



# 2024 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

2024 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | ZUG, SWITZERLAND | JANUARY 7, 2024

USA (0-0-0-0) VS. SLOVAKIA (0-0-0-0) • PRELIMINARY ROUND • BOSSARD ARENA • 12:00 PM CET

## TODAY'S GAME

### 2024 IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - BOSSARD ARENA



🕒: 12:00 P.M. CET

📺: NHL Network

🎙️: Cheryl Pounder and Kenzie Lalonde

🇺🇸: Navy Jerseys

## LAST TIME OUT

**Josie St. Martin** and **Ava Thomas** tallied the U.S.' goals in an exhibition game against Czechia on Thursday. Despite the effort, the U.S. fell, 4-3, in a shootout. St. Martin opened the game's scoring early in the first, but Czechia responded with two straight to take a 2-1 lead into the first period. St. Martin then tallied her second of the game early in the middle frame, which Czechia answered. Thomas put the U.S. up 3-2 in the third, but a late third-period goal sent the contest to overtime, where Czechia won in a shootout.

## 2024 U18 WWC SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
<b>THURS., JAN. 4</b>	<b>CZECHIA</b>	<b>L, 4-3 (SO)</b>
<i>Pre-Tournament Game</i>	<i>Stimo Arena</i>	
<b>SUN., JAN. 7</b>	<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	<b>12 P.M./6 A.M.</b>
<i>Preliminary Round</i>	<i>Bossard Arena</i>	<i>NHL Network</i>
<b>MON., JAN. 8</b>	<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>8 P.M./2 P.M.</b>
<i>Preliminary Round</i>	<i>Bossard Arena</i>	<i>NHL Network</i>
<b>WED., JAN. 10</b>	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>12 P.M./6 A.M.</b>
<i>Preliminary Round</i>	<i>Bossard Arena</i>	<i>NHL Network</i>
<b>THURS., JAN. 11</b>	<b>QUARTERFINALS</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<i>Bossard Arena</i>	<i>NHL Network</i>
<b>SAT., JAN. 13</b>	<b>SEMIFINALS</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<i>Bossard Arena</i>	<i>NHL Network</i>
<b>SUN., JAN. 14</b>	<b>BRONZE MEDAL GAME</b>	<b>3 P.M./9 A.M.</b>
	<i>Bossard Arena</i>	<i>NHL Network</i>
<b>SUN., JAN. 14</b>	<b>GOLD MEDAL GAME</b>	<b>7 P.M./1 P.M.</b>
	<i>Bossard Arena</i>	<i>NHL Network/ESPN+</i>

## QUICK SHOTS

### TODAY'S MATCHUP

Today's game marks the opening preliminary-round game of the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship for Team USA. The U.S. has never lost an opening preliminary-round game in the history of this tournament, holding a 13-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record through the last 15 championships staged.

### ALL-TIME VS. SLOVAKIA

Today marks the first all-time meeting between the U.S. and Slovakia at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.

### IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND

Team USA boasts a 42-3 all-time record in the preliminary round of the U18 WWC. The lone losses came in 2023, 2020 and 2017, all to Canada. The U.S. has gone a perfect 3-0 in the prelims 12 of 15 years, most recently at the 2022 championship.

### THREE-TIMERS

Forwards **Maggie Scannell** (Wynantskill, N.Y.) and **Josie St. Martin** (Stillwater, Minn.) are back for their third IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. They are just the 16th and 17th player all-time in program history to represent the U.S. at the U18WWC three times.

### TEAM USA'S SUCCESS AT U18 WOMEN'S WORLDS

The U.S. has medaled in every Under-18 Women's World Championship ever staged. Since 2008, Team USA has won gold eight times, silver six times and bronze once.

### PRE-CAMP IN KLOTEN

To help acclimate to the time change, Team USA hosted a week-long training camp in Kloten, Switzerland, about 15 minutes away from Zurich. The team spent the week bonding on and off the ice, and hosted Czechia in an exhibition game at Stimo Arena.

### U18 SELECT TEAM RETURNERS

Of the 25 players named to the 2024 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team, 20 were named to the U.S. Under-18 Women's Select Team. The select team competed in a three-game series against Canada in Lake Placid back in August.

### LAST YEAR AT THE U18 WWC

At the 2023 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, the U.S. earned its 15th-straight medal at the tournament, taking home bronze. After going 2-0-0-1 in preliminary-round play, the team dropped a hard-fought semifinal contest to Sweden, 2-1, before beating Finland, 3-0, to take home bronze.

## TEAM USA AT A GLANCE

### ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The 2024 U.S. Under-18 Women's World Championship roster is comprised of 25 players, including seven returners from the bronze medal-winning team that competed at the 2023 IIHF Women's World Championship. Of the 25, 18 are newcomers representing the U.S. for the first time at a U18 WWC, with the roster comprising of three goaltenders, eight defenders and 14 forwards.

### LEADERSHIP TRIO

**Maggie Scannell** (Wynantskill, N.Y.) is the captain of Team USA for the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. **Josie St. Martin** (Stillwater, Minn.) and **Bella Fanale** (Webster, N.Y.) will serve as alternate captain.

### BEHIND THE BENCH

**Liz Keady Norton** head coach of the Dartmouth women's ice hockey team, is serving as head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the first time, after serving as an assistant coach of the 2023 team. **Brianna Decker**, **Meredith Roth** and **Zoe Hicel** will serve as assistant coaches. **Sanya Sandahl**, will be the goalie coach.

## 2024 IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The U.S. U18 Women's World Championship Team is one of eight teams competing at the International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship from January 6-14, 2024 in Zug, Switzerland.

The tournament features eight teams divided in two groups of four. Team USA is competing in Group B alongside, Slovakia, Sweden and host Switzerland. Group A includes Canada, Czechia, Finland and Germany. Each group will play a single round-robin series before the playoff round.

All eight teams advance to the playoff rounds, with the teams being seeded in four quarterfinal games. The winners of the quarterfinals move to the semifinals. The two semifinal winners will play in the gold medal game, while the two semifinal losers will play for bronze.

## U18 WWC SUCCESS

The U.S. has earned a medal in every IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship since the inception of the event in 2008.

🥇 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2011, 2009, 2008

🥈 2022, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010

🥉 2023

## MEDIA ACCESS

Team USA players and head coach Liz Keady Norton will be available for interviews in the mixed zone following games and non-gameday practices. The lockerroom is closed. All interviews must be coordinated through Melissa Katz of USA Hockey.

Information, including team bios, schedule, news and team history is available online at [teamusa.usahockey.com](http://teamusa.usahockey.com).

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## TEAM TIDBITS

### THIRD TIME'S A CHARM

Forwards **Maggie Scannell** and **Josie St. Martin** return to the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the third season in a row. The pair most recently won bronze at the 2023 championship and silver at the 2022 championship.

### SECOND GO AROUND

Five players from the 2023 edition of the U.S. Under-18 Women's World Championship return for their second go around in 2024. **Kendra Distad**, **Rose Dwyer**, **Bella Fanale**, **Megan Healy** and **Layla Hemp** return for their second IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, after helping lead the U.S. to a bronze in 2023.

### NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

18 of the 25 players on the roster are making their IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship debut at the 2024 tournament, including **Caroline Averill**, **Margaret Averill**, **Haley Box**, **Molly Boyle**, **Kassidy Carmichael**, **Mary Derrenbacher**, **Alanna Devlin**, **Natalia Dilbone**, **Ellie Dimatos**, **Lauren Goldsworthy**, **Rachel Gorbatenko**, **Nora Hannan**, **Morgan McGathey**, **Jordyn Petrie**, **Macy Rasmussen**, **Taylor Senecal**, **Quinn Taylor** and **Ava Thomas**.

### TEN STATES REPRESENTED

Players on this year's team hail from 10 different states from all around the country. Massachusetts and Minnesota each have seven players from there, while New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont have two. Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Nebraska and North Carolina have one representative.

### FIRST PLAYERS FROM NEBRASKA AND NORTH CAROLINA

Forward **Jordyn Petrie**, who is from Lincoln, Nebraska is the first member of Team USA to represent the U.S. at the Under-18 Women's World Championship from the state of Nebraska. Additionally, forward **Mary Derrenbacher**, who is from Raleigh, North Carolina, is the first North Carolina native to be at this tournament as well.

### TWO AVERILLS

Forward **Caroline Averill** and defender **Margaret Averill** are sisters who are both members of the 2023 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team. They mark the first set of sisters who have been on the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team at the same time.

### SISTER, SISTER

Two players on the 2024 team are guided by their older sisters who all competed on earlier editions of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team. Defender **Rose Dwyer**, is the younger sister of **Grace Dwyer**, who represented the U.S. in 2022. Defender **Rachel Gorbatenko** is the younger sister of **Kelly Gorbatenko** who as also on the 2022 team. Goaltender **Layla Hemp** is the younger sister of **Peyton Hemp**, who was on the 2020 squad.

### FIRST A PLAYER, NOW A COACH

Three members of the Team USA coaching staff played on a U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team, and are now coaching the very team they got their international start on. Assistant coach **Brianna Decker** was on the 2009 and 2008 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team, winning two golds, while assistant coach **Zoe Hicckel** took home silver as a member of the 2010 team. Team scout **Haley Skarupa** was Hicckel's teammate in 2010, and was also on the 2011 and 2012 teams.

## AROUND USA HOCKEY

### 2023-24 RIVALRY SERIES

The 2023-24 Rivalry Series, featuring the women's national teams from the U.S. and Canada, will conclude with its final three games in February. The teams will face off in Saskatoon, Sask. (Feb. 7), Regina, Sask. (Feb. 9) and St. Paul, Minn. (Feb. 11). Team USA currently leads the series 3-1.

### 2024 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 IIHF Women's World Championship will take place April 3-14 at the Adirondack Bank Center in Utica, New York. The U.S. will bring a 25-player roster that will be named following an evaluation camp in March. Team USA will compete in Group A alongside, Canada, Czechia, Switzerland and Finland.

### 2024 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 U.S. National Junior Team took home gold from the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship in early January. The team went undefeated in the tournament, defeating Sweden, 6-2 in the gold medal game. It marks the sixth all-time gold in the tournament.

### 2026 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

USA Hockey announced that Saint Paul and Minneapolis, will serve as host of the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship. The 2026 event marks the 50th anniversary of the IIHF World Junior Championship. Xcel Energy Center, home of the NHL's Minnesota Wild in Saint Paul, and 3M Arena at Mariucci on the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis, will serve as the competition venues.

## TEAM USA U18WWC STATISTICS

### ALL-TIME MEDALS AT U18WWC

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2023	Bronze	Katie Lachapelle	W, 5-0	FIN
2022	Silver	Katie Lachapelle	L, 2-3	CAN
2020	Gold	Maura Crowell	OTW, 2-1	CAN
2019	Silver	Maura Crowell	OTL, 2-3	CAN
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 9-3	SWE
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*
2023	Bronze	Katie Lachapelle	3-0-0-2
2022	Silver	Katie Lachapelle	4-0-0-1
2020	Gold	Maura Crowell	3-1-0-1
2019	Silver	Maura Crowell	4-0-1-0
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0
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

\*W-OTW-OTL-L

### ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	22	8-5-4-5	62	47
Czech Republic	12	12-0-0-0	116	3
Finland	6	6-0-0-0	34	3
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	13	13-0-0-0	86	8
Sweden	16	14-1-0-1	89	16
Switzerland	1	1-0-0-0	11	0
TOTAL	75	59-6-4-6	442	80

\*W-OTW-OTL-L

### ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	SF	BM	GM
Canada	1-0	N/A	7-6
Czech Republic	6-0	N/A	N/A
Finland	1-0	1-0	N/A
Germany	1-0	N/A	N/A
Russia	2-0	N/A	N/A
Sweden	3-1	N/A	1-0
Total	14-1	1-0	8-6

### ALL-TIME U18 GAMES VS. SLOVAKIA

Date	W/L	Round	GF	GA
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## 2024 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (3)</b>							
1	Layla Hemp	5-7 (170)	125 (57)	07/05/06	L	Chanhassen, Minn.	Minnetonka High School
29	Natalia Dilbone	5-8 (173)	155 (70)	01/03/08	L	South Lyon, Mich.	Little Caesars
30	Nora Hannan	5-4 (163)	120 (54)	07/09/07	L	Edina, Minn.	Edina High School
<b>DEFENSE (8)</b>							
2	Margaret Averill	5-11 (180)	168 (76)	09/09/08	R	Wayland, Mass.	Assabet Valley
3	Megan Healy	5-4 (163)	135 (61)	01/16/07	L	South Burlington, Vt.	Bishop Kearney Selects Academy
4	Ellie Dimatos	5-6 (168)	145 (66)	01/20/07	R	Princeton, N.J.	Philadelphia Jr. Flyers
5	Molly Boyle	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	01/05/06	R	Scituate, Mass.	East Coast Wizards
6	Taylor Senecal	5-7 (170)	135 (61)	05/18/07	R	Essex Junction, Vt.	Little Caesars
7	Lauren Goldsworthy	5-8 (173)	145 (66)	05/19/06	L	Minnetonka, Minn.	Minnetonka High School
9	Rose Dwyer	5-10 (178)	155 (70)	04/07/06	L	Wynnewood, Pa.	Bishop Kearney Selects Academy
10	Rachel Gorbatenko	5-11 (180)	170 (77)	03/07/07	L	Barrington, Ill.	Chicago Mission
<b>FORWARDS (14)</b>							
11	Josie St. Martin	5-4 (163)	155 (70)	05/02/06	L	Stillwater, Minn.	Stillwater High School
13	Mary Derrenbacher	5-3 (160)	135 (61)	09/20/08	L	Raleigh, N.C.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
14	Kendra Distad	5-7 (170)	160 (73)	02/25/06	R	Burnsville, Minn.	Minnetonka High School
15	Ava Thomas	5-7 (170)	145 (66)	09/27/06	R	Downington, Pa.	Philadelphia Jr. Flyers
16	Alanna Devlin	5-6 (168)	154 (70)	07/31/06	R	Marshfield, Mass.	NAHA
17	Kassidy Carmichael	5-7 (170)	140 (64)	10/14/06	R	Westford, Mass.	NAHA
18	Caroline Averill	5-7 (170)	140 (64)	01/14/07	R	Wayland, Mass.	Assabet Valley
19	Jordyn Petrie	5-9 (175)	165 (75)	01/10/06	R	Lincoln, Neb.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
20	Macy Rasmussen	5-4 (163)	130 (59)	05/17/07	R	Orono, Minn.	Orono High School
21	Morgan McGathe	5-5 (165)	143 (65)	08/30/06	R	Braintree, Mass.	East Coast Wizards
24	Maggie Scannell	5-10 (178)	170 (77)	03/24/06	R	Wynantskill, N.Y.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
25	Haley Box	5-3 (160)	135 (61)	03/10/08	R	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
27	Quinn Taylor	5-7 (170)	160 (73)	11/11/07	R	Centerville, Mass.	NAHA
28	Bella Fanale	5-5 (165)	160 (73)	05/19/07	R	Webster, N.Y.	Bishop Kearney Selects Academy

### BY THE NUMBERS

**TALLEST** Averill/Gorbatenko (5ft. 11in.)  
**SHORTEST** Derrenbacher (5ft. 3 in.)

**SHOOT/CATCH** Left: 9 Right: 16

**YOUNGEST** M. Averill, Box, Derrenbacher (15)  
**OLDEST** Dilbone, Boyle (18)

### HOME STATES (10)

Massachusetts	7
Minnesota	7
New York	2
Pennsylvania	2
Vermont	2
Illinois	1
Michigan	1
New Jersey	1
Nebraska	1
North Carolina	1

### YOUTH HOCKEY (12)

Shattuck-St. Mary's (Minn.)	4
Minnetonka High School (Minn.)	3
NAHA (Vt.)	3
Selects Academy (N.Y.)	3
Little Caesars (Mich.)	2
Philadelphia Jr. Flyers (Pa.)	2
Assabet Valley (Mass.)	2
East Coast Wizards (Mass.)	2
Edina High School (Minn.)	1
Chicago Mission (Ill.)	1
Orono High School (Minn.)	1
Stillwater High School (Minn.)	1

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#### ROSTER (25)

Averill, Caroline  
Averill, Maggie  
Box, Haley  
Boyle, Molly  
Carmichael, Kassidy  
Derrenbacher, Mary  
Devlin, Alanna  
Dilbone, Natalia  
Dimatos, Ellie  
Distad, Kendra  
Dwyer, Rose  
Fanale, Bella  
Goldsworthy, Lauren  
Gorbatenko, Rachel  
Hannan, Nora  
Healy, Megan  
Hemp, Layla  
McGathe, Morgan  
Petrie, Jordyn  
Rasmussen, Macy  
Scannell, Maggie  
Senecal, Taylor  
St. Martin, Josie  
Taylor, Quinn  
Thomas, Ava

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Keady Norton, Liz  
Decker, Brianna  
Roth, Meredith  
Hickel, Zoe  
Sandahl, Sanya

KEH-ruh-line AY-ver-ill  
MAHG-ee AY-ver-ill  
HAY-lee BOX  
MAH-lee BOIL  
KA-sih-dee CAR-migh-kuhl  
meh-REE dehr-ehn-BAHCH-er  
AH-LAH-NUH dev-lin  
NAH-TAH-lia dill-BONE  
EHL-lee dim-ah-TOUHS  
kehr-DRUH DISS-tahd  
ROSE DWIGH-uhr  
bell-uh fuh-NAHL-ee  
LAWR-uhn golds-WORTHY  
RAY-chul gor-BAH-TEHN-koh  
nor-UH han-UHN  
MEH-gun HEAL-ee  
LAY-luh HEMP  
MOHR-guhn muh-GAY-THEE  
JOHRN-duhn PEE-tree  
MAY-see RAZ-muhs-suhn  
MAHG-ee scan-uhl  
TAY-luhr sehn-uh-call  
JOH-see saint mar-tin  
QUIHN TAY-luhr  
ay-VUH TAW-muhs

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bree-AHN-uh DEHK-er  
meh-reh-dith RAWTH  
zoh-EE HICK-uhl  
sahn-yuh SAND-ahl



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NO	NAME	POS.	SLO 12 P.M. 1/7	SWI 8 P.M. 1/8	SWE 12 P.M. 1/11	QF TBD 1/11	SF TBD 1/13	MEDAL TBD 1/14	U18WWC TOTAL
1	Layla Hemp	G							0-0
2	Margaret Averill	D							0-0 (0)
3	Megan Healy	D							0-0 (0)
4	Ellie Dimatos	D							0-0 (0)
5	Molly Boyle	D							0-0 (0)
6	Taylor Senecal	D							0-0 (0)
7	Lauren Goldsworthy	D							0-0 (0)
9	Rose Dwyer	D							0-0 (0)
10	Rachel Gorbatenko	D							0-0 (0)
11	Josie St. Martin	F							0-0 (0)
13	Mary Derrenbacher	F							0-0 (0)
14	Kendra Distad	F							0-0 (0)
15	Ava Thomas	F							0-0 (0)
16	Alanna Devlin	F							0-0 (0)
17	Kassidy Carmichael	F							0-0 (0)
18	Caroline Averill	F							0-0 (0)
19	Jordyn Petrie	F							0-0 (0)
20	Macy Rasmussen	F							0-0 (0)
21	Morgan McGathey	F							0-0 (0)
24	Maggie Scannell	F							0-0 (0)
25	Haley Box	F							0-0 (0)
27	Quinn Taylor	F							0-0 (0)
28	Bella Fanale	F							0-0 (0)
29	Natalia Dilbone	G							0-0 0.00 GAA
30	Nora Hannan	G							0-0 0.00 GAA

### KEY

G - GOAL  
A\* - ASSIST ON GWG

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P - POWER-PLAY GOAL

W - GAME-WINNING GOAL  
S - SHORTHANDED GOAL

P\* - PENALTY SHOT GOAL  
DND - DID NOT DRESS

U - UNASSISTED GOAL  
W\* - SHOOTOUT GWG

## U18 WWC - GAME SUMMARIES



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## 2024 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM STAFF



### LIZ KEADY NORTON, HEAD COACH

Liz Keady Norton is serving as the head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the first time in 2024. She previously was an assistant coach for the 2023 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team that won a bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Sweden.

She is currently in her third season as the head coach of the Dartmouth College women's ice hockey team, a role she has held since 2021. In her first season at the helm, Keady Norton led the Big Green to its highest win total since 2015.

Prior to Dartmouth, she spent four seasons (2017-21) with the Boston University women's ice hockey program. She also served as an assistant women's ice hockey coach for two seasons at Harvard University (2015-17) and one year (2014-15) at Union College.

Keady Norton is a 2008 graduate of Princeton University where she was a four-year letter winner in women's ice hockey. She represented the U.S. as a member of the 2004 Under-22 Select Team and spent the 2005-06 season with the U.S. Women's National Team.

### BRIANNA DECKER, ASSISTANT COACH

Decker is returning to the coaching staff of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team as an assistant coach after serving on the staff in 2023, 2020 and 2019, leading the team to three medals: bronze in 2023, gold in 2020 and silver in 2019.

The Dousman, Wis., native currently serves as the girls prep associate head coach and special advisor to the Shattuck-St. Mary's Hockey Program, a role she has held since August 2022.

As a player, Decker helped the U.S. to three Olympic medals, including gold in 2018 and silver in 2014 and 2022. She also skated at eight IIHF Women's World Championships (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021), taking home gold six times.

### ZOE HICKEL, ASSISTANT COACH

Zoe Hickel makes her international coaching debut at the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship as an assistant coach.

Hickel spent the 2022 season as the manager of hockey programming and community relations for the Coachella Valley Firebirds, prior she spent two seasons (2020-22) as the assistant coach for the Ohio State Women's Ice Hockey Team.

As a player, she helped lead Team USA to back-to-back IIHF Women's World Championship titles in 2015 and 2016. She was also a part of the 2010 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team.

### MEREDITH ROTH, ASSISTANT COACH

Meredith Roth is an assistant coach for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National at the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, a role she previously held on the 2020 staff as well.

Roth currently serves as the associate head women's ice hockey coach at Harvard University. She had previously served as the Associate Head Coach of College of the Holy Cross for five seasons.

Prior to Holy Cross, she held coaching positions at St. Norbert College, Providence College, Cornell University and Shattuck-St. Mary's.

As a player Roth represented the U.S. as a member of the U.S. Under-22 Select Team, as well as a member of the U.S. Women's National Team in 2003.

### SANYA SANDAHL, GOALTENDING COACH

Sandahl is returning as the goaltending coach for the 2024 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team, a role she first held in 2023.

Sandahl is currently a goaltending coach at Aurora University a role she has held since the summer of 2023. She also serves as the girls hockey director for Team Illinois.

Prior, she served as an assistant coach at Augsburg University from 2011-2023, primarily assisting with the Auggie goalies.

The Duluth, Minn. native was a four-year letter winner for Cornell, playing in 54 games, with a .885 career save percentage.

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