

USA Hockey

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO WOMEN'S ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2026 Olympic Winter Games

11/1/2024

TO: Members of USA Hockey
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC)

FROM: USA Hockey

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Women's Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games

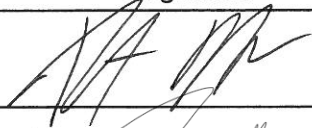

USA Hockey has successfully qualified the Women's team in the 2026 Olympic Winter Games through the April 2024 IIHF World Ranking Allocation. In order to provide as much information in a timely manner, USA Hockey is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Women's Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released once the Procedures have been finalized and approved by the USOPC.

USA Hockey will not use a formal try-out to facilitate the player selection process. Players being considered for nomination to the 2026 Winter Olympic Team will be evaluated on their performance at the events listed below during the 2022 – 2026 playing seasons, up to the nomination date of January 5, 2026:

- 2022 Olympic Winter Games – China
- 2022 – 2025 IIHF Women's World Championships
- 2022 – 2025 IIHF U18 Women's World Championships
- 2022 – 2025 USA Hockey Women's National Team Training Camps
- 2022 – 2025 NCAA season and playoffs
- 2023 – 2025 Professional Women's Hockey League season and playoffs
- 2022 – 2025 USA vs. Canada Rivalry Series events and College/Development Team events

As a team sport, a variety of criteria, both objective and subjective, will be used to nominate eligible players to the 2026 Winter Olympic Team. This preliminary information is provided to assist athletes with their competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the final Athlete Selection Procedures, which will be posted at <https://teamusa.usahockey.com/2026olympicwomen>.

If you have questions about the process, you may reach out to USA Hockey's Director of Women's National Team Programs, Katie Million, at katie.million@usahockey.org.

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