

TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team takes on Sweden in the gold-medal game of the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship at the Ice Palace in Dmitrov, Russia. Puck drop is slated for 7:30 p.m. local time/11:30 a.m. ET. Today's game will be live streamed on TeamUSA.USAHockey.com. Live game updates will also be provided on Twitter @USAHockey using the hashtag #U18WWC.

TALKING POINTS

THE SERIES VS. SWEDEN

The U.S. holds a 9-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record against Sweden all-time in IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship play. The two teams last met on Sat., Jan. 6, when the U.S. earned a 2-1 overtime victory to open the tournament. **Abbey Murphy** and **Makenna Webster** scored for Team USA in the contest.

TEAM USA IN GOLD-MEDAL GAME PLAY

Team USA, who has now made the gold-medal game of the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship for all 11 years of its existence, is meeting someone other than Canada for the first time in the event's title game. The U.S. owns a 6-4 record all-time in gold-medal games, and is looking to become the first country to win four consecutive gold medals in this competition with a win today.

TOURNAMENT LEADERS

Makenna Webster is tied for third among all skaters with seven points, while her five assists are tied for second. **Taylor Heise** ranks second among all skaters in the competition with four goals.

SEEKING FOUR STRAIGHT GOLDS

Team USA enters the tournament seeking its fourth consecutive gold medal at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, having won gold at the 2017 competition in Zlin & Prerov, Czech Republic, 2016 in St. Catharines, Ontario and 2015 in Buffalo, New York. The U.S. also claimed gold in 2011, 2009 and 2008.

REPEAT PERFORMERS

The U.S. returns seven players from the gold medal-winning 2017 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team, including forward **Taylor Heise**, defenseman **Lizi Norton**, defenseman **Gracie Ostertag**, forward **Dominique Petrie**, goaltender **Lindsay Reed**, defenseman **Ally Simpson** and defenseman **Madeline Wethington**. Reed started two games in goal at the 2017 competition, earning two shutout victories while stopping all 29 shots she faced. Heise, Ostertag and Wethington also helped the 2016 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team earn gold in St. Catharines, Ontario.

BACK FROM LAKE PLACID

Twenty-one players participated in the 2017 Under-18 Series vs. Canada last August in Lake Placid, New York, as members of the U.S. Under-18 Women's Select Team. Team USA took two-of-three games from Canada at the event **Hannah Bilka** notched a team-high three points (2-1), while **Abbey Murphy** tallied a pair of goals. Goaltender **Lindsay Reed** earned two victories in goal, turning away 60 of 62 shots she faced.

LEADERSHIP GROUP

Taylor Heise is serving as team captain alongside alternate captains **Gracie Ostertag**, **Dominique Petrie** and **Madeline Wethington**. All four players were part of the gold medal-winning 2017 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team, while Heise, Ostertag and Wethington also helped the 2016 U.S. squad earn gold in St. Catharines, Ontario.

MAKING A STATEMENT

The 23-player roster represents 10 different states. Minnesota leads the pack with 10 representatives, followed by Massachusetts with three players. Illinois and Texas each have two players, while California, Missouri, North Dakota, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania each have one.

AGE APPROPRIATE

The average age of Team USA is 16.4 years old. **Madison Bizal** (1/25/00) is the oldest member of Team USA, while **Abbey Murphy** (4/14/02) is the youngest.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Sixteen players are making their IIHF world-championship play debut at this event, including forward **Katelyn Knoll** and goaltender **Makayla Pahl**, who are representing the U.S. for the first time in their careers in both national and select-team play.

TEAM BUILDING

The 23-player roster for the 2018 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team was unveiled on December 1. The team held a pre-tournament camp from Dec. 28-Jan. 2 in Wesley Chapel, Florida, where the U.S. Women's National Team is also training ahead of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, in preparation for the tournament. Team USA flew to Russia on Jan. 2 and held four practices in Dmitrov before opening the competition. After sweeping the preliminary round, U.S. players and staff traveled down to Moscow on Jan. 10, where they explored and had dinner in the Russian capital alongside friends and family.



2018 IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship is in its 11th year after the inaugural tournament was held in Calgary in 2008. Subsequently, the event was held in Fussen, Germany, in 2009, Chicago in 2010, Stocholm, Sweden, in 2011, Zlin, Czech Republic, in 2012, Heinola, Finland, in 2013, Budapest, Hungary, in 2014, Buffalo, New York, in 2015, St. Catharines, Ontario, in 2016 and Zlin & Prerov, Czech Republic in 2017. The U.S. and Canada have met in the gold-medal game in all 10 previous competitions, with the U.S. having a 6-4 advantage in those contests.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME (ET)/RESULT |
|---|---|--|
| SAT., JAN. 6 Dmitrov, Russia | SWEDEN Ice Palace | W (OT), 2-1 POG: Makenna Webster |
| SUN., JAN. 7 Dmitrov, Russia | RUSSIA Ice Palace | W, 5-3 POG: Britta Curl |
| TUES., JAN. 9 Dmitrov, Russia | CANADA Ice Palace | W, 6-2 POG: Taylor Heise |
| FRI., JAN. 12 Dmitrov, Russia | CANADA (SEMIFINALS) Ice Palace | W (SO), 4-3 POG: Casey O'Brien |
| SAT., JAN. 13 Dmitrov, Russia | SWEDEN (GOLD MEDAL GAME) Ice Palace | 11:30 A.M. |

All U.S. games will be live streamed on TeamUSA.USAHockey.com

MEDIA INFORMATION

All Team USA players or staff will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

MEDIA CONTACT: **PAT DURANT**
315.250.1164 **PAT.DURANT@USAHOCCY.ORG**
 All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Pat Durant, who will be on-site with Team USA throughout the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.

PHOTO REQUESTS **SYDNEY BLACKMAN**
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 Media interested in photos of Team USA throughout the tournament are encouraged to visit ImagesOnce.com for tournament photos. Any other photography requests surrounding the 2018 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team players and staff should be directed to Sydney Blackman.

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2018 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

KEY TEAM USA U18WWC STATISTICS

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

SWEDEN



Series vs. Sweden: 9-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Of Note: The U.S. has had a shutout in six of its last seven games vs. Sweden.
JAN. 6: USA 2, SWE 1 (OT): Makenna Webster scored 2:47 into overtime to lift Team USA to a 2-1 victory to open the tournament. The U.S., which outshot Sweden 59-13, also got a goal from **Abbey Murphy**.

RUSSIA



Series vs. Russia: 10-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Of Note: The two teams faced off in the prelims for the seventh straight year.
JAN. 7: USA 5, RUS 3: Britta Curl collected two goals and an assist, and eight U.S. players recorded a point, as the U.S. beat Russia, 5-3, in its second preliminary-round game.

CANADA



Series vs. Canada: 6-4-3-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Of Note: The U.S. has won seven of the last eight matchups vs. Canada..
JAN. 12: USA 4, CAN 3 (SO): The U.S. fought back from down two goals in the third period to defeat Canada, 4-3, in a shootout. **Makenna Webster** and **Britta Curl** scored in the shootout, while **Lindsay Reed** stopped four straight shots to seal the victory.

PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

QUARTERFINALS



U.S. All-Time in U18WWC Quarterfinals: 0-0 (W-L)
Of Note: The U.S. has never played in a quarterfinal contest in IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship history, having now earned a bye to the semifinal round in all 11 competitions.

CANADA (SF)



U.S. All-Time in U18WWC Semifinals: 11-0 (W-L)
Of Note: Team USA and Canada met yesterday for the first time in the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship semifinals. The U.S. overcame a two-goal deficit to comeback and top Canada in a shootout, 4-3.

MEDAL GAMES



U.S. All-Time in U18WWC Gold Medal Games: 6-4 (W-L)
Of Note: For the first time ever, a European nation is guaranteed to earn either gold or silver at this event with the U.S. taking on Sweden in this year's gold-medal game. The U.S. is looking to become the first country to ever win four consecutive gold medals at the U18WWC.

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT U18WWC

| Year | Medal | Coach | Result | Opp. |
|------|--------|-----------------|----------|------|
| 2017 | Gold | Joel Johnson | W, 3-1 | CAN |
| 2016 | Gold | Joel Johnson | OTW, 3-2 | CAN |
| 2015 | Gold | Joel Johnson | W, 3-2 | CAN |
| 2014 | Silver | Jeff Kampersal | L, 1-5 | CAN |
| 2013 | Silver | Jeff Kampersal | OTL, 1-2 | CAN |
| 2012 | Silver | Heather Linstad | L, 0-3 | CAN |
| 2011 | Gold | Jodi McKenna | W, 5-2 | CAN |
| 2010 | Silver | Katie King | L, 4-5 | CAN |
| 2009 | Gold | Mark Johnson | W, 3-2 | CAN |
| 2008 | Gold | Michele Amidon | W, 5-2 | CAN |

PREVIOUS 10 U18WWCS

| Year | Finish | Coach | Record* |
|------|--------|-----------------|---------|
| 2017 | Gold | Joel Johnson | 4-0-1-0 |
| 2016 | Gold | Joel Johnson | 4-1-0-0 |
| 2015 | Gold | Joel Johnson | 3-2-0-0 |
| 2014 | Silver | Jeff Kampersal | 4-0-0-1 |
| 2013 | Silver | Jeff Kampersal | 4-0-1-0 |
| 2012 | Silver | Heather Linstad | 4-0-0-1 |
| 2011 | Gold | Jodi McKenna | 5-0-0-0 |
| 2010 | Silver | Katie King | 4-0-1-0 |
| 2009 | Gold | Mark Johnson | 4-1-0-0 |
| 2008 | Gold | Michele Amidon | 5-0-0-0 |

*W-OTW-OTL-L

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

| Opponent | GP | Record* | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----------|-----|----|
| Canada | 15 | 6-4-3-2 | 44 | 33 |
| Czech Republic | 12 | 12-0-0-0 | 116 | 3 |
| Finland | 1 | 1-0-0-0 | 5 | 0 |
| Germany | 2 | 2-0-0-0 | 18 | 1 |
| Hungary | 1 | 1-0-0-0 | 7 | 0 |
| Japan | 2 | 2-0-0-0 | 18 | 2 |
| Russia | 10 | 10-0-0-0 | 79 | 6 |
| Sweden | 10 | 9-1-0-0 | 62 | 5 |
| Switzerland | 1 | 1-0-0-0 | 11 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 54 | 44-5-3-2 | 360 | 50 |

*W-OTW-OTL-L

ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

| Opponent | SF | GM |
|----------------|------|-----|
| Canada | 1-0 | 6-4 |
| Czech Republic | 6-0 | N/A |
| Germany | 1-0 | N/A |
| Russia | 1-0 | N/A |
| Sweden | 2-0 | N/A |
| Total | 11-0 | 6-4 |



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2018 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

| NO. | NAME | HT (CM) | WT (KG) | BIRTHDATE | S/C | HOMETOWN | MOST RECENT TEAM |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|-----|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| GOALTENDERS (3) | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Calla Frank | 5-6 (168) | 155 (70) | 12/11/2000 | L | Hugo, Minn. | White Bear Lake High School |
| 29 | Makayla Pahl | 6-0 (183) | 148 (67) | 07/28/2001 | L | Rochester, Minn. | Rochester Mayo High School |
| 30 | Lindsay Reed [^] | 6-0 (185) | 156 (71) | 02/23/2000 | L | New Vernon, N.J. | The Hotchkiss School |
| DEFENSEMEN (8) | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Gracie Ostertag [^] % | 5-7 (170) | 169 (77) | 02/14/2000 | R | Shakopee, Minn. | Shattuck St. Mary's Prep |
| 3 | Maggie Nicholson | 5-10 (178) | 163 (74) | 03/21/2002 | L | Minnnetonka, Minn. | Minnnetonka High School |
| 4 | Madeline Wethington [^] % | 5-10 (178) | 161 (73) | 07/14/2000 | L | Edina, Minn. | The Blake School |
| 5 | Madison Bizal | 5-5 (165) | 145 (66) | 01/25/2000 | L | Elk River, Minn. | Elk River High School |
| 6 | Lizi Norton [^] | 5-6 (168) | 146 (66) | 02/22/2000 | R | Orono, Minn. | Orono High School |
| 7 | Hadley Hartmetz | 5-5 (165) | 140 (64) | 03/25/2001 | R | Phoenixville, Pa. | Shattuck St. Mary's Prep |
| 8 | Ally Simpson [^] | 5-8 (173) | 165 (75) | 12/20/2000 | R | Frisco, Texas | Shattuck St. Mary's Prep |
| 10 | Lily Farden | 5-11 (180) | 173 (78) | 08/22/2000 | R | Hingham, Mass. | East Coast Wizards |
| FORWARDS (12) | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Abbey Murphy | 5-4 (163) | 125 (57) | 04/14/2002 | R | Evergreen Park, Ill. | Chicago Mission |
| 11 | Dominique Petrie [^] | 5-7 (170) | 155 (70) | 01/21/2001 | R | Beverly Hills, Calif. | Anaheim Junior Ducks |
| 12 | Makenna Webster | 5-2 (157) | 130 (59) | 03/21/2002 | R | St. Louis, Mo. | Shattuck St. Mary's Prep |
| 14 | Britta Curl | 5-9 (175) | 155 (70) | 03/20/2000 | L | Bismarck, N.D. | Bismarck Blizzard High School |
| 15 | Katelyn Knoll | 5-7 (170) | 156 (71) | 01/16/2001 | R | Amherst, N.Y. | Nichols School |
| 16 | Casey O'Brien | 5-3 (160) | 125 (57) | 08/27/2001 | L | Milton, Mass. | Noble and Greenough School |
| 18 | Kelly Browne | 5-6 (168) | 148 (67) | 07/14/2000 | L | Burlington, Mass. | Boston Junior Eagles |
| 19 | Anne Bloomer | 5-6 (168) | 140 (64) | 07/22/2000 | L | Chicago, Ill. | Chicago Young Americans |
| 20 | Sydney Shearen | 5-4 (163) | 129 (59) | 08/2/2001 | R | Hugo, Minn. | White Bear Lake High School |
| 22 | Maggie Flaherty | 5-9 (175) | 180 (82) | 06/2/2000 | L | Lakeville, Minn. | Lakeville North High School |
| 23 | Taylor Heise [^] % | 5-10 (178) | 145 (66) | 03/17/2000 | R | Lake City, Minn. | Red Wing High School |
| 24 | Hannah Bilka | 5-5 (165) | 125 (57) | 03/24/2001 | L | Coppell, Texas | Shattuck St. Mary's Prep |

[^]2017 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team Gold Medalist
[%]2016 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team Gold Medalist

2018 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

| No | Name | SWE W (OT), 2-1 1/6 | RUS W, 5-3 1/7 | CAN W, 6-2 1/9 | CAN W (SO), 4-3 1/12 | SWE Gold-Medal Game 1/13 | 2018 U18WWC Total |
|----|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Calla Frank | DNP | W 13/16 (60:00) | DNP | DNP | | 1-0 |
| 2 | Gracie Ostertag | -- | A* | -- | A | | 2 (0-2) |
| 3 | Maggie Nicholson | -- | P | -- | A | | 2 (1-1) |
| 4 | Madeline Wethington | A* | -- | -- | -- | | 1 (0-1) |
| 5 | Madison Bizal | -- | -- | A | -- | | 1 (0-1) |
| 6 | Lizi Norton | -- | -- | -- | -- | | 0 (0-0) |
| 7 | Hadley Hartmetz | -- | A | -- | -- | | 1 (0-1) |
| 8 | Ally Simpson | -- | -- | W | -- | | 1 (1-0) |
| 9 | Abbey Murphy | G | -- | GA | -- | | 3 (2-1) |
| 10 | Lily Farden | -- | -- | A | -- | | 1 (0-1) |
| 11 | Dominique Petrie | -- | AA | GA*A | -- | | 5 (1-4) |
| 12 | Makenna Webster | WA# | -- | A*AA | WA | | 7 (2-5) |
| 14 | Britta Curl | -- | PGA# | -- | A | | 4 (2-2) |
| 15 | Katelyn Knoll | -- | -- | -- | -- | | 0 (0-0) |
| 16 | Casey O'Brien | A | -- | G | P | | 3 (2-1) |
| 18 | Kelly Browne | -- | A* | -- | G | | 2 (1-1) |
| 19 | Anne Bloomer | -- | -- | -- | -- | | 0 (0-0) |
| 20 | Sydney Shearen | -- | -- | -- | -- | | 0 (0-0) |
| 22 | Maggie Flaherty | -- | -- | -- | -- | | 0 (0-0) |
| 23 | Taylor Heise | -- | P | GGA# | G | | 5 (4-1) |
| 24 | Hannah Bilka | -- | WA | -- | -- | | 2 (1-1) |
| 29 | Makayla Pahl | DND | DND | DND | DND | | -- |
| 30 | Lindsay Reed | W 12/13 (62:47) | DNP | W 24/26 (60:00) | W 22/25 (70:00) | | 3-0 |

Key:
 G-goal
 A-assist
 W-game-winning goal
 A* - assist on game-winning goal
 P-powerplay goal
 S-shorthanded goal
 U-unassisted goal
 DNP-did not play
 DND-did not dress
 # = Team USA's Player of the Game



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2018 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM STAFF

REAGAN CAREY, GENERAL MANAGER

Reagan Carey, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey, is serving as the general manager of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the ninth consecutive year. She has helped guide Team USA to four gold medals (2011, 2015, 2015, 2017) and four silver medals (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014) at the event. In her role, Carey also oversees the management of the U.S. Women's National Team Program, including elite development efforts of players and coaches. She is also the general manager of the U.S. Women's National Team and the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team. Under her guidance, the U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team earned a silver medal at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, while the U.S. Women's National Team has taken gold five times (2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017) at the IIHF Women's World Championship under her leadership.

JOEL JOHNSON, HEAD COACH

Joel Johnson, associate head coach of the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey team, is serving as head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National team for the fourth consecutive year. Johnson has led the U.S. to gold at the event in his three previous stints as head coach in 2015, 2016, and most recently at the 2017 competition in Zlín and Prerov, Czech Republic. The 2017-18 season marks Johnson's 13th season on the coaching staff of the Golden Gophers. During two stints with Minnesota, Johnson has helped lead the team to six national championships (2000, 2004, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016). A native of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, Johnson also spent six seasons coaching at Bethel University from 2004-10, including three years as the men's hockey head coach.

MAURA CROWELL, ASSOCIATE COACH

Maura Crowell, head women's ice hockey coach at the University of Minnesota Duluth, is making her second appearance on staff of a U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team after helping guide the U.S. to a gold medal at the 2015 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in St. Catharines, Ontario. Crowell, who has coached at various USA Hockey development camps and festivals in recent years, was appointed head coach at Minnesota Duluth in 2015 after spending five years with Harvard University in various coaching capacities. Crowell joined the Crimson after a five-year stint as head coach of the women's ice hockey team at UMass Boston, where she was named the 2009-10 Eastern College Athletic Conference East Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. Crowell played collegiately at Colgate University.

COURTNEY KENNEDY, ASSISTANT COACH

Courtney Kennedy is serving as an assistant coach for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the fourth time in 2018. Kennedy served in the same capacity for the gold medal-winning 2017 U.S. squad that earned gold in Zlín and Prerov, Czech Republic, while also helping the 2013 and 2014 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Teams earn silver medals. Kennedy, who is currently the associate head coach for the Boston College women's ice hockey team, is currently in her 11th season on The Heights. In her role at B.C., she heads the Eagles' recruiting efforts and oversees hockey operations. As a player, Kennedy was a two-time Olympian, having earned a bronze medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, and a bronze medal at the 2006 games in Torino, Italy.

GENERAL MANAGER: Reagan Carey
MANAGER, WOMEN'S HOCKEY: Marissa Halligan
HEAD COACH: Joel Johnson
ASSOCIATE COACH: Maura Crowell
ASSISTANT COACH: Courtney Kennedy
GOALTENDING COACH: Alli Altmann
VIDEO COORDINATOR: Emily Engel
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH: Jeremy Hoy
ATHLETIC TRAINER: Paul Rucci
EQUIPMENT MANAGER: Ian Kronberg
TEAM PHYSICIAN: Jamie Schlueter
COMMUNICATIONS: Pat Durant



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USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

FELLOW U.S. NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM SUCCESS

Over the last two months, five other U.S. hockey teams have found success in international competition.

On Nov. 12, the U.S. Women's National Hockey Team topped Canada, 5-1, to claim the 2017 Four Nations Cup at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida. The title was Team USA's third-straight in the event and eighth overall.

A month later, the 2017-18 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team edged Canada, 3-2, to claim the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge at McLaughlin Arena in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The victory marked an unprecedented fourth-straight title in the event and tournament record sixth title overall.

The U.S. National Under-17 Team also claimed a pair of international titles. On Dec. 16, the U.S. National Under-17 Team defeated Russia, 2-1, in a shootout in its final game of the 2017 Under-17 Four Nations Tournament to secure first place with an undefeated 2-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record. The team also claimed the 2017 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Dawson Creek, British Columbia in early November.

On Dec. 16, the U.S. Junior Select Team reached the championship game of the 2018 World Junior A Challenge in Truro, Nova Scotia, but fell to Canada West, 5-1, to earn second.

Finally, the U.S. National Junior Team earned a bronze medal on Jan. 5, when it topped the Czech Republic, 9-3, to close out the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship in Buffalo, New York. For the first time ever, Team USA has now earned a medal in three straight years at the event (2017 - gold, 2016 - bronze).

TEAM USA WOMEN TO HOST NWHL STARS IN EXHIBITION GAMES

The U.S. Women's National Team will play two exhibition games against the top players from the National Women's Hockey League. The games will serve as a final tune-up for the U.S. before the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang.

The games will be held Jan. 13 and 15 at Florida Hospital Center Ice in Wesley Chapel, Florida. Tickets will be available for \$10 each with 50 percent of the proceeds benefitting The USA Hockey Foundation's Friends of Women's Hockey Fund.

2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The XXIII Olympic Winter Games will be held in PyeongChang, South Korea, from February 9-25, 2018. Both the Men's and Women's Olympic rosters were unveiled on January 1, 2018 and can be found at TeamUSA.USAHockey.com.

Men: The 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team will compete from Feb. 14-25. **Jim Johansson** is the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, while **Ben Smith** is director of player personnel. **Tony Granato** will serve as head coach and will be joined by assistant coaches **Keith Allain**, **Chris Chelios**, **Ron Rolston** and **Scott Young**. The U.S. Men's Olympic Team has won two gold medals (1960, 1980), eight silver medals (1920, 1924, 1932, 1952, 1956, 1972, 2002, 2010) and one bronze medal (1936) all-time in Olympic competition.

Women: The 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team will compete from Feb. 11-22. **Reagan Carey**, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey, is the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team, with **Robb Stauber** serving as head coach, **Bret Strot** filling the role of associate head coach and **Paul Mara** tabbed as an assistant coach. Since capturing gold in 1998, the U.S. has won three silver medals (2002, 2010, 2014) and one bronze medal (2006).

2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will take place in PyeongChang, South Korea, from March 9-18, 2018. The U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, which was unveiled on Jan. 1 alongside the Men's and Women's Olympic rosters, will represent the United States in sled hockey.

The United States enters the Paralympic Winter Games as two-time defending Paralympic gold medalists. After going undefeated and unscored upon to claim the gold medal at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, Team USA became the first nation to claim back-to-back Paralympic gold medals in sled hockey when it defeated Russia, 1-0, in the gold-medal game of the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

THE TIME IS NOW TOUR, PRESENTED BY TOYOTA

The Time is Now Tour, which recently completed, consisted of a series of games in the U.S. to assist the U.S. Women's National Team in preparation for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. In total, the U.S. went 4-0-1-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) as it played four times against Canada (1-0-1-2) and once against both Finland (1-0) and Sweden (1-0). For more information, including full results visit TheTimeisNowTour.com

| DATE | OPPONENT | RESULT | LOCATION |
|----------|----------|-------------|------------------------|
| 10/25/17 | Canada | L, 1-5 | Boston, Massachusetts |
| 11/07/17 | Finland | W, 8-2 | Wesley Chapel, Florida |
| 11/08/17 | Canada | W, 4-2 | Wesley Chapel, Florida |
| 11/10/17 | Sweden | W, 5-0 | Wesley Chapel, Florida |
| 11/12/17 | Canada | W, 5-1 | Tampa, Florida |
| 12/03/17 | Canada | L, 1-2 (OT) | St. Paul, Minnesota |
| 12/15/17 | Canada | L, 1-3 | San Jose, California |

11TH HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

The 11th annual Hockey Weekend Across America will be held March 2-4, 2018. Hockey Week Across America will feature a theme for each of the three days, including Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day on Friday (March 2); Try Hockey Day on Saturday (March 3) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes Day on Sunday (March 4). Hockey Weekend Across America was created by USA Hockey in 2008 to engage the hockey community in celebrating the sport of hockey at all levels and exposing the sport to new audiences.

USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Founded in 1996, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program began operations in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and remained there until the summer of 2015. The full-time program is composed of two squads, the U.S. National Under-18 Team and U.S. National Under-17 teams, which compete in the USHL as well as against international and collegiate competition.

The Under-17 Team competes in the United States Hockey League and also participates in three international events annually. The U.S. National Under-18 Team's schedule includes games against NCAA Division I and III opponents, contests versus USHL teams as well as competition in three international tournaments.

USA HOCKEY ARENA

USA Hockey Arena, home of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, is a two-sheet facility with regulation ice (85x200) in the main arena and Olympic-size ice (100x200) for the secondary sheet. Since being acquired by the USA Hockey Foundation on April 1, 2015, the facility has added 20,000 square feet to the property that included adding a 9,800-square-foot workout facility, additional offices and a conference center. In total, the facility encompasses 170,000 square feet with the main rink providing 3,504 seats for hockey games and 4,500 seats for other performances and events.

Accompanying the facility is the USA Hockey Summer Drive-In, which features three large screens that show first-run double-features seven nights a week, as well as CJ's Brewing Company.

