



# 2026 U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES | MILAN, ITALY | FEBRUARY 5, 2026

USA (0-0-0-0) VS. CZECHIA (0-0-0-0) • PRELIMINARY ROUND • MILANO RHO HOCKEY ARENA • 4:40 P.M. CET

## TODAY'S GAME

2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES • MILANO RHO ARENA



4:40 p.m. CET

USA Network

Kenny Albert, AJ Mleczko and Kathryn Tappen

Royal Jerseys

## QUICK SHOTS

### TODAY'S MATCH UP

Today's game marks the opening game of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games for Team USA. The squad will skate in four preliminary round games before the playoff round starts on February 13.

### ALL TIME AGAINST CZECHIA

Today marks just the second all-time meeting between the U.S. and Czechia at the Olympics, with the U.S. holding a 1-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) advantage. The two teams have never met in a preliminary round game at the Olympics before.

### LAST TIME AGAINST CZECHIA

The last, and only time, these two teams met at the Olympics was February 11, 2022 in the quarterfinal round in Beijing. After falling behind 1-0 in the second period, the U.S. rattled off four unanswered goals to advance to the semifinals by the score of 4-1.

### IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND

All time, Team USA holds a 21-0-0-3 record in preliminary round play at the Olympics. The U.S.' lone losses in the prelims have come at the hands of Canada in the 2022, 2018 and 2014

### WORLD NO. 1

Team USA enters the Olympics ranked No. 1 by the International Ice Hockey Federation and the top overall seed in the tournament. The U.S. reclaimed the first spot following a gold medal at the 2025 IIHF Women's World Championship.

### LAST INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Most recently, Team USA took home gold at the 2025 IIHF Women's World Championship in Czechia in April. The team posted a 6-1-0 record en route to the championship, beating Canada, 4-3 in an overtime thriller in the gold medal game.

### IN OPENING GAMES

The U.S. is undefeated in opening games at the Olympics, boasting a 7-0 record, outscoring opponents 44-5 in those contests.

1998: W, 5-0 vs. China (Feb. 8, 1998)  
2002: W, 10-0 vs. Germany (Feb. 12, 2002)  
2006: W, 6-0 vs. Switzerland (Feb. 10, 2006)  
2010: W, 12-1 vs. China (Feb. 14, 2010)  
2014: W, 3-1 vs. Finland (Feb. 8, 2014)  
2018: W, 3-1 vs. Finland (Feb. 11, 2018)  
2022: W, 5-2 vs. Finland (Feb. 3, 2022)

### EDWARDS MAKES HISTORY

Defender **Laila Edwards** becomes the first black woman to represent the United States in women's hockey at the Olympic Winter Games when she takes the ice today against Czechia. She'd previously made history as the first black woman to skate for the U.S. Women's National Team at an international event when she represented the U.S. at the 2024 IIHF Women's World Championship.

### HOW WE GOT HERE

The journey to Milan, started in August 2025, when a group of 30 players were named to the U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team Player Pool. The group met for week-long training camps in August, September and October, before meeting Canada for a four-game Rivalry Series. The U.S. swept the series, 4-0. The 23-player 2026 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team was then named on Jan. 2 live on the TODAY show.

## TEAM USA AT A GLANCE

### ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The 2026 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team features 23 players, 13 forwards, seven defenders and three goaltenders, and boasts 21 returnees from the 2025 U.S. Women's National Team that took home gold at the 2025 IIHF Women's World Championship in April. Eleven of the 23 have prior Olympic experience.

### CAPTAIN AMERICA

Hilary Knight (Sun Valley, Idaho) is the captain of Team USA for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. Forward **Alex Carpenter** (North Reading, Mass.) and defender **Megan Keller** (Farmington Hills, Mich.) are alternate captains.

### BEHIND THE BENCH

John Wroblewski is the head coach of the 2026 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team. Shari Dickerman, Brent Hill and **Josh Sciba** are serving as assistant coaches, while Alli Altmann is the team's goaltending coach.

## OLYMPIC SUCCESS

The U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team is one of 10 teams competing at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games from February 6-22 in Milan, Italy.

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

## MEDIA ACCESS

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

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

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DATE	LOCATION	ROUND	RESULT
Feb. 11, 2022	Beijing, China	Quarterfinals	W, 4-1

### ALL-TIME AGAINST CZECHIA

### KEY TEAM USA OLYMPIC STATISTICS

#### ALL-TIME MEDALS AT OLYMPICS

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2022	Silver	Joel Johnson	L, 2-3	CAN
2018	Gold	Robb Stauber	SOW, 3-2	CAN
2014	Silver	Katey Stone	OTL, 2-3	CAN
2010	Silver	Mark Johnson	L, 0-2	CAN
2006	Bronze	Ben Smith	W, 4-0	FIN
2002	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 2-3	CAN
1998	Gold	Ben Smith	W, 3-1	CAN

#### PREVIOUS OLYMPIC RESULTS

Year	Finish	Coach	Record*
2022	Silver	Joel Johnson	5-0-0-2
2018	Gold	Robb Stauber	3-1-0-1
2014	Silver	Katey Stone	3-0-1-1
2010	Silver	Mark Johnson	4-0-0-1
2006	Bronze	Ben Smith	4-0-1-0
2002	Silver	Ben Smith	4-0-0-1
1998	Gold	Ben Smith	6-0-0-0

\*W-OTW-OTL-L

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#### ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	10	2-1-1-6	24	27
China	3	3-0-0-0	29	2
Czechia	1	1-0-0-0	4	1
Finland	10	10-0-0-0	46	10
Germany	2	2-0-0-0	15	0
Japan	1	1-0-0-0	10	0
Russia	3	3-0-0-0	23	0
Sweden	5	4-0-1-0	28	6
Switzerland	3	3-0-0-0	23	0
TOTAL	38	29-1-2-6	202	46

\*W-OTW-OTL-L

#### ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	QF	SF	BM	GM
Canada	--	--	--	2-4
Czechia	1-0	--	--	--
Finland	--	2-0	1-0	--
Sweden	--	3-1	--	--
TOTAL	1-0	5-1	1-0	2-4

#### MOST OLYMPIC APPEARANCES

Player	Olympic Games
Hilary Knight	5
Kendall Coyne Schofield	4
Lee Stecklein	4
Jenny Potter	4
Angela Ruggiero	4
Julie Chu	4
Cayla Barnes	3
Alex Carpenter	3
Megan Keller	3
Kelly Pannek	3
Brianna Decker	3
Amanda Kessel	3
Kacey Bellamy	3
Natalie Darwitz	3
Meghan Duggan	3
Tricia Dunn-Luoma	3
Katie King	3
J. Lamoureux	3
M. Lamoureux	3
Gigi Marvin	3

#### MOST OLYMPIC GAMES PLAYED

Player	Olympic Games
Hilary Knight	22
Jenny Potter	21
Angela Ruggiero	21
Julie Chu	20
Lee Stecklein	17
Kendall Coyne Schofield	17
Amanda Kessel	17
Tricia Dunn-Lyoma	16
Katie King	16

### OLYMPICS - TEAM USA TOURNAMENT RECORD BOOK

#### SINGLE TOURNAMENT POINTS

RK	NAME	YR	PTS
1.	Jenny Potter	2010	11
	Natalie Darwitz	2010	11
3.	<b>Hilary Knight</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>10</b>
	M. Lamoureux	2010	10
	Cammi Granato	2002	10

#### SINGLE TOURNAMENT GOALS

RK	NAME	YR	G
1.	Natalie Darwitz	2002	7
2.	<b>Hilary Knight</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>6</b>
	Jenny Potter	2010	6
	Katie King	2006	6
	Cammi Granato	2002	6

### OLYMPICS - TEAM USA CAREER RECORD BOOK

#### POINTS

RK	NAME	GP	PTS
1.	Jenny Potter	21	32
2.	<b>Hilary Knight</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>
3.	Natalie Darwitz	15	25
4.	Katie King	16	23
5.	Cammi Granato	11	18
6.	J. Lamoureux-Davidson	15	16
	M. Lamoureux-Morando	15	16
	Julie Chu	20	16

#### GOALS

RK	NAME	GP	G
1.	Natalie Darwitz	15	14
	Katie King	16	14
3.	<b>Hilary Knight</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>
4.	Jenny Potter	21	11
5.	Cammi Granato	11	10
6.	M. Lamoureux-Morando	15	9

#### ASSISTS

RK	NAME	GP	A
1.	Jenny Potter	21	21
2.	Hilary Knight	22	15
3.	Julie Chu	20	12
4.	Natalie Darwitz	15	11
	Tara Mounsey	11	11
6.	Amanda Kessel	17	9
	Katie King	16	9
	Angela Ruggiero	21	9
	J. Lamoureux-Davidson	15	9
10.	<b>Kendall Coyne Schofield</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>
	Cammi Granato	11	8

#### WINS

RK	NAME	GP	W
1.	Jessie Vetter	8	5
	Sara DeCosta	6	5
	Sarah Tueting	6	5



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## 2026 U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM (LEAGUE)
<b>GOALTENDERS (3)</b>							
30	Ava McNaughton	6-0 (183)	180 (82)	10/27/04	L	Seven Fields, Pa.	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
31	Aerin Frankel	5-5 (165)	140 (64)	05/24/99	L	Chappaqua, N.Y.	Boston Fleet (PWHL)
33	Gwyneth Philips	5-5 (165)	140 (64)	09/17/00	R	Athens, Ohio	Ottawa Charge (PWHL)
<b>DEFENSE (7)</b>							
2	Lee Stecklein	6-0 (183)	170 (77)	04/23/94	L	Roseville, Minn.	Minnesota Frost (PWHL)
3	Cayla Barnes	5-2 (157)	148 (67)	01/07/99	R	Eastvale, Calif.	Seattle Torrent (PWHL)
4	Caroline Harvey	5-8 (173)	155 (70)	10/14/02	L	Salem, N.H.	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
5	Megan Keller	5-11 (180)	165 (75)	05/01/96	L	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Boston Fleet (PWHL)
6	Rory Guilday	5-11 (181)	190 (86)	09/07/02	L	Chanhassen, Minn.	Ottawa Charge (PWHL)
8	Haley Winn	5-6 (168)	150 (68)	07/14/03	R	Rochester, N.Y.	Boston Fleet (PWHL)
10	Laila Edwards	6-1 (185)	195 (88)	01/25/04	R	Cleveland Heights, Ohio	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
<b>FORWARDS (13)</b>							
9	Kirsten Simms	5-5 (165)	150 (68)	08/31/04	R	Plymouth, Mich.	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
12	Kelly Pannek	5-7 (171)	173 (78)	12/29/95	R	Plymouth, Minn.	Minnesota Frost (PWHL)
13	Grace Zumwinkle	5-9 (175)	165 (75)	04/23/99	R	Excelsior, Minn.	Minnesota Frost (PWHL)
16	Hayley Scamurra	5-8 (173)	175 (79)	12/14/94	L	Buffalo, N.Y.	Montreal Victoire (PWHL)
17	Britta Curl-Salemme	5-9 (175)	170 (77)	03/20/00	L	Bismarck, N.D.	Minnesota Frost (PWHL)
21	Hilary Knight	5-11 (180)	172 (78)	07/12/89	R	Sun Valley, Idaho	Seattle Torrent (PWHL)
22	Tessa Janecke	5-8 (173)	165 (75)	05/12/04	L	Warren, Ill.	Penn State University (AHA)
23	Hannah Bilka	5-5 (165)	145 (66)	03/24/01	L	Coppell, Texas	Seattle Torrent (PWHL)
24	Joy Dunne	5-11 (181)	180 (82)	06/13/05	L	O'Fallon, Mo.	Ohio State University (WCHA)
25	Alex Carpenter	5-5 (165)	150 (68)	04/13/94	L	North Reading, Mass.	Seattle Torrent (PWHL)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	5-2 (157)	125 (57)	05/25/92	L	Palos Heights, Ill.	Minnesota Frost (PWHL)
27	Taylor Heise	5-10 (178)	164 (74)	03/17/00	R	Lake City, Minn.	Minnesota Frost (PWHL)
37	Abbey Murphy	5-5 (165)	145 (66)	04/14/02	R	Evergreen Park, Ill.	University of Minnesota (WCHA)

## BY THE NUMBERS

**TALLEST SHORTEST** Barnes/Coyne Schofield (5ft. 2 in.)

**SHOOT/CATCH** Left: 13 Right: 10

**YOUNGEST OLDEST** Dunne (20) Knight (36)

## HOME STATES (13)

Minnesota	5	Edwards, Laila
Illinois	3	Frankel, Aerin
New York	3	Guilday, Rory
Michigan	2	Harvey, Caroline
Ohio	2	Heise, Taylor
California	1	Janecke, Tessa
Idaho	1	Keller, Megan
Massachusetts	1	Knight, Hilary
Missouri	1	McNaughton, Ava
New Hampshire	1	Murphy, Abbey
North Dakota	1	Pannek, Kelly
Pennsylvania	1	Philips, Gwyneth
Texas	1	Scamurra, Hayley

## COLLEGE HOCKEY (8)

University of Wisconsin	6	Simms, Kirsten
University of Minnesota	5	Stecklein, Lee
Boston College	4	Winn, Haley
Northeastern University	4	Zumwinkle, Grace
Ohio State University	3	
Clarkson University	1	
Cornell University	1	
Penn State University	1	

## PWHL (5)

Minnesota Frost	6	Wroblewski, John
Seattle Torrent	4	Sciba, Josh
Boston Fleet	3	Dickerman, Shari
Ottawa Charge	2	Hill, Brent
Montreal Victorie	1	Altmann, Alli

## ROSTER (23)

Barnes, Cayla
Bilka, Hannah
Carpenter, Alex
Coyne Schofield, Kendall
Curl-Salemme, Britta
Dunne, Joy
Edwards, Laila
Frankel, Aerin
Guilday, Rory
Harvey, Caroline
Heise, Taylor
Janecke, Tessa
Keller, Megan
Knight, Hilary
McNaughton, Ava
Murphy, Abbey
Pannek, Kelly
Philips, Gwyneth
Scamurra, Hayley
Simms, Kirsten
Stecklein, Lee
Winn, Haley
Zumwinkle, Grace

## COACHING STAFF

Wroblewski, John	JAWN ROHB-leh-skee
Sciba, Josh	JAWSH SKEE-buh
Dickerman, Shari	SHAR-ee dick-er-man
Hill, Brent	BRENT HILL
Altmann, Alli	AHL-ee ALT-MAN

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

KAY-uh BARNS  
 HAN-uh BILL-kuh  
 AL-ehx CAR-pin-ter  
 KEN-duhl COIN SKO-field  
 BRIT-tuh KURL seh-LEH-me  
 JOY DUHN  
 LAY-uh EHD-wards  
 AIR-uhn FRANK-uhl  
 roar-EE gill-day  
 KEH-ruh-line HAR-vee  
 TAIL-oar HI-zee  
 TESS-uh JAYN-icky  
 MEH-guhn KEHL-er  
 HILL-uh-ree NIGHT  
 AY-vuh mick-NAW-tuhn  
 AB-EE MUHR-fee  
 KEHL-lee PAN-nick  
 GWEHN-ith FHIL-ihps  
 HAY-lee SKUH-MORE-uh  
 KER-stun SIMS  
 LEE STECK-line  
 HAY-lee WIN  
 GRACE ZUHM-wink-uhl



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NO	NAME	POS.	CZE 4:40 PM 2/5	FIN 4:40 PM 2/7	SWI 8:40 PM 2/9	CAN 8:10 PM 2/10	QF 9:10 PM 2/13	SF 4:40 PM 2/16	MEDAL TBD 2/19	TOTAL
2	Lee Stecklein	D								0-0 (0)
3	Cayla Barnes	D								0-0 (0)
4	Caroline Harvey	D								0-0 (0)
5	Megan Keller	D								0-0 (0)
6	Rory Guilday	D								0-0 (0)
8	Haley Winn	D								0-0 (0)
9	Kirsten Simms	F								0-0 (0)
10	Laila Edwards	D								0-0 (0)
12	Kelly Pannek	F								0-0 (0)
13	Grace Zumwinkle	F								0-0 (0)
16	Hayley Scamurra	F								0-0 (0)
17	Britta Culrl-Salemme	F								0-0 (0)
21	Hilary Knight	F								0-0 (0)
22	Tessa Janecke	F								0-0 (0)
23	Hannah Bilka	F								0-0 (0)
24	Joy Dunne	F								0-0 (0)
25	Alex Carpenter	F								0-0 (0)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	F								0-0 (0)
27	Taylor Heise	F								0-0 (0)
37	Abbey Murphy	F								0-0 (0)
30	Ava McNaughton	G								0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA
31	Aerin Frankel	G								0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA
33	Gwyneth Philips	G								0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA

### KEY

G - GOAL  
A\* - ASSIST ON GWG

A - ASSIST  
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

### TEAM USA WHEN...

OVERALL RECORD	0-0-0-0	SCORING FIRST OPPONENT SCORING FIRST	0-0-0-0 0-0-0-0
WEARING WHITE	0-0-0-0	LEADING AFTER 1 PERIOD	0-0-0-0
WEARING BLUE	0-0-0-0	TRAILING AFTER 1 PERIOD	0-0-0-0
WEARING ROYAL BLUE	0-0-0-0	TIED AFTER 1 PERIOD	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY ONE GOAL	0-0-0-0	LEADING AFTER 2 PERIODS	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 2 GOALS	0-0-0-0	TRAILING AFTER 2 PERIODS	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 3 GOALS	0-0-0-0	TIED AFTER 2 PERIODS	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 4 GOALS	0-0-0-0	OT RECORD	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 5 GOALS	0-0-0-0	SHOOTOUT RECORD	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 6+ GOALS	0-0-0-0		
SCORING 5+ GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 10-19 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 4 GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 20-29 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 3 GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 30-39 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 2 GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 40-49 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 1 GOAL	0-0-0-0	HAVING 50+ SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 1 OR FEWER	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 0-9 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 2 GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 10-19 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 3 GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 20-29 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 4 GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 30-39 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 5+ GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 40-49 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING A POWER-PLAY GOAL	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 50+ SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING A POWER-PLAY GOAL	0-0-0-0		
SCORING A SHORTHANDED GOAL	0-0-0-0	OUTSHOOTING OPPONENT	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING A SHORTHANDED GOAL	0-0-0-0	OUTSHOT BY OPPONENT	0-0-0-0



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### TEAM TIDBITS

#### 2022 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM RETURNEES

In total, 11 players that are representing the U.S. in Milan were members of the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team that took home silver in Beijing. Olympians include, **Cayla Barnes**, **Alex Carpenter**, **Kendall Coyne Schofield**, **Caroline Harvey**, **Megan Keller**, **Hilary Knight**, **Abbey Murphy**, **Kelly Pannek**, **Hayley Scamurra**, **Lee Stecklein** and **Grace Zumwinkle**.

#### GOLDEN RETURNEES FROM THE 2018 OLYMPICS

Six players were on the ice the last time the U.S. won gold at an Olympic Winter Games in 2018 in PeongChang. Those golden returnees include, **Cayla Barnes**, **Kendall Coyne Schofield**, **Megan Keller**, **Hilary Knight**, **Kelly Pannek** and **Lee Stecklein**.

#### 2014 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM RETURNEES

Only three players remain from the 2014 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team that took home silver in Sochi - **Kendall Coyne Schofield**, **Hilary Knight** and **Lee Stecklein**.

#### ONE PLAYER REMAINS FROM THE 2010 OLYMPICS

**Hilary Knight** is the lone player on the team that skated at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

#### 2025 WOMEN'S WORLDS RETURNEES

The 2026 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team returns 21 players from the gold medal-winning 2025 U.S. Women's National Team that took home gold at the most recent international tournament, the 2025 IIHF Women's World Championship in April, including **Cayla Barnes**, **Alex Carpenter**, **Kendall Coyne Schofield**, **Britta Curl-Salemme**, **Joy Dunne**, **Laila Edwards**, **Aerin Frankel**, **Caroline Harvey**, **Taylor Heise**, **Tessa Janecke**, **Megan Keller**, **Hilary Knight**, **Ava McNaughton**, **Abbey Murphy**, **Kelly Pannek**, **Gwyneth Philips**, **Hayley Scamurra**, **Kirsten Simms**, **Lee Stecklein**, **Haley Winn** and **Grace Zumwinkle**.

#### KNIGHT EARNS RECORD FIFTH OLYMPIC NOD

Forward **Hilary Knight** is skating in her fifth Olympic Games here in Milan, after competing in 2022, 2018, 2014 and 2010, winning a medal in every Olympics she's participated in. Knight is the first American, man or woman, to represent Team USA in five Olympics in ice hockey, and the sixth woman ever to skate in five Olympics.

#### COYNE SCHOFIELD AND STECKLEIN SKATE IN FOURTH GAMES

Forward **Kendall Coyne Schofield** and defender **Lee Stecklein** are skating in their fourth Olympic Games. Both have won three previous medals, gold in 2018 and silver in 2022 and 2014.

#### FOUR PLAYERS REPRESENTING U.S. AT THIRD OLYMPICS

**Cayla Barnes**, **Megan Keller**, **Kelly Pannek** and **Alex Carpenter** all return to the Olympic stage for the third time in their careers. All four have won a medal in each of the Olympics they've skated in.

#### FOUR RETURN TO OLYMPIC STAGE FOR SECOND GAMES

Caroline Harvey, Grace Zumwinkle, Hayley Scamurra and Abbey Murphy are all back on the U.S. Olympic Women's Hockey Team for the second time. All four represented the U.S. previously at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing back in 2022, taking home silver.

#### 12 OLYMPIC NEWCOMERS SET TO MAKE DEBUT

Twelve players on the U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team are set to make their Olympic debut in Milan, including, **Rory Guilday**, **Haley Winn**, **Kirsten Simms**, **Laila Edwards**, **Britta Curl-Salemme**, **Tessa Janecke**, **Hannah Bilka**, **Joy Dunne**, **Taylor Heise**, **Ava McNaughton**, **Aerin Frankel** and **Gwyneth Philips**.

#### ALL 23 PLAYERS BOAST INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

All 23 players on the team have represented Team USA on the international stage prior, skating in at least one IIHF Women's World Championship prior to the Olympic Winter Games.

#### EDWARDS MAKES HISTORY

Defender **Laila Edwards** is the first black woman to represent the United States in women's hockey at the Olympic Winter Games. She'd previously made history as the first black woman to skate for the U.S. Women's National Team at an international event when she represented the U.S. at the 2024 IIHF Women's World Championship.

### TEAM TIDBITS

#### WROBLEWSKI'S FINGER PRINTS ON TEAM USA

Head coach **John Wroblewski** became the head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team in August 2022 and has won two golds and two silvers at the IIHF Women's World Championship since. Prior, Wroblewski was the head coach of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program from 2016-2020, where he coached numerous future NHL players, including **Matt Boldy**, **Jack Hughes**, **Quinn Hughes** and **Brady Tkachuk**, all members of the 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team.

#### COLLEGE CONNECTION

All 23 athletes on the Team USA roster have competed or are currently competing as women's hockey student-athletes at a U.S. college or university. Six players have ties to the University of Wisconsin, five players have ties to the University of Minnesota, four players with Boston College and Northeastern University ties, three for Ohio State and one for both Clarkson, Cornell and Penn State. In total, eight different schools have representation on the team.

#### PATTY KAZMAIER MEMORIAL AWARD HONOREES

Four members of the team have been honored with the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award, bestowed annually to the best women's player in NCAA Division I college hockey: **Taylor Heise** (2022), **Aerin Frankel** (2021), **Kendall Coyne Schofield** (2016) and **Alex Carpenter** (2015).

#### U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ALUMNI

A total of 19 players on the 2026 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team represented the U.S. at an IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, including **Cayla Barnes**, **Hannah Bilka**, **Alex Carpenter**, **Kendall Coyne Schofield**, **Britta Curl-Salemme**, **Joy Dunne**, **Laila Edwards**, **Rory Guilday**, **Caroline Harvey**, **Taylor Heise**, **Tessa Janecke**, **Megan Keller**, **Ava McNaughton**, **Abbey Murphy**, **Kelly Pannek**, **Kirsten Simms**, **Lee Stecklein**, **Haley Winn** and **Grace Zumwinkle**. Dunne was most recently on the U18 team in 2023.

#### WNT ALUM TAKES DEVELOPMENT ROLE

U.S. Women's National Team alum **Ellen Hughes** has been on staff of the U.S. Women's National Team in a development role since August 2024, serving as a player development consultant. Hughes played on the 1992 U.S. Women's National Team, and is also the mother of U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team members **Jack Hughes** and **Quinn Hughes**.

#### PWHL REPRESENTATION

Five of the eight PWHL teams are represented on Team USA's roster, with six players on the Minnesota Frost leading the way. Four players play for the Seattle Torrent, three for the Boston Fleet, two for the Ottawa Charge and one for the Montreal Victorie.

#### SPANNING GENERATIONS

Team USA spans generations with a 16-year age difference between the youngest and oldest player on the team. **Joy Dunne** is the youngest at 20 and **Hilary Knight** is the oldest at 36.

#### FIRST TEXAS NATIVE TO MAKE AN OLYMPIC TEAM

Forward **Hannah Bilka** is the first player from the state of Texas to represent the United States in women's hockey at the Olympics. Bilka hails from Coppell, Texas, right outside of Dallas.

#### FIRST PENNSYLVANIA NATIVE TO MAKE AN OLYMPIC TEAM

Goaltender **Ava McNaughton** is the first player from Pennsylvania to take the ice for Team USA in women's hockey at the Olympics. She is from Seven Fields, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

#### OLYMPIC MOM

Forward **Kendall Coyne Schofield** is the first mom to skate for Team USA at the Olympics since Jenny Potter did so in 2010. Coyne Schofield gave birth to her son Drew in July 2023.

#### TALL AND SMALL

There is an 11 inch height difference between the tallest player on the team and the shortest. **Laila Edwards** measures in at 6-1, while **Kendall Coyne Schofield** and **Cayla Barnes** measure in at 5-2.



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### 2026 U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN'S TEAM STAFF



#### JOHN WROBLEWSKI, HEAD COACH

John Wroblewski is serving as the head coach of the 2026 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team after leading Team USA since August 2022. Wroblewski has led the U.S. to two golds (2025, 2023) and two silvers (2024, 2022) at the IIHF Women's World Championship.

Wroblewski joined the U.S. Women's National Team following two years (2020-22) as the head coach of the Ontario (Calif.) Reign, the AHL affiliate of the LA Kings, and four seasons (2016-20) as the bench boss of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program.

Over his four years with the NTDP, the program reached its first USHL playoff berth since 2012 and finished top-three in all 12 international tournaments played. He led his team to 33-consecutive international victories from 2016-18, and also oversaw the development of 29 NHL Draft picks, including Jack Hughes, who was selected first overall by the New Jersey Devils in 2019.

At the IIHF level, Wroblewski guided the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team twice, resulting in a gold in 2017 and bronze in 2019.

The Neenah, Wisconsin, native began his coaching career as an intern assistant coach with the NTDP and was promoted to a full-time assistant coach the following season, a position he held from 2008-10.

Wroblewski, a player on the inaugural NTDP roster in 1997, skated four years with the University of Notre Dame (1999-2003). He went on to play four years (2003-07) professionally with the ECHL's Fresno Falcons, recording 125 points (65-60) in 273 career games.

### ASSISTANT COACHES

#### SHARI DICKERMAN, ASSISTANT COACH

Shari Dickerman is returning as an assistant coach for the U.S. Women's National Team at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, after serving in the same capacity since the 2022-23 season.

Dickerman, who is in her second season as head coach at Minnesota State University, previously served as assistant coach of the 2022 U.S. Collegiate Women's Select Team, that competed at the 2022 Collegiate Series against Canada in August. Prior to her appointment to the USA Hockey staff, Dickerman served as an evaluator at numerous USA Hockey camps.

A member of the Mavericks staff since 2009, Dickerman has helped lead Minnesota State for the last 15 seasons and was named head coach in March 2024.

As a player, Dickerman was an All-American goaltender for the Mavericks.

#### BRENT HILL, ASSISTANT COACH

Brent Hill is returning as an assistant coach for the U.S. Women's National Team during 2026 Olympic Winter Games, after serving in the same capacity since the 2022-23 season.

Hill is currently serving as an assistant coach of the Quinnipiac Women's Ice Hockey team, a role he's held for the last three seasons.

Hill was on the bench as an assistant coach for the 2015 U.S. Under-18 Women's World Championship, leading the squad to a gold medal at the 2015 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.

Prior to Quinnipiac, Hill spent four seasons at the helm of Bishop Kearny Selects Academy, following a season as an assistant coach at Merrimack University and four seasons as an assistant coach at RPI.

#### JOSH SCIBA, ASSISTANT COACH

Josh Sciba is reprising his role on the U.S. Women's National Team staff during the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, after serving in the same capacity since the 2022-23 season.

As an assistant coach, Sciba helped lead the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team to a gold medal at the 2022 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, after serving in the same capacity for the 2019 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team.

Sciba is in his second season as assistant coach for the New York Sirens, following a six-year stint as head coach of Union College.

As a player, Sciba was a member of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program from 2001-03, prior to playing four years at the University of Notre Dame.

#### ALLI ALTMANN, GOALTENDING COACH

Alli Altmann returns as the goaltending coach of the U.S. Women's National Team after serving on the U.S. Women's National Team staff for the last four seasons (2021-2025).

Altman also guided the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for four seasons, having served in the goaltending coach role from 2017-22. She guided the U.S. to two golds and two silvers during that time.

Altmann is currently the co-owner and vice president of DEVENIR Goaltenders. She played four seasons for Minnesota State University, recording a career .901 save percentage.

### TEAM SUPPORT STAFF

#### GENERAL MANAGER:

Katie Million

#### OPERATIONS MANAGER:

Doug Ferry

#### PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:

Ellen Hughes

#### VIDEO COACH:

Melissa Piacentini

#### STRENGTH & CONDITIONING:

Cal Dietz

#### TEAM PHYSICIAN:

Dr. Ally Howe

#### MENTAL SKILLS:

Alex Wulbecker-Smith

#### ATHLETIC TRAINER:

Katie Homan

#### ATHLETIC TRAINER:

Stef Arndt

#### MASSAGE THERAPIST:

Jennifer Chee

#### SPORTS DIETITIAN:

Kaela Colvard

#### SPORTS DIETITIAN:

Carrie Aprik

#### EQUIPMENT MANAGER:

Sis Paulsen

#### EQUIPMENT AND LOGISTICS MANAGER:

Jeff Mobley

#### COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER:

Melissa Katz



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