

## Vorys and the Columbus Blue Jackets Partner Together On “Hockey Is For Everyone” Night

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The Columbus Blue Jackets will celebrate diversity and inclusion in the sport with *Hockey Is For Everyone* Night, presented by Vorys, when the Jackets host the San Jose Sharks on Saturday, February 23 at 5 p.m. The evening will be highlighted by themed recognitions, fundraisers and an exit giveaway of foam pucks while supplies last.

“Our firm has a long history with the Blue Jackets and we’re proud to be one of their partners,” said Michael Martz managing partner at Vorys, the official corporate and business law partner of the Blue Jackets. “When the Blue Jackets told us they were looking for a sponsor for *Hockey Is For Everyone Night*, we were eager to step in. This celebration of diversity and inclusion is directly aligned with our firm’s core values.”

During pregame warmups, Blue Jackets *Hockey Is For Everyone* ambassador Seth Jones and teammates will use rainbow colored Pride tape on sticks and practice with Pride-themed pucks. The club will then auction off signed sticks by a select group of players with proceeds benefiting You Can Play and its efforts to insure safety and inclusion of all in sports – including LGBTQ athletes, coaches and fans.

Pregame activities also include 40 members of the Columbus Gay Men’s Chorus accompanying Blue Jackets anthem singer Leo Welsh to perform the “The Star-Spangled Banner.” The Blue Jackets will further highlight diversity among hockey participants with an on-ice, pregame introduction of individuals representing a wide spectrum of leagues and programs including: Ohio Warriors Sled Hockey (disabled veterans), Special Hockey (players with developmental disabilities), Columbus Ohio Gay Lesbian Ally Hockey Association, Columbus Ice Hockey Club (Columbus Recreation & Parks program), girls’ hockey, adult hockey, high school hockey and youth hockey. Intermissions will feature Sled Hockey and Special Hockey scrimmages.