



2026 U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES | MILAN, ITALY

Preliminary Round • Latvia (0-0-0-0) vs. USA (0-0-0-0) • Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena • Milan, Italy • Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026

TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team opens its preliminary round schedule in the XXV Olympic Winter Games tonight against Latvia at Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena. Team USA is the visiting team, will wear its white 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 live on Peacock.

TALKING POINTS

AGAINST LATVIA IN THE OLYMPICS

The U.S. and Latvia have met just once in the Olympic Winter Games, that in the first preliminary round game of the 2006 Games in Torino, Italy. The teams skated to a 3-3 tie. Below is the boxscore.

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #1 • USA vs. Latvia

February 15, 2006—Palasport Olimpico • Torino, Italy (7,851)

United States	2	0	1	--	3
Latvia	1	2	0	--	3

- 1st:** USA-Gionta (Liles, Gomez); 5x4 PPG; 9:44
USA-Conroy (unassisted), 10:38
LAT-Nizivijvs (Ozolins), 13:15
- 2nd:** LAT-Tribuncovs (Ozolins); 5x4 PPG; 15:04
LAT-Vasiljevs (unassisted), 15:44
- 3rd:** USA-Leopold (Hedican, Conroy), 2:01

Penalties: USA 8-16; LAT 8-16 **Power Plays:** USA 1-8; LAT 1-8
Saves: USA-Grahame (6-10-6--22); 60:00
LAT-Irbe (14-8-17--39); 60:00
Shots: USA 16-8-18--42; LAT 7-12-6--25

ALL-TIME IN OPENING GAMES

In its first game of an Olympic tournament, the U.S. is 11-0-2-8-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T), most recently earning an 8-0 win over China in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. The U.S. has won four of its last six Olympic-tournament opening games. Team USA has faced Latvia once in an Olympic opener, that a 3-3 tie in the 2006 Games in Torino, Italy.

- Feb. 10, 2022 -- USA 8, China 0
- 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 **Auston Matthews** (Scottsdale, Ariz.) is the captain of the 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. He is in his 10th season playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs and is the most prolific goal scorer in the NHL since his arrival. Matthew Tkachuk, an alternate captain for the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers is serving as an alternate captain as is Charlie McAvoy, who is an alternate captain for the Boston Bruins. The leadership group is the same three players the U.S. utilized for last February's 4 Nations Face-Off.

TIDBITS

The U.S. had three full practices and a morning skate prior to tonight's opening game ... Team USA includes just two players with Olympic experience in defenseman **Brock Faber** and **Jake Sanderson**, both who were part of the 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. Said Faber, "Its my second time, but it feels like the first." The 2022 Beijing Games were the "COVID" games and played in a "bubble" without friends and family ... **Ellen Hughes**, mother of Jack and Quinn Hughes, is the performance consultant for the U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team. Ellen played on the 1992 U.S. Women's National Team and has been working with the U.S. Women's National Team program since October 2023 ... **Pat Kelleher**, executive director of USA Hockey, arrived last Thursday (Feb. 5) and is here for the duration of the Games. His brother, Chris, is the director of player personnel for the U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team ... **Mike Trimboli** (Massena, N.Y.), president of USA Hockey, arrived today and will be here for the rest of the Games ... U.S. defenseman **Quinn Hughes** likes to read, but shares that he doesn't read on game days, calling it bad luck.

OPENING CEREMONIES; MEETING VICE PRESIDENT

Charlie McAvoy, **Jeremy Swayman**, **Jake Oettinger** and **Zach Werenski** flew over ahead of the rest of the team to attend the Opening Ceremonies. The trio left NYC the evening of Feb. 5 and arrived in Milan the morning of Feb. 6. The next day (Feb. 7), the four had a private audience with U.S. Vice President Vance and then went to the Starbucks Winter House to sit down to do enjoy lunch and do a few select interviews. The rest of Team USA arrived in Milan on Feb. 8.

SNOOP DOGG AND MORE

A good number of players had the chance to meet **Snoop Dogg** on Tuesday (Feb. 10) in the Olympic Village. Snoop is serving as the honorary coach for the entirety of Team USA and came to the U.S. athlete resource center to show support and provide some words on inspiration ... **Brij Singh**, who is serving as team leader of the U.S. Olympic Men's Hockey Team for the second straight Games, is believed to be the first Turban Sikh to be part of any Winter Games official team delegation ... Players have taken the opportunity to go to women's hockey, speed skating and figure skating while here in Milan.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
THURS., FEB. 12 Milano Santagiulia Arena	LATVIA VS. USA USA Network	9:10 P.M. 3:10 p.m.
SAT., FEB. 14 Milano Santagiulia Arena	USA VS. DENMARK USA Network	9:10 P.M. 3:10 p.m.
SUN., FEB. 15 Milano Santagiulia Arena	USA VS. GERMANY USA Network	9:10 P.M. 3:10 p.m.
TUES., FEB. 17 Milano Santagiulia Arena	QUALIFICATION USA Network	9:10 PM. 3:10 p.m.
WED., FEB. 18 Milano Santagiulia Arena	QUARTERFINALS NBC	9:10 P.M. 3:10 p.m.
FRI., FEB. 20 Milano Santagiulia Arena	SEMIFINALS NBC	9:10 P.M. 3:10 p.m.
SAT., FEB. 21 Milano Santagiulia Arena	BRONZE MEDAL GAME NBC (if USA in game)	8:10 P.M. 2:10 p.m.
SUN., FEB. 22 Milano Santagiulia Arena	GOLD MEDAL GAME NBC	2:10 PM. 8:10 a.m.

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MORE TIDBITS

AVERAGE AGE OF U.S. OLYMPIC TEAMS

The 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team has an average age of 28.42 and is the fifth oldest on record. Brock Faber, born Aug. 22, 2002, is the youngest member of the squad and was one of four 19-year-olds on the 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Hockey Team. Brock Nelson, at 34, is the oldest.

2006 – 31.30	1936 – 24.92	1994 – 22.35
2002 – 31.26	1964 – 24.71	1980 – 22.05
2018 – 29.96	1952 – 24.33	1976 – 22.00
1998 – 28.74	1932 – 24.07	1988 – 21.78
2026 – 28.42	1960 – 24.06	1984 – 21.45
1924 – 27.22	1968 – 23.74	
2014 – 27.00	1956 – 23.72	
2010 – 26.57	1992 – 23.30	
1920 – 25.64	1972 – 23.06	
2022 – 25.10	1948 – 22.71	

HELLEBUYCK TO START IN GOAL

Connor Hellebuyck will get the start in goal tonight for the U.S. The three-time Vezina Trophy winner (2020, 2024, 2025), who also won the Hart Trophy last season, played in three of Team USA's four games in last February's 4 Nations Face-Off and was 2-1 with a 1.59 goals against average and .932 save percentage.

DID YOU KNOW -- JACK HUGHES

Did you know U.S. forward **Jack Hughes** played in all three major IIHF world championships in the 2018-19 season? Below is an entry from the USA Hockey game notes vault from May of 2019.

Jack Hughes is the fourth player in IIHF history to play in the Under-18 Men's World Championship, World Junior Championship and Men's World Championship in the same season, joining Switzerland's Kevin Fiala and Vadim Karaga and Andrei Kostitsy from Belarus. Hughes is the youngest American to ever play for a U.S. team in the top-level men's world championship.

Youngest U.S. Players to Compete
 A Pool IIHF Men's World Championship

Name/Year	Birthday	Age
Jack Hughes, 2019	May 14, 2001	17, 11.5 months
Phil Housley, 1982	March 9, 1964	18, 1.5 months
Dick Maley, 1934	Dec. 10, 1915	18, 4.5 months
Jack Eichel, 2015	Oct. 28, 1996	18, 6 months
Quinn Hughes, 2018	Oct. 14, 1999	18, 6.5 months
Phil Kessel, 2006	Oct. 2, 1987	18, 7 months
Auston Matthews, 2016	Sept. 17, 1997	18, 7.5 months
Oscar Mahle, 1958	Aug. 22, 1939	18, 8.5 months
Dylan Larkin, 2015	July 30, 1996	18, 9 months
Clayton Keller, 2017	July 29, 1998	18, 9 months

*age as of May 1 year of tournament year

TEAM USA 2025-26 PLAYER STATS

Through Feb. 5 Games

GOALTENDERS

No	Name	GP	W	L	OTL	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Jeremy Swayman <i>Boston Bruins (NHL)</i>	38	22	12	3	2.92	.903	1
30	Jake Oettinger <i>Dallas Stars (NHL)</i>	37	23	10	4	2.73	.897	2
37	Connor Hellebuyck <i>Winnipeg Jets (NHL)</i>	36	13	16	7	2.79	.900	0

DEFENSEMEN

No	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Jackson LaCombe <i>Anaheim Ducks (NHL)</i>	56	6	31	37	10
8	Zach Werenski <i>Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)</i>	52	20	42	62	12
14	Brock Faber <i>Minnesota Wild (NHL)</i>	58	13	24	37	14
15	Noah Hanifin <i>Vegas Golden Knights (NHL)</i>	47	2	18	20	6
25	Charlie McAvoy <i>Boston Bruins (NHL)</i>	45	4	35	39	44
43	Quinn Hughes <i>Minnesota Wild (NHL)</i>	52	5	52	57	24
74	Jacob Slavin <i>Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)</i>	17	0	3	3	2
85	Jake Sanderson <i>Ottawa Senators (NHL)</i>	57	11	35	46	8

FORWARDS

No	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
7	Brady Tkachuk <i>Ottawa Senators (NHL)</i>	37	14	23	37	34
9	Jack Eichel <i>Vegas Golden Knights (NHL)</i>	50	21	47	68	10
10	J.T. Miller <i>New York Rangers (NHL)</i>	48	14	22	36	16
12	Matt Boldy <i>Minnesota Wild (NHL)</i>	54	32	30	62	26
16	Vincent Trocheck <i>New York Rangers (NHL)</i>	43	12	24	36	30
19	Matthew Tkachuk <i>Florida Panthers (NHL)</i>	10	3	5	8	21
21	Dylan Larkin <i>Detroit Red Wings (NHL)</i>	58	26	25	51	36
29	Brock Nelson <i>Colorado Avalanche (NHL)</i>	55	29	20	49	22
34	Auston Matthews <i>Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL)</i>	51	26	22	48	16
59	Jake Guentzel <i>Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)</i>	55	26	34	60	33
72	Tage Thompson <i>Buffalo Sabres (NHL)</i>	57	30	29	59	27
81	Kyle Connor <i>Winnipeg Jets (NHL)</i>	56	25	39	64	12
86	Jack Hughes <i>New Jersey Devils (NHL)</i>	36	12	24	26	0
91	Clayton Keller <i>Utah Mammoth (NHL)</i>	57	17	37	54	16



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2026 U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

LATVIA

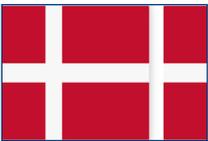


Series vs. Latvia: 0-0-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Team USA will face Latvia for just the second time ever with the only other meeting a 3-3 tie in the 2006 Games.

FEB. 15, 2006: USA 3, LAT 3: The U.S. had a 42-25 shots on goal advantage but settled for a tie. Goals came from Brian Gionta, Craig Conroy and Jordan Leopold. John Grahame had 22 saves in goal for the U.S.

DENMARK



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

Of Note: The U.S. will face Denmark in the Olympic Winter Games for the first time ever.

Denmark is making just its second-ever appearance in the Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Tournament after debuting in 2022 in Beijing, where it finished seventh.

GERMANY



Series vs. Germany: 9-0-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Team USA has outscored Germany 53-11 and has tallied five or more goals in six matchups.

FEB. 13, 2022: USA 3, GER 2: Drew Comness made 24 saves and Team USA got goals from Steven Kampfer, Matthew Knies and Nathan Smith to finish unbeaten in the preliminary round.

MEDAL ROUND GAMES

QUARTERFINALS



U.S. All-Time in Olympic Quarterfinals: 4-5 (W-L)

Of Note: The U.S. is 3-3 in its last six quarterfinal matchups at the Olympic Winter Games.

FEB. 16, 2022: SVK 3, USA 2 (SO): The U.S. lost a heartbreaker in a shootout and finished the Olympic Tournament without a regulation loss. The U.S. got 34 saves from Strauss Mann with goals from Nick Abruzzese and Sam Hentges.

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 five Olympic Winter Games that included NHL players, including gold-medal game appearances in 2010 and 2002.

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES STANDINGS

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
Group A								
Canada	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
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Group B								
Finland	0	0	0	0	1	-3	1:4	0
Sweden	1	1	0	0	0	3	5:2	3
Slovakia	1	1	0	0	0	3	4:1	3
Italy	0	0	0	0	1	-3	2:5	0
Group C								
United States	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Latvia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	0

*records starting play on Feb. 12

KEY TEAM USA OLYMPIC HISTORY

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*
2022	5th	David Quinn	3-1-0
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

*W-L-T

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. 2026 OLYMPIC TEAMS

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	19	4-0-2-10-3	43	66
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
France	3	2-0-0-0-1	30	5
Germany	10	9-0-0-1-0	53	11
Italy	4	3-0-1-0-0	45	7
Latvia	1	0-0-0-0-1	3	3
Slovakia	6	3-0-1-1-1	20	11
Sweden	15	6-0-0-7-2	68	44
Switzerland	9	8-0-0-1-0	69	18
TOTAL	84	43-0-5-26-10	389	212

*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	--	--
Slovakia	0-1	--	--	--
Switzerland	1-0	--	--	--
TOTAL	4-5	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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2026 OLYMPIC MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM	COLLEGE (IF APPLICABLE)
GOALTENDERS (3)								
1	Jeremy Swayman	6-3 (191)	195 (88)	11/24/1998	L	Anchorage, Alaska	Boston Bruins (NHL)	University of Maine (Hockey East)
30	Jake Oettinger	6-6 (198)	225 (102)	12/18/1998	L	Lakeville, Minn.	Dallas Stars (NHL)	Boston University (Hockey East)
37	Connor Hellebuyck	6-4 (193)	207 (95)	5/19/1993	L	Commerce, Mich.	Winnipeg Jets (NHL)	Univ. of Mass Lowell (Hockey East)
DEFENSEMEN (8)								
2	Jackson LaCombe	6-2 (188)	205 (93)	1/9/2001	L	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Anaheim Ducks (NHL)	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)
8	Zach Werenski	6-2 (188)	214 (97)	7/19/1997	L	Grosse Pt. Woods, Mich.	Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)
14	Brock Faber #	6-1 (185)	200 (91)	8/22/2002	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	Minnesota Wild (NHL)	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)
15	Noah Hanifin	6-3 (191)	206 (93)	1/25/1997	L	Norwood, Mass.	Vegas Golden Knights (NHL)	Boston College (Hockey East)
25	Charlie McAvoy	6-1 (185)	211 (96)	12/21/1997	R	Long Beach, N.Y.	Boston Bruins (NHL)	Boston University (Hockey East)
43	Quinn Hughes	5-10 (178)	180 (82)	10/14/1999	L	Canton, Mich.	Minnesota Wild (NHL)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)
74	Jacob Slavin	6-3 (191)	207 (95)	5/1/1994	L	Erie, Colo.	Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)	Colorado College (NCHC)
85	Jake Sanderson #	6-2 (188)	202 (91)	7/8/2002	L	Whitefish, Mont.	Ottawa Senators (NHL)	University of North Dakota (NCHC)
FORWARDS (14)								
7	Brady Tkachuk	6-4 (193)	226 (103)	9/16/1999	L	St. Louis, Mo.	Ottawa Senators (NHL)	Boston University (Hockey East)
9	Jack Eichel	6-2 (188)	208 (94)	10/28/1996	R	North Chelmsford, Mass.	Vegas Golden Knights (NHL)	Boston University (Hockey East)
10	J.T. Miller	6-1 (185)	211 (96)	3/14/1993	L	East Palestine, Ohio	New York Rangers (NHL)	
12	Matt Boldy	6-2 (188)	201 (91)	4/5/2001	L	Millis, Mass.	Minnesota Wild (NHL)	Boston College (Hockey East)
16	Vincent Trocheck	5-11 (180)	187 (85)	7/11/1993	R	Pittsburgh, Pa.	New York Rangers (NHL)	
19	Matthew Tkachuk	6-2 (188)	202 (91)	12/11/1997	L	St. Louis, Mo.	Florida Panthers (NHL)	
21	Dylan Larkin	6-1 (185)	204 (92)	7/30/1996	L	Waterford, Mich.	Detroit Red Wings (NHL)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)
29	Brock Nelson	6-4 (193)	205 (93)	10/15/1991	L	Warroad, Minn.	Colorado Avalanche (NHL)	University of North Dakota (WCHA)
34	Auston Matthews	6-3 (191)	215 (98)	9/17/1997	L	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL)	
59	Jake Guentzel	5-11 (180)	176 (80)	10/6/1994	L	Woodbury, Minn.	Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)	University of Nebraska Omaha (NCHC)
72	Tage Thompson	6-6 (198)	220 (100)	10/30/1997	R	Orange, Conn.	Buffalo Sabres (NHL)	Univ. of Connecticut (Hockey East)
81	Kyle Connor	6-1 (185)	183 (83)	12/9/1996	L	Shelby Township, Mich.	Winnipeg Jets (NHL)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)
86	Jack Hughes	5-11 (180)	175 (79)	5/14/2001	L	Canton, Mich.	New Jersey Devils (NHL)	
91	Clayton Keller	5-10 (178)	175 (79)	7/29/1998	L	St. Louis Mo.	Utah Mammoth (NHL)	Boston University (Hockey East)

#2022 U.S. Olympic Team



Matthew Tkachuk with Olympic gold medal figure skater Brian Botiano at the Starbucks Winter House on Feb. 11.



Dylan Larkin with NBC's Kathryn Tappen at Milano Santiguilia Ice Arena during the USA-Canada women's hockey game on Feb. 10.

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ROSTER DETAILS

TEAM USA OVERALL

AVERAGE HEIGHT:	6-2
AVERAGE WEIGHT:	202 lbs.
AVERAGE AGE:	28.4
SHOOTS/CATCHES LEFT:	19
SHOOTS/CATCHES RIGHT:	6

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Michigan	6
Minnesota	5
Massachusetts	3
Missouri	3
Alaska	1
Arizona	1
Colorado	1
Connecticut	1
Montana	1
New York	1
Ohio	1
Pennsylvania	1

COLLEGE CONNECTION

Boston University	5
University of Michigan	4
Boston College	2
University of Minnesota	2
University of North Dakota	2
Colorado College	1
University of Connecticut	1
University of Maine	1
University of Mass-Lowell	1
University of Neb-Omaha	1

2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The U.S. is one of 12 teams competing at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

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

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.



MEDAL HAUL

The players on the U.S. roster have combined to earn 19 medals in IIHF World Championship events, including eight gold medals, three silver medals and eight bronze medals.

GOLD MEDALISTS

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

- 2025 IIHF Men's World Championship** - Keller, LaCombe, Swayman, Thompson, Werenski
- 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Boldy, Faber, LaCombe, Sanderson
- 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Keller, McAvoy, Oettinger, Thompson
- 2013 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Miller, Trocheck
- 2017 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Q. Hughes, B. Tkachuk
- 2015 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Keller, Matthews, McAvoy, Oettinger, Thompson, M. Tkachuk
- 2014 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Connor, Eichel, Hanifin, Larkin, Matthews
- 2011 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Miller

SILVER MEDALISTS

- 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship** - J. Hughes, Q. Hughes
- 2018 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - J. Hughes
- 2013 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Eichel

BRONZE MEDALISTS

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

- 2021 IIHF Men's World Championship** - Oettinger, Thompson
- 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship** - Q. Hughes, Larkin, McAvoy, Thompson
- 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship** - Eichel, Hellebuyck, Larkin, Nelson
- 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Q. Hughes, Oettinger, Swayman, B. Tkachuk
- 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Matthews, McAvoy, M. Tkachuk, Werenski
- 2011 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Nelson
- 2019 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Boldy, J. Hughes
- 2016 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Keller, Oettinger



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WORTH READING

NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INFLUENCE

USA Hockey's National Team Development Program is one of the most impactful initiatives ever launched by USA Hockey. The two-year residency program for the best 16 and 17-year-old men's players in the U.S., has roots with 17 of the 25 players on the 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team (list below).

Matt Boldy	2017-19
Jack Eichel	2012-14
Brock Faber	2018-20
Noah Hanifin	2013-14
Jack Hughes	2017-19
Quinn Hughes	2015-17
Clayton Keller	2014-16
Dylan Larkin	2015-17
Auston Matthews	2012-14
Charlie McAvoy	2013-15
J.T. Miller	2013-15
Jake Oettinger	2009-11
Jake Sanderson	2015-17
Tage Thompson	2014-15
Brady Tkachuk	2015-17
Matthew Tkachuk	2013-15
Zach Werenski	2018-20

ABOUT THE NTDP

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.

2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team has been training in Boulder, Colo., since the beginning of January in preparation for the Paralympic Winter Games, which are set for March 6-15 in Milan. The U.S. has won gold in the last four Paralympic Winter Games, an unprecedented feat.

HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

Hockey Week Across America will be held a week later than typical to take advantage of the visibility provided by the Olympic Winter Games. The week-long celebration and will feature a theme for each of the three days, including USA Day on Monday (March 2); Stick Salute Day on Tuesday (March 3), Hockey Is For Everyone Day (March 4), Volunteer Appreciation Day (March 5), Hockey Jersey Day (March 6), Try Hockey For Free Day (March 7) and Welcome To Hockey Day (March 8). 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.

QUARTERFINAL ROUND FOR U.S. WOMEN

The U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team will enter the playoff round of the Olympic tournament as the top overall seed and face Italy tomorrow in the quarterfinals. Opening faceoff is set for 9:10 p.m. local/3:10 p.m. ET and the game will be aired live on USA Network and streamed live on Peacock. The U.S. went 4-0 in the preliminary round, including a 5-0 victory over Canada in its most recent game on Tuesday (Feb. 10).

TWO SETS OF BROTHERS

Team USA includes two sets of brothers – **Matthew** (Florida Panthers) and **Brady** (Ottawa Senators) **Tkachuk** and **Quinn** (Minnesota Wild) and **Jack** (New Jersey Devils) **Hughes**. The only other time a U.S. Olympic men's hockey team has had two sets on brothers was on the 1960 gold medal-winning squad (Squaw Valley) with Bill and Roger Christian and Bill and Bob Cleary.

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
2026	Auston Matthews	Scottsdale, Ariz.
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.

NHL STATISTICALLY SPEAKING AT THE OLYMPIC BREAK

Zach Werenski is second in the NHL in points (62) and goals (20) among defensemen and leads American NHL defensemen in points (62).

Quinn Hughes leads all NHL defensemen in assists (52) and ranks fifth among all NHL skaters in that category.

Quinn Hughes leads all NHL players in time on ice (27:51), followed by **Werenski** (26:21), who ranks second.

Matt Boldy is tied for third in the NHL and first among Americans in goals (32).

Jack Eichel leads all American NHL players in points (68) and ranks 10th in the NHL in points.

Dylan Larkin ranks third in the NHL in face-offs won (623) and first among Americans. He is also third in the NHL in game-winning goals (7).

J.T. Miller ranks third in the NHL in face-off percentage (61.24).

Brock Nelson ranks third in the NHL and first among Americans in shooting percentage (23.2) scoring 29 goals on just 125 shots on goal.

Tage Thompson is tied for second in the NHL and tied for first among Americans in even-strength goals (25).

