



OCTOBER SAVES 2019

Overview

Every poke check and glove save you make can help your team win a game, but did you know that it can also **help raise money to fight cancer?**

The **October Saves Goalie Challenge** calls on all ice hockey goalies — youth, amateur and professional — to raise the most money through gathering pledges per save they make during the month of October. Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers in Canada!

Now entering its second year in Canada, this community effort has grown to include 685 players from 175 clubs across North America at all levels, from mites to the NHL. The goal of the program is to unite the North American goaltending community as one, to fight cancer and teach goaltenders how to be leaders, both on the ice and in their communities!

NHL Goalies Braden Holtby from the [Washington Capitals](#), Philipp Grubauer from the [Colorado Avalanche](#) and Jake Allen of the 2019 Stanley Cup Champions, the [St. Louis Blues](#), have all participated. Others like these are joining in as the event continues to grow!

Proceeds generated in the Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec region will go towards pediatric oncology research at the [CHEO Research Institute](#). Last year, our Canadian goaltenders raised a collective \$29,383.85 during the inaugural year in Canada! Let's work together to exceed that total, and keep the impact growing — throughout this region, and across the country!

To participate, goalies can register at www.octobersaves.org beginning Sunday, September 1, 2019. The last day to count saves is Thursday, October 31, 2019, and the fundraising deadline to collect and submit your outstanding pledges is Sunday, November 10, 2019. Winners and prizes will be announced on Monday, November 11, 2019.

You're Invited to the October Saves Launch Event!!

Save the date of **Saturday, September 21, 2019** and join us for a celebratory launch event at the **Bell Sensplex** (1565 Maple Grove Road, Kanata, ON K2V 1A3) from **2PM – 5PM**, to kick-start the 2019 October Saves season. Come prepared to participate in a free goalie clinic, and practice your on-ice saves, while enjoying some delicious food and great company! --- There may even be a **special guest appearance** at the event!

Getting Started

1. Visit www.octobersaves.org to learn more about the challenge, see last year's standings, and register to participate in the 2019 season!
2. Follow October Saves on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) (and remember to use **#MakeSavesCount** whenever you are posting about the challenge)!
3. Attend the launch event on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 2PM – 5PM at the Bell Sensplex to get super charged for the challenge and practice your saves!
4. Brand yourself with pink tape on your stick, gloves, and goalie pads to let everyone know that you're participating in the challenge!
5. Begin collecting pledges by reaching out to your family, friends, teammates, and neighbors! (Encourage your team to get involved too by participating in a group fundraising activity, to help you raise event more money!)
6. Track your saves at each game (or practice) throughout the month of October!
7. Collect and submit your pledges by Sunday, November 10, 2019!
8. Win prizes (and bragging rights) and celebrate with your team!

Fundraising Ideas

Don't forget! Goalies will be competing for great fundraising awards and prizes! (Not to mention bragging rights between clubs about which goalie can raise the most money!) Feel free to engage your entire team by holding an "October Saves Night" at the rink on a practice night. In the past, clubs have held bake sales or silent auctions at the rink to help boost their goalie's fundraising efforts. Send out those emails to friends and family letting them know about the event. Have some fun with it!

FAQ's

Q: What constitutes a save?

A: Good question! A save is any shot stopped that would have gone in if the goalie wasn't in the net. Another way to say it is any shot stopped within the pipes. If a goalie makes a glove save above or wide of the pipes that isn't a save (although it may have looked great)!

Q: Who can I contact for October Saves questions?

A: Please email event questions to info@octobersaves.org.

Q: Can I make a flat donation instead of making a per-save pledge?

A: You sure can! Simply click the "Make a Flat Donation" button and make your donation in the amount you choose. This donation will not be subject to change based on the save total for your goalie.

Q: I made a mistake and pledged too much per save. Can I donate less money than I committed to?

A: No problem! Contact info@octobersaves.org and we can adjust your amount.

Q: What are the dates of the event?

A: Registration begins Sunday, September 1, 2019. Goalies should track their saves from October 1 – October 31. Pledges and donations will be tracked during the month of October. All donations should be collected by Sunday, November 10, 2019 to qualify for event rewards and prizes.

Q: When will fundraising prizes and rewards be announced?

A: Prizes and rewards will be announced November 11th based on money collected by midnight November 10th. Money can still be collected after this date, but November 10th is the final date to be eligible to win prizes.

Q: Who wins the prizes and what are they?

A: We have so many fantastic opportunities to win rewards and prizes it requires an entire page on this website! Click the PRIZES button at the top left of the homepage to see all the awesome items you can win!

Q: Are rewards based on flat pledges or flat donations?

A: Rewards and prizes will be awarded based on actual donations received by November 10th. On November 11th, we will tabulate the winners and award our top fundraising goalies. All prizes will be mailed to the goalies after November 11th.

Q: Who benefits from the funds raised?

A: Money raised benefits [Lara's League](#), a 501 (c)(3) organization that raises money to support cancer research. Funds raised through October Saves in Ontario and Quebec specifically goes towards pediatric cancer research at the CHEO Research Institute through the [CHEO Foundation](#).

Q: How can I participate if I don't have any games in October?

A: If you have NO games in October, you can count saves during practices. You will be eligible for fundraising milestone prizes but not the prizes for the top three fundraisers. Please enter your practices in the games section on your participant page as practice #1, practice #2, etc.

Q: Who keeps track of the saves each game?

A: It's a good idea to assign an adult to count the saves. It could be the goalie parent or your volunteer stats person. All goalie parents know the shot clock doesn't usually accurately reflect the saves in the game so it's good to assign an adult to count.

For any additional questions regarding the October Saves Goalie Challenge please contact: info@octobersaves.org.