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**STILLWATER AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ADVANCES  
NINE TEAMS TO STATE TOURNAMENT**

**STILLWATER, Minn., March 12, 2018** – In an historical event, the Stillwater Area Hockey Association (SAHA), is sending nine boys and girls youth hockey teams to the Minnesota Hockey State Tournament on March 16-18, 2018. SAHA had an incredibly strong 2017-2018 season sending 15 teams to the Minnesota Hockey Regional Tournament, and advancing nine teams to the Minnesota Hockey State Tournament.

“This is a fantastic accomplishment for our youth hockey program. We are sending a record amount of teams to the State Tournament,” said Bill Kohn, SAHA’s Boys Traveling Program Director. “We couldn’t be more thrilled for our community and to see the success of our program continue to grow.”

Eric St. Martin, SAHA’s Director of Girls’ Hockey, said, “I’m very proud that three of our girls teams qualified for the State Tournament. It shows the wonderful depth and talent of our program at every age level.”

The Minnesota Hockey State Tournament will take place in host cities across the state on March 16-18, 2018. Stillwater’s nine teams will be playing for the State title in the following locations:

<u>Team</u>	<u>State Tournament Location</u>
Junior Gold A	Blaine, Fogerty Ice Arena
Junior Gold U16 Red	Blaine, Fogerty Ice Arena
Junior Gold U16 Black	Blaine, Fogerty Ice Arena
U15 B	Woodbury, HealthEast Sports Center
U12 B Red	South St. Paul, Doug Woog Arena
U12 B Black	South St. Paul, Doug Woog Arena
PeeWee AA	Duluth, Heritage Sports Center
PeeWee A	Duluth, Heritage Sports Center
PeeWee B1	St. Cloud, Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC)

**Stillwater Area Hockey Association (SAHA)**, located in Stillwater, Minnesota, is a youth hockey program that promotes and develops an inclusive, safe and fun hockey environment for all girls and boys who reside in the School District 834. The association goal is to create a respected hockey association that focuses on development of good sportsmanship, character, teamwork and individual achievement in hockey. Visit SAHA online at [stillwaterhockey.net](http://stillwaterhockey.net), on Twitter and Instagram @sahahockey or follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sahayouthhockey) at [www.Facebook.com/sahayouthhockey](https://www.facebook.com/sahayouthhockey).

**Minnesota Hockey**, a USA Hockey affiliate, is the governing body of youth hockey in Minnesota. With over 67,000 registered players and coaches, it is the largest state governing body for hockey in the United States. Minnesota Hockey has surpassed 18,200 8 & Under players for the first time ever during the current season and will set a record for 8U players.

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