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Get Ready for Action: Variety Village Welcomes the Exciting 3rd Annual North American VOLT Hockey Tournament!

Scarborough, Ontario – May 20, 2025 – Variety Village is excited to announce the return of the North American VOLT Hockey Tournament on May 24 and May 25, 2025, at 3701 Danforth Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario. Come be a part of the VOLT Hockey community and witness the sport and camaraderie firsthand!

For many, Variety Village, the Scarborough based sport facility is a second home, offering accessible programs. One program that continues to grow is VOLT Hockey, a sport that gives individuals an opportunity to learn valuable life skills such as team building, competition and social inclusion. Originating in Denmark, VOLT Hockey was launched in Canada in 2016 at Variety Village. The accessible sport is played in adapted, power hockey carts that empower athletes to navigate the court with a joystick giving them independent control over speed and direction. The run time of the games consists of two 15 minutes periods and will be officiated by the Greater Toronto Hockey League to ensure a high standard of play and professionalism.

The North American VOLT Hockey Tournament, now in its third year is where players, families and fans come together to participate and celebrate the incredible sport ahead of the World Cup in September 2025, hosted in Sweden. This year's North American tournament will welcome teams from Ontario, Alberta, and Boston, USA.

"We are honoured to host the North American VOLT Hockey Tournament for the third year in a row," said Charlie Johnstone, President & Chief Executive Officer of Variety – the Children's Charity of Ontario & Variety Village. "The VOLT Hockey league is a testament for accessibility in sports, allowing athletes of all abilities to compete on a team and experience the joy of teamwork and belonging. It's about creating opportunities for everyone to thrive and showcase their talents."

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Event Details:

• **Dates:** May 24/25, 2025

Location: Variety Village, 3701 Danforth Avenue, Scarborough, ON

Schedule:

Saturday May 24

Games: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday May 25

Games: 9:30am - 1:00pm

Medal Games Division: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Medal Ceremony: 3:00pm

For more information and updates, please contact Archie Allison at aallison@varietyontario.ca or Steve Bialowas sbialowas@varietyontario.ca.

This is a free event to attend, and all are welcome to join. If you are unable to attend in person, be sure to check out the games streamed live online and can be accessed here: <u>Live Stream</u>

To learn more about VOLT Hockey and the North American 2025 Tournament please visit our website by clicking here: <u>VOLT Hockey North American Tournament</u>

About Variety – the Children's Charity of Ontario and Variety Village:

Variety – the Children's Charity of Ontario provides equal opportunities for participation in recreational and sports activities for individuals of all ages and stages. Its flagship project, Variety Village, is a world-renowned sports training and fitness centre that offers specialized programs and services aimed at creating a level playing field for people of all abilities. With over 30 years of experience, Variety has established itself as a leader in integrated recreational programming, serving a diverse audience that includes individuals, school groups, corporations, and community organizations. This makes it a cornerstone in promoting accessible fitness and sports training. To learn more visit www.varietyontario.ca.

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