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## NAHA PLAYERS SELECTED TO NATIONAL TEAM

USA Hockey announced the players selected for the U.S National Women's team, and included two former North American Hockey Academy (NAHA) players. The unveiling of the 2017-18 U.S. Women's National Team is the culmination of the U.S. Women's National Team Selection Camp that took place this week.

Annie Pankowski (Laguna Beach CA), currently playing at the University of Wisconsin, and Amanda Pelkey (Montpelier VT), a former University of Vermont player now playing for the Boston Pride in the National Women's Hockey League, were selected from the 40 players at USA Hockey's invitational tryout.

Pankowski and Pelkey will join their teammates in September to train and prepare for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea. Leading up to the Olympics the team will be based in Florida, participate in several international tournaments as well as a pre-Olympic series of games including games with rival Team Canada.

"Everyone at NAHA was incredibly proud of all four NAHA girls who were invited to the Selection Camp, including Jenny Ryan (Victor NY) and Zoe Hickel (Anchorage AK)", said NAHA Director Bill Drlscoll. "That a small hockey academy in Vermont can place two athletes on the National Team and Olympic-bound is a testament to how hard everyone has worked at NAHA, the teammates that played with these girls and to each of these athletes' commitment and dedication to reach their goals."

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