



## NYTEX Sports, Brahmas join Suffolk Juniors in affiliation agreement

What do the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex and Long Island in New York have in common? Not much at all, but there is NYTEX Sports.

The sports management company is owned by New York-area physician Dr. Salvatore Trazzera and his brother, Dallas-based Frank Trazzera. NYTEX Sports runs the Texas Brahmas pro team, the Junior Brahmas of the Western States Hockey League, the Texas Brahmas Youth Hockey Association and the NYTEX Sports Centre in North Richland Hills Texas.

Now, NYTEX Sports is creating another link between the Lone Star and Empire states – an affiliation agreement between the Brahmas and the Suffolk PAL (Pride in Athletics for Life) youth and junior hockey organization in Hauppauge, N.Y.

“Ultimately we look forward to players developing to go on to play at the highest level possible, Tier-2 and Tier-1 junior hockey and college,” Dr. Trazzera said, “or perhaps soon enough we’ll see our first home-grown player on the Central Hockey League’s Texas Brahma.”

This unique and precedent-setting partnership will promote youth hockey development in New York and Texas and promote the mission of USA Hockey as well as the Texas Brahmas Youth Hockey Association and PAL Hockey.

Ron Kinnear, general manager of Suffolk PAL Hockey, is excited about the

opportunities for advancement of the Suffolk youth and junior athletes.

“We look forward to developing and educating young athletes and providing them the opportunity to compete both regionally and nationally on the Tier-1, Tier-2 travel and Tier-3 junior levels. We will be pooling our collective expertise, experience and resources to broaden our players’ opportunities to grow and develop both as hockey players and young men and women.”

The Brahmas’ youth teams and Western States League team will travel to The Rinx in Islandia, N.Y., in 2012, while Suffolk teams will travel to Texas to play at the NYTEX Sports Centre.

“This is a great opportunity for both organizations,” said Tom Palamara, president of Suffolk PAL Ice Hockey. “We are excited to welcome youth hockey teams from TBHYHA to compete in our Tier-1 and Tier-2 activities and the Junior Brahmas to compete with our Suffolk Juniors Blue Knights (2009 National Jr. B Champions) of the Atlantic Metropolitan League here in our home arena, The Rinx.”

“We are also excited to travel to Texas to play at the NYTEX Sports Centre,” Palamara added. “These experiences are the foundation for developing new relationships and lifelong friendships.”



The NYTEX Sports Centre in North Richland Hills, Texas