take place 15-17 September 2026 in Parksville/

Qualicum Beach, BC. There are five age divisions in the tournament— 60, 65, 70, 75, and 80—with each team playing one game each day. Teams from outside the province have been regular attendees. Individuals can also apply to participate. A list of individuals is maintained and attempts made to place them on teams.

The tournament features social activities with a wine and cheese, a catered dinner, dancing, and a beer garden with all activities taking place at the arena complex. Returning teams get priority for registration until April 1. After April 1 registration in on a ‘first come first served” basis. For information contact Neil Houlihan at neilhoulihan55@gmail.com. Phone 250-802-8871

Tell Us About It

Is your team or a team in your region sending an 80+ team to a tournament anywhere? Let us know about it and how it went. In fact, tell us about any 80+ hockey happenings, stories, milestones, etc., that celebrate the 80+ hockey spirit. Your story may be featured in the next newsletter. Send input to our editor at: larryd209@gmail.com.

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