



2022 U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES | BEIJING, CHINA

Preliminary Round • USA (0-0-0-0) vs. China (0-0-0-0) • National Indoor Stadium • Beijing, China • Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022

TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team opens its preliminary round schedule in the XXIV Olympic Winter Games tonight against host China at National Indoor Stadium. Team USA is the home team, will wear its blue jersey and occupy the right bench (from the player's perspective looking onto the ice). Tonight's game will be televised live on USA Network and streamed at NBCOlympics.com and via the Peacock app.

TALKING POINTS

COMMESSO TO START

Drew Comness, who at 19 years-old is the youngest goaltender to ever appear on a U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team roster, will get the call in goal tonight for Team USA (see top 10 youngest U.S. Olympic netminders list later in these notes). Comness was part of the U.S. entry in the 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship. He was the starting and winning goaltender in the only game the U.S. played in the tournament before it was canceled due to COVID. Comness, while he did not play a game, was also part of the bronze medal-winning 2021 U.S. Men's National Team. He is in his second season playing collegiately at Boston University.

AGAINST CHINA IN THE OLYMPICS

The U.S. and China will meet for the very first time in the Olympic Tournament.

ALL-TIME IN OPENING GAMES

In its first game of an Olympic tournament, the U.S. is 10-0-2-8-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T), most recently falling by a 3-2 count in overtime to Slovenia at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. The U.S. has won four of its last five Olympic-tournament opening games.

- Feb. 14, 2018 -- Slovenia 3, USA 2 (OT)
- Feb. 13, 2014 - USA 7, Slovakia 1
- Feb. 16, 2010 -- USA 3, Switzerland 1
- Feb. 15, 2006 -- USA 3, Latvia 3 (OT)
- Feb. 15, 2002 -- USA 6, Finland 0
- Feb. 13, 1998 -- Sweden 4, USA 2
- Feb. 13, 1994 -- USA 4, France 4 (OT)
- Feb. 9, 1992 -- USA 6, Italy 3
- Feb. 13, 1988 -- USA 10, Austria 6
- Feb. 7, 1984 -- Canada 4, USA 2
- Feb. 12, 1980 -- USA 2, Sweden 2 (OT)
- Feb. 6, 1976 -- Soviet Union 6, USA 2
- Feb. 5, 1972 -- Sweden 5, USA 1
- Feb. 6, 1968 -- Czechoslovakia 5, USA 1
- Jan. 29, 1964 -- Soviet Union 5, USA 1
- Feb. 19, 1960 -- USA 7, Czechoslovakia 5
- Jan. 27, 1956 -- Czechoslovakia 4, USA 3
- Feb. 15, 1952 -- USA 3, Norway 2
- Jan. 30, 1948 -- Switzerland 5, USA 4
- Feb. 6, 1936 -- USA 1, Germany 0
- Feb. 4, 1932 -- Canada 2, USA 1 (OT)
- Jan. 20, 1924 -- USA 19, Belgium 0
- Apr. 24, 1920 -- USA 29, Switzerland 0

LEADERSHIP GROUP

Forward **Andy Miele** (Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.) is captain of the 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. He is in his second season playing for Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod in the KHL. Miele is the first Michigander to serve as captain of a U.S. Olympic men's ice hockey (see list of all-time captains later in these notes). Defensemen **Steven Kampf** (Jackson, Mich.) and **Aaron Ness** (Roseau, Minn.), along with forward **Noah Cates** (Stillwater, Minn.) are serving as alternate captains.

TIDBITS

The U.S. had five practices together as a team before tonight's first game, minus Jake Sanderson who is expected to arrive in Beijing at 12:30 a.m. on Feb. 11 after having cleared COVID protocol in L.A. ... Men's hockey players have been to speed skating, big air and women's hockey during their downtime here at the Olympic Winter Games ... A total of 20 of the 26 players have served in leadership roles -- as captain or alternate captain -- of their teams from the high school to professional level ... **John Vanbiesbrouck**, general manager of Team USA, is not with the team in Beijing due to COVID protocol but is in regular contact with **Marc Boxer**, who is in Beijing and serving as the team's assistant general manager ... The 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team has an **average age** of 25, the youngest team the U.S. has fielded in the Games since 1994. **Team USA is the youngest on average in the 12-team Olympic field**, followed by Slovakia (26), China/ROC (27), Latvia (28), Canada/Germany/Sweden (29) and Czechia/Switzerland/Denmark/Finland (30) ... The U.S. roster includes five 19-year-olds in **Matty Beniers**, **Drew Comness**, **Brock Faber**, **Matthew Knies**, and **Jake Sanderson**.

Twist and Turns of 2022 Olympic Team

It's been a road of twists and turns for USA Hockey in building its 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, from initial plans involving NHL players and personnel, to a last-minute shift when the NHL opted out of the Olympics on Dec. 22. Below is a look at the timeline of how things have unfolded for Team USA.

- March 31, 2021** • Stan Bowman named GM; Bill Guerin assistant GM
- July 27, 2021** • Mike Sullivan named head coach
- September 3, 2021** • Todd Rierden, John Hynes, David Quinn, Ryan Miller named assistant coaches
- October 7, 2021** • Patrick Kane, Auston Matthews, Seth Jones named first three players
- October 26, 2021** • Stan Bowman steps down as GM
- December 14, 2021** • Bill Guerin named GM; Chris Drury assistant GM
- December 22, 2021** • NHL opts out of Olympics
- December 27, 2021** • John Vanbiesbrouck named GM, David Quinn head coach
- January 6, 2022** • Mike Hastings, Brett Larson, Scott Young, David Lasonde, Alex Dawes named assistant coaches
- January 13, 2022** • 25-player roster announced
- January 30, 2022** • 23 players (including "taxi squad" addition Justin Abdelkader, and staff gather in LA for team processing, two practices
- February 2, 2022** • Players/staff leave LA for Beijing, minus Jake Sanderson
- February 4, 2022** • Players/staff arrive from LA in Beijing at 12:30 a.m.; three players from Europe also arrive; team has first practice together, minus Andy Miele, Steven Kampf and Brett Larson, who all had inconclusive COVID tests at airport
- February 5, 2022** • Miele, Kampf, Larson clear COVID protocol and entire team has first practice together, minus Sanderson, who remains in LA under COVID protocol
- Feb. 9, 2022** • Sanderson clears COVID protocol and is expected to arrive in Beijing on Feb. 11 at 12:30 a.m.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
THURS., FEB. 10 National Indoor Stadium	USA VS. CHINA USA Network	9:10 P.M. 8:10 a.m.
SAT., FEB. 12 National Indoor Stadium	CANADA VS. USA USA Network	12:10 P.M. 11:10 p.m. (Feb. 11)
SUN., FEB. 13 Wukesong Sport Center	USA VS. GERMANY USA Network	9:10 P.M. 8:10 a.m.
TUES., FEB. 15 TBD	QUALIFICATION USA Network	TBD
WED., FEB. 16 TBD	QUARTERFINALS USA Network	TBD
FRI., FEB. 18 National Indoor Stadium	SEMIFINALS USA Network	TBD
SAT., FEB. 19 National Indoor Stadium	BRONZE-MEDAL GAME USA Network	9:10 P.M. 8:10 a.m.
SUN., FEB. 20 National Indoor Stadium	GOLD-MEDAL GAME USA Network	12:10 P.M. 11:10 p.m. (Feb. 19)

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ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE
Player and staff bios pertinent to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team along with historical information is available online at TeamUSA.USAHockey.com.



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MORE TIDBITS

AVERAGE AGE OF U.S. OLYMPIC TEAMS

The 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team has an average age of 25.1 and is the youngest since 1994. Matty Beniers, born Nov. 5, 2002, is one of five 19-year-olds on the team and is the youngest member of the squad. Pat Nagle, at 34, is the oldest. While there has not been a younger team on average since 1994, the 2022 squad is the ninth oldest of the 24 in U.S. men's hockey history.

2006 – 31.30	1936 – 24.92	1948 – 22.71
2002 – 31.26	1964 – 24.71	1994 – 22.35
2018 – 29.96	1952 – 24.33	1980 – 22.05
1998 – 28.74	1932 – 24.07	1976 – 22.00
1924 – 27.22	1960 – 24.06	1988 – 21.78
2014 – 27.00	1968 – 23.74	1984 – 21.45
2010 – 26.57	1956 – 23.72	
1920 – 25.64	1992 – 23.30	
2022 – 25.10	1972 – 23.06	

NEW FATHER

Brian O'Neill (Yardley, Pa.) is the lone member of the 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team with Olympic experience after playing for Team USA in the 2018 Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. O'Neill and his fiancé Anniina, celebrated the birth of their first child – son Declan on Sunday, Jan. 30. He currently plays for Jokerit in the KHL (based in Helsinki, Finland).



OPENING CEREMONIES

The 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team -- minus Andy Miele and Steven Kampfer, who were both in COVID protocol -- marched in the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympic Winter Games on the evening of Feb. 4. The team didn't get settled into the Olympic Village until 3:30 a.m. and had practice at 1:30 p.m., before marching that evening. Miele, despite not being able to march, was in the Olympic spirit, dressing in his full marching uniform and watching on television from his apartment in the Olympic Village.



TAFFY ABEL & ABBY ROQUE

The 1924 Olympic Winter Games featured a men's hockey player by the name of **Taffy Abel**, who is the only men's hockey player to ever serve as flag bearer for a U.S. Olympic Team for the Opening Ceremonies, and is also the first Native American to represent the U.S. in the Olympic Winter Games. The 2022 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team features **Abby Roque**, the first female indigenous member of a U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The 2022 Olympic Winter Games marks the 50th anniversary of the silver medal-winning 1972 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. The squad, under coach Murray Williamson, was led offensively by **Craig Sarner** (4-5--9) and goaltender **Lefty Curran** (3.00, .928).

2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The U.S. is one of 12 teams competing at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games.

The tournament features 12 teams divided into three groups of four. Team USA is competing in Group A alongside Canada, Germany and China. Group B includes Russia (ROC), Czechia, Switzerland and Denmark, while Group C includes Finland, Sweden, Slovakia and Latvia.

The teams will play round-robin within their group, with four teams earning byes to the quarterfinal round and eight teams playing qualification games to earn quarterfinal spots. The winners of the four quarterfinal contests advance to the semifinals, and the two semifinal winners will square off in the gold-medal game while the two semifinal losers will meet for bronze.

TEAM USA 2021-22 PLAYER STATS

Through Jan. 30 Games

GOALTENDER

No	Name	GP	W	L	T	GAA	SV%	SO
29	Drew Comness <i>Boston Univ. (NCAA)</i>	24	12	8	3	2.48	.915	1
31	Strauss Mann <i>Skelleftea AIK (SHL)</i>	16	11	5	0	2.00	.921	3
35	Pat Nagle <i>Lehigh Valley Phantoms (AHL)</i>	10	7	0	4	2.37	.911	1

DEFENSEMEN

No	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
4	Drew Helleson <i>Boston College (NCAA)</i>	24	2	16	18	26
5	David Warsofsky <i>ERC Ingolstadt (DEL)</i>	34	5	14	19	12
6	Nick Perbix <i>St. Cloud St. Univ. (NCAA)</i>	22	3	20	23	10
8	Jake Sanderson <i>Univ. of North Dakota (NCAA)</i>	21	7	17	24	6
14	Brock Faber <i>Univ. of Minnesota (NCAA)</i>	24	2	9	11	12
20	Steve Kampf <i>Ak Bars Kazan (KHL)</i>	46	11	19	30	49
23	Brian Cooper <i>IK Oskarshamn (SHL)</i>	37	1	10	11	45
42	Aaron Ness <i>Providence Bruins (AHL)</i>	31	0	9	9	8

FORWARDS

No	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
10	Matty Beniers <i>Univ. of Michigan (NCAA)</i>	28	16	20	36	12
11	Kenny Agostino <i>Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)</i>	46	20	20	40	16
12	Sam Hentges <i>St. Cloud St. Univ. (NCAA)</i>	11	6	7	13	12
13	Nathan Smith <i>Minnesota St. (NCAA)</i>	28	15	26	41	37
16	Nick Abruzzese <i>Harvard Univ. (NCAA)</i>	17	5	16	21	8
19	Brendan Brisson <i>Univ. of Michigan (NCAA)</i>	29	17	15	32	24
21	Brian O'Neill <i>Jokerit (KHL)</i>	41	9	33	42	24
25	Marc McLaughlin <i>Boston College (NCAA)</i>	25	18	6	24	14
26	Sean Farrell <i>Harvard Univ. (NCAA)</i>	17	8	11	19	6
27	Noah Cates <i>Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (NCAA)</i>	26	8	11	19	17
37	Nick Shore <i>Sibir Novosibirsk (KHL)</i>	49	10	16	26	26
39	Ben Meyers <i>Univ. of Minnesota (NCAA)</i>	26	11	15	26	18
51	Andy Miele <i>Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)</i>	47	13	23	36	33
67	Matt Knies <i>Univ. of Minnesota (NCAA)</i>	26	9	16	25	29
89	Justin Abdelkader <i>Grand Rapids Griffins (AHL)</i>	3	0	0	0	2

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2022 U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

CHINA



Series vs. China: 0-0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Team USA is facing China for the first time at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. China is making its Olympic debut at the 2022 Games.

CANADA



Series vs. Canada: 3-0-2-10-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: The last two Olympic meetings between the U.S. and Canada have been decided by one goal.

FEB. 21, 2014: CAN 1, USA 0: Jonathan Quick recorded 36 saves but the U.S. fell against Canada in its semifinal matchup at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. The lone goal from Canada came 1:41 into the second period.

GERMANY



Series vs. Germany: 8-0-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Team USA has outscored Germany 50-9 and has tallied five or more goals in six matchups.

FEB. 20, 2002: USA 5, GER 0: Mike Richter recorded a 28-save shutout and nine Team USA players recorded at least a point in the quarterfinal round at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

MEDAL ROUND GAMES

QUARTERFINALS



U.S. All-Time in Olympic Quarterfinals: 4-4 (W-L)

Of Note: The U.S. has won three of its previous five quarterfinal matchups at the Olympic Winter Games.

FEB. 21, 2018: CZE 3, USA 2 (SO): Five different players scored and Jonathan Quick made 21 saves to lead the U.S. to a 5-2 win over the Czech Republic in the quarterfinals of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

SEMIFINALS



U.S. All-Time in Olympic Semifinals: 2-2 (W-L)

Of Note: The U.S. has faced three different teams (Russia, Finland and Canada) in its last three semifinal appearances at the Olympic Winter Games

FEB. 21, 2014: CAN 1, USA 0: Jonathan Quick stopped 36 of the 37 shots he faced but Team USA fell to Canada, 1-0, in the semifinals of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

MEDAL GAMES



U.S. All-Time in Olympic Gold-Medal Games: 0-2 (W-L)

U.S. All-Time in Olympic Bronze-Medal Games: 0-2 (W-L)

Of Note: Team USA has had the opportunity to play for a medal in three of the last five Olympic Winter Games, including gold-medal game appearances in 2010 and 2002.

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES STANDINGS

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
Group A								
United States	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Group B								
R.O.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Czechia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Group C								
Finland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Latvia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0

KEY TEAM USA OLYMPIC STATISTICS

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT THE OLYMPICS

Year	Medal	Coach
2010	Silver	Ron Wilson
2002	Silver	Herb Brooks
1980	Gold	Herb Brooks
1972	Silver	Murray Williamson
1960	Gold	Jack Riley
1956	Silver	John Mariucci
1952	Silver	John E. Pleban
1936	Bronze	Albert Prettyman
1932	Silver	Alred Winsor
1924	Silver	William Haddock
1920	Silver	Cornelius Fellowes

PREVIOUS 10 OLYMPICS

Year	Finish	Coach	Record*
2018	7th	Tony Granato	2-3-0
2014	4th	Dan Bylsma	4-2-0
2010	Silver	Ron Wilson	5-1-0
2006	8th	Peter Laviolette	1-4-1
2002	Silver	Herb Brooks	4-1-1
1998	6th	Ron Wilson	1-3-0
1994	8th	Tim Taylor	1-4-3
1992	4th	Dave Peterson	5-2-1
1988	7th	Dave Peterson	3-3-0
1984	7th	Lou Vairo	2-2-2

*W-L-T

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. 2022 OLYMPIC TEAMS

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	18	3-0-2-10-3	39	64
China	0	0-0-0-0-0	0	0
Czech Republic	4	1-0-1-2-0	11	14
Denmark	0	0-0-0-0-0	0	0
Finland	13	7-0-0-4-2	47	33
Germany	9	8-0-0-1-0	50	9
Latvia	1	0-0-0-0-1	3	3
Russia	6	1-1-0-3-1	14	20
Slovakia	5	3-0-0-1-1	18	8
Sweden	15	6-0-0-7-2	68	44
Switzerland	9	8-0-0-1-0	69	18
TOTAL	80	37-1-3-29-10	319	213

*W-OTW-OTL-L-T

ALL-TIME RECORD IN THE MEDAL ROUND

Opponent	QF	SF	BMG	GMG
Canada	--	0-1	--	0-2
Czechoslovakia	--	--	0-1	--
Czech Republic	1-2	--	--	--
Finland	0-2	1-0	0-1	--
France	1-0	--	--	--
Germany	1-0	--	--	--
Russia	--	1-1	--	--
Switzerland	1-0	--	--	--
TOTAL	4-4	2-2	0-2	0-2

Note: The current eight-team cup-system medal round was introduced in the 1992 Olympic Winter Games. Prior to that, medals were awarded based on points accumulated during a round-robin series of games in the medal round.



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NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM	COLLEGE
GOALTENDERS (3)								
29	Drew Comness	6-2 (188)	181 (82)	7/19/02	L	Norwell, Mass.	Boston University (HEA)	Boston University (HEA)
31	Strauss Mann	6-0 (183)	174 (79)	8/18/98	L	Greenwich, Conn.	Skelleftea AIK (SHL)	University of Michigan (Big 10)
35	Pat Nagle	6-2 (188)	201 (91)	9/21/87	L	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	Lehigh Valley Phantoms (AHL)	Ferris State University (CCHA)
DEFENSEMEN (8)								
4	Drew Helleson	6-3 (191)	204 (93)	3/26/01	R	Farmington, Minn.	Boston College (HEA)	Boston College (HEA)
5	David Warsofsky	5-9 (175)	170 (77)	5/30/90	L	Marshfield, Mass.	ERC Ingolstadt (DEL)	Boston University (HEA)
6	Nick Perbix	6-4 (193)	200 (91)	6/15/98	R	Elk River, Minn.	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)
8	Jake Sanderson	6-2 (188)	189 (86)	7/8/02	L	Whitefish, Mont.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)	University of North Dakota (NCHC)
14	Brock Faber	6-1 (185)	200 (91)	8/22/02	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big 10)	University of Minnesota (Big 10)
20	Steve Kampfner	5-11 (180)	198 (90)	9/24/88	R	Jackson, Mich.	Ak Bars Kazan (KHL)	University of Michigan (CCHA)
23	Brian Cooper	5-10 (178)	196 (89)	12/1/93	L	Anchorage, Alaska	IK Oskarshamn (SHL)	University of Nebraska-Omaha (NCHC)
42	Aaron Ness	5-10 (178)	183 (83)	5/18/90	L	Roseau, Minn.	Providence Bruins (AHL)	University of Minnesota (WCHA)
FORWARDS (15)								
10	Matty Beniers	6-1 (185)	175 (80)	11/5/02	L	Hingham, Mass.	University of Michigan (Big 10)	University of Michigan (Big 10)
11	Kenny Agostino	6-0 (183)	205 (93)	4/30/92	L	Flanders, N.J.	Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)	Yale University (ECAC Hockey)
12	Sam Hentges	6-0 (183)	190 (86)	7/26/99	R	New Brighton, Minn.	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)
13	Nathan Smith	6-1 (185)	185 (84)	10/18/98	R	Hudson, Fla.	Minnesota State Mankato (CCHA)	Minnesota State Mankato (CCHA)
16	Nick Abruzzese	5-10 (178)	174 (79)	6/4/99	L	Slate Hill, N.Y.	Harvard University (ECAC)	Harvard University (ECAC)
19	Brendan Brisson	6-0 (183)	185 (84)	10/22/01	L	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	University of Michigan (Big 10)	University of Michigan (Big 10)
21	Brian O'Neill+	5-9 (175)	172 (78)	6/1/88	R	Yardley, Pa.	Jokerit (KHL)	Yale University (ECAC Hockey)
25	Marc McLaughlin	6-0 (183)	202 (92)	7/26/99	R	Billerica, Mass.	Boston College (HEA)	Boston College (HEA)
26	Sean Farrell	5-9 (175)	175 (79)	11/2/01	L	Hopkinton, Mass.	Harvard University (ECAC)	Harvard University (ECAC)
27	Noah Cates	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	2/5/99	L	Stillwater, Minn.	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)
37	Nick Shore	6-1 (185)	194 (88)	9/26/92	R	Denver, Colo.	Sibir Novosibirsk (KHL)	University of Denver (WCHA)
39	Ben Meyers	5-11 (180)	200 (91)	11/15/98	L	Delano, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big 10)	University of Minnesota (Big 10)
51	Andy Miele	5-8 (173)	170 (77)	4/15/88	L	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.	Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)	Miami University (CCHA)
67	Matt Knies	6-3 (191)	212 (96)	10/17/02	L	Phoenix, Ariz.	University of Minnesota (Big 10)	University of Minnesota (Big 10)
89	Justin Abdelkader	6-2 (187)	212 (96)	1/25/87	L	Muskegon, Mich.	Grand Rapids Griffins (AHL)	Michigan State University (CCHA)

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2022 U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM STAFF

John Vanbiesbrouck, General Manager

John Vanbiesbrouck is serving as general manager of a U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team for the first time. He was named assistant executive director of hockey operations at USA Hockey in June of 2018 and has made a significant impact in a short time. Under his leadership overseeing the sled, women's and men's international programs, the U.S. has enhanced its standing as a world power in the sport.

David Quinn, Head Coach

David Quinn is serving as head coach of a U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team for the first time. The former head coach of the NHL's New York Rangers (2018-21), Quinn last coached for Team USA as an assistant coach at the 2016 IIHF Men's World Championship. He also held the same role at both the 2007 and 2012 events. Quinn's other assistant coaching roles with the U.S. include the 2005 U.S. National Junior Team and helping guide the U.S. Women's National Team to a pair of silver medals (2000, 1999) in the IIHF Women's World Championship.

Mike Hastings, Assistant Coach

Mike Hastings is serving as an Olympic assistant coach for the first time, and will be behind the bench of a U.S. team for the sixth time, with his last appearance as head coach of the silver medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team at the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship. An assistant coach for the 2005 U.S. National Junior Team, Hastings filled the same role with the 2003 U.S. National Junior Team and twice served as head coach of the U.S. Junior Select Team, including in 2000 when Team USA won the Viking Cup.

Scott Young, Assistant Coach

Scott Young is serving as an assistant coach for a U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team for the second time after a similar role with the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. Young, who was enshrined into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2017, is in his fifth year as the director of player development for the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins. Prior to his role with the Penguins, he was an assistant coach for the men's ice hockey team at Boston University for two seasons (2015-17) after serving as the Terriers director of men's ice hockey operations in 2014-15.

Brett Larson, Assistant Coach

Brett Larson is making his Olympic coaching debut and will be on a Team USA bench for the third time. Previously, Larson served as an assistant coach for the U.S. National Junior Team in the 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship. In 2012, he was the head coach of the U.S. Junior Select Team that won the World Junior A Challenge. Larson is in his fourth campaign as head men's ice hockey coach at St. Cloud State University where he has led the Huskies to two NCAA tournament appearances in his first three years, including a national runner-up finish in 2020-21.

David Lassonde, Assistant Coach

David Lassonde is serving as goaltending coach for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, marking his first assignment as an Olympic assistant coach. USA Hockey's national goaltending coach, Lassonde has served as an assistant coach in support of U.S. teams on the international stage on multiple occasions, most recently with the U.S. National Under-18 Team at the 2021 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. He has been part of the coaching staff of three U.S. National Junior Teams, including in 2020, for the silver medal-winning 2019 squad and also the gold medal-winning 2013 team.

General Manager:	John Vanbiesbrouck
Asst. General Manager:	Marc Boxer
Head Coach:	David Quinn
Asst Coach:	Mike Hastings
Asst Coach:	Scott Young
Asst Coach:	Brett Larson
Asst Coach/Goaltending:	David Lassonde
Asst Coach/Video:	Alex Dawes
Team Leader:	Brij Singh
Equipment Manager:	Scott Aldrich
Equipment Manager:	Nate LaPoint
Athletic Trainer:	Stan Wong
Athletic Trainer:	Jason Hodges
Athletic Trainer:	Chris Mizer
Team Physician:	Dr. Michael Stuart
Media Officer:	Dave Fischer
Media Officer:	Michael Reedy



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ROSTER DETAILS

TEAM USA OVERALL

AVERAGE HEIGHT:	6-0
AVERAGE WEIGHT:	189 lbs.
AVERAGE AGE:	25.1
SHOOTS/CATCHES LEFT:	16
SHOOTS/CATCHES RIGHT:	9

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Minnesota	7
Massachusetts	5
Michigan	4
Alaska	1
Arizona	1
California	1
Colorado	1
Connecticut	1
Florida	1
Montana	1
New Jersey	1
New York	1
Pennsylvania	1

COLLEGE CONNECTION

University of Michigan	4
University of Minnesota	4
Boston College	2
Boston University	2
Harvard University	2
St. Cloud State University	2
Yale University	2
Ferris State University	1
Miami University	1
Michigan State University	1
Minnesota St. University	1
University of Denver	1
Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	1
Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha	1
University of North Dakota	1

MEDAL HAUL

The players on the U.S. roster have combined to earn 15 medals in International Ice Hockey Federation World Championships, including seven gold medals, one silver medal and seven bronze medals.

GOLD MEDALISTS

Seven players from Team USA have won gold at an IIHF-sanctioned event.

- 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Beniers, Brisson, Faber, Helleson, Sanderson
- 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Warsofsky
- 2010 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Shore

SILVER MEDALIST

Noah Cates is the only member of the U.S. to have earned a silver medal at an IIHF-sanctioned event, as he took silver as a member of the 2019 U.S. World Junior National Team at the IIHF World Junior Championship.

BRONZE MEDALISTS

Seven different players on Team USA have earned a bronze medal at an IIHF-sanctioned event.

- 2021 IIHF Men's World Championship** - Beniers, Comesso
- 2019 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Beniers, Farrell, Helleson
- 2008 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Ness, Warsofsky

TEAM OF CHAMPIONS

In addition to the 15 medals earned in IIHF world-championship play, members of Team USA have won the following championships:

- Kenny Agostino** - 2013 NCAA champion
- Noah Cates** - 2019/2021 NCAA champion
- Sean Farrell** - 2021 Clark Cup champion
- Steve Kampfer** - 2011 Stanley Cup champion
- Strauss Mann** - 2018 Clark Cup champion
- Ben Meyers** - 2018 Clark Cup champion
- Andy Miele** - 2018 SHL champion
- Pat Nagle** - 2012 Kelly Cup champion
- Brian O'Neill** - 2015 Calder Cup champion
- Nick Shore** - 2021 NL champion, 2015 Calder Cup champion
- David Warsofsky** - 2009 NCAA champion



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WORTH READING

LABATT BLUE/USA HOCKEY POND HOCKEY NATIONALS

The 16th annual Labatt Blue/USA Hockey Pond Hockey National Championships will take place Feb. 11-13 in Eagle River, Wisconsin. One of the signature events on the hockey calendar each year, the 2022 celebration will include nearly 2,000 players across 20 men's and women's divisions.

2022 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team has been in Nashville, Tenn., since mid-January training together in preparation for the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games, which are set for March 3-20 in Beijing, China. The U.S. has won gold in sled hockey in the last three Paralympic Winter Games.

15TH ANNUAL HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

The 15th annual Hockey Week Across America celebration will be held February 28-March 6. The event will feature a theme for each of the three days, including USA Day on Monday (Feb. 28); Hockey is For Everyone Day on Tuesday (March 1), Stick Salute Day (March 2), Hockey History Day (March 3), Hockey Jersey Day (March 4), Try Hockey For Free Day (March 5) and Welcome To Hockey Day (March 6). Hockey Week Across America was started by USA Hockey in 2008 to engage the hockey community in celebrating the game at all levels and exposing the sport to new audiences.

25TH ANNIVERSARY -- 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, when it moved to its current home at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich. 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.

25TH ANNIVERSARY -- PATTY KAZMAIER MEMORIAL AWARD

The Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award, presented annually by the USA Hockey Foundation to the top player in NCAA Division I women's ice hockey each year, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2022. The winner this season will be unveiled on NHL Network on March 26 during an hour-long program with air time yet to be announced. The 2022 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team includes four Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award winners, including Kendall Coyne-Schofield (2016), Alex Carpenter, (2015) Brianna Decker (2012) and Amanda Kessel (2013).



COLLEGE HOCKEY

All players on the U.S. roster are either current or former college hockey players in the United States. The roster includes 15 players who are current student-athletes at NCAA college/universities. The University of Michigan and University of Minnesota each have four representatives on the roster to lead the way.



ALL-TIME OLYMPIC CAPTAINS

Below is a list of those that have worn the C for the U.S. men on the Olympic stage.

Year	Player	Hometown
2022	Andy Miele	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.
2018	Brian Gionta	Rochester, N.Y.
2014	Zach Parise	Prior Lake, Minn.
2010	Jamie Langenbrunner	Cloquet, Minn.
2006	Chris Chelios	Chicago, Ill.
2002	Chris Chelios	Chicago, Ill.
1998	Chris Chelios	Chicago, Ill.
1994	Peter Laviolette	Norwood, Mass.
1992	Clark Donatelli	Providence, R.I.
1988	Brian Leetch	Corpus Christi, Texas
1984	Phil Verchota	Duluth, Minn.
1980	Mike Eruzione	Winthrop, Mass.
1976	John Taft	Minneapolis, Minn.
1972	Tim Sheehy	International Falls, Minn.
1968	Lou Nanne	Edina, Minn.
1964	Herb Brooks	St. Paul, Minn.
	Bill Reichart	Rochester, Minn.
1960	Jack Kirrane	Brookline, Mass.
1956	Gene Campbell	Minneapolis, Minn.
1952	Al Van	Newport, Minn.
1948	Goodwin Harding	Brookline, Mass.
1936	Jack Garrison	West Newton, Mass.
1932	John Chase	Milton, Mass.
1924	Irving Small	Cambridge, Mass.
1920	Joe McCormick	Pittsburgh, Pa.

YOUNGEST NETMINDERS FOR TEAM USA

Drew Comesso is the youngest goaltender to ever be part of a U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. Below are the top 10 youngest goaltenders in U.S. Olympic men's hockey history.

Year	Player	Birthdate	Age
2022	Drew Comesso	7/19/02	19
1948	Roy Ikola	2/9/27	20
1988	Mike Richter	9/22/66	22
1964	Pat Rupp	8/12/42	22
1956	Don Rigazio	7/3/34	22
1976	Jim Warden	6/22/54	22
1994	Mike Dunham	6/1/72	22
1936	Francis Baker	3/25/14	22
1988	John Blue	2/19/66	22
1972	Tim Regan	12/28/49	22

Note: Age listed is on the starting day of the Olympics that year.