

2022 PARA HOCKEY CUP | BRIDGEWATER, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA | NOV. 27 - DEC. 3

Y • USA (2-0-0-0) VS. CANADA (2-0-0-0) • WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30, 2022 • 7:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME | 6:00 P.M. ET • LUNENBERG COUNTY LIFESTYLE CENTER

#### TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team takes on Canada at the Para Hockey Cup in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia today in the it's and final preliminary round game. Puck drop is set for 6:00 p.m. ET at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.

The U.S. went undefeated 5-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) in the 2019 Para Hockey Cup, capturing its sixth consecutive PHC tite.

# – TOURNAMENT UPDATE -

TEAM	GP	W	<b>OTW</b>	OTL	L	GF	GA
United States	2	2	0	0	0	19	2
Canada	2	2	0	0	0	13	0
Italy	2	0	0	0	2	2	17
Czechia	2	0	0	0	2	0	15

#### TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	<b>OPPONENT</b>	TIME (ET)/RESULTS
SUN., NOV. 27	CZECHIA	W, 10-0
MON., NOV. 28	ITALY	W, 9-2
WED., NOV. 30	CANADA	6:00 P.M.
THURS., DEC. 1	TBD	TBD
SAT., DEC. 3	TBD	TBD

Championship and third-place games will be televised on TSN, every other game will be streamed live at www.hockeycanada.ca.

#### - TALKING POINTS -

#### **THE SERIES**

The U.S. is 10-3-1-9 (W-OTW-OTL-L) overall against Canada at the Para Hockey Cup, with the most recent meeting taking place in the 2019 championship game. The U.S. won 2-1 to claim it's sixth consecutive Para Hockey Cup title. Team USA has now beaten Canada in ten straight PHC matchups entering today.

#### PARA HOCKEY CUP HISTORY

The Para Hockey Cup, formerly known as the World Sled Hockey Challenge from 2007-2017, has returned for a 14th rendition in 2022 for the first time since 2019. The U.S. has won the tournament eight times, including the last six. The U.S. holds an all-time tournament record of 45-4-1-12 (W-OTW-OTL-L) entering 2022.

#### **IPH CUP CHAMPS**

The 2022 International Para Hockey Cup took place at RT Torax Arena in Ostrava, Czech Republic, from Sept. 24-30, 2022, and included three days of preliminary round play, followed by semifinal and final round games. The U.S. defeated Canada 4-0 in the championship game to win the inaugural IPH Cup. Team USA finished the tournament 5-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L).

#### **FARMER WINS BOB JOHNSON**

**Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) was named the recipient of USA Hockey's Bob Johnson Award for the 2021-22 season. Presented by Nike and named for coaching legend Bob Johnson, the award recognizes excellence in international hockey competition for a specific season of play.

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

The semifinal round will take place tomorrow (Dec. 1). The first game will be played at 2:00 p.m. ET, and the second at 6:00 p.m. ET. The third-place and championship games will be played Saturday (Dec. 3) at 11:00 a.m. ET and 3:00 p.m. ET.

#### **FIVE-TIME DEFENDING CHAMPS**

The U.S. has a chance to claim its seventh-straight Para Hockey Cup title, having won the 2015, 2016 (Jan.), 2016 (Dec.) 2017, 2018, and 2019 events. A win would also extend Team USA's tournament-record titles to nine after having also claimed championships in 2009 and 2012. The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team skated to unbeaten records in the last four events, including a 5-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) mark in 2017, 2018 and 2019, and a 4-1-0-0 record in the Dec. 2016 tournament.

#### THIS AND THAT

Five players on Team USA hold military backgrounds from the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines, including one U.S. Army veteran, **Jen Lee** (San Francisco, Calif.) and four U.S. Marines in **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.), **Rob Easley** (Denver, Colo.), **Josh Misiewicz** (La Grange, III.), and **Joseph Woodke** (Nashville, Tenn.).

#### **TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS**

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2022 IPH Cup	USA	CAN	IPH	5-0-0-0
2022 Paralympics	USA	CAN	CHN	4-0-0-0
2021 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RPC	4-0-0-1
2019 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2019 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2018 Paralympics '	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Turin Para Hockey	USA	ITA	NOR	5-0-0-0
2017 (Dec.) WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2017 Sled Worlds	CAN	USA	KOR	6-0-0-1
2017 (Jan.) WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 IPC Pan-Pacific	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 WSHC	USA	CAN	RUS	4-0-1-0
2015 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2015 WSHC	USA	RUS	CAN	4-1-0-0
2014 Paralympics	USA	RUS	CAN	4-0-0-1
TOTAL				74-3-1-1

#### **LEADING TEAM USA**

**David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.) is in his fifth season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief, Hoff led the U.S. to an unprecedented fourth straight gold medal at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games In his debut season as bench boss, Hoff coached Team USA to a 10-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, including an undefeated 4-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) mark at the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, Czech Republic. He added a second world championship gold medal to his resume after guiding Team USA to a top-of-the-podium finish at the 2021 IPC Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, its record fifth gold medal in world championship history. In his Paralympic debut in 2022, Hoff led Team USA to a perfect 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and the gold medal.

Josh Pauls (Green Brook, N.J.), who has helped the U.S. capture the gold medal in the last four Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018, 2022), is serving as captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Pauls is in his 15th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his sixth as team captain.

#### **MEDIA INFORMATION**

All Team USA players or staff will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games and practices. Media availability on day-of-game skates will be limited. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Seamus Kelley, who will be on-site with Team USA in Bridgewater, N.S.



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# **U.S. PARA HOCKEY CUP OVERVIEW**

U.S. EVENT GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS									
Date	Opponent	Year	Round	W	<b>OTW</b>	0TL	L	GF	G/A
11/28/22	Italy	2022	Preliminary	W				9	2 0 1
11/27/22 12/7/19	<u>Czechia</u>	2022 2019	Preliminary Championship	W				10	<u> </u>
12/7/19	Canada Czech Rep.		Championship Semifinals	W				2 8 4	0
12/4/19	Canada	2019	Preliminary	W				4	1
12/2/19	Czech Rep.		Preliminary	Ŵ				8	Ó
12/1/19	Russia	2019	Preliminary	Ŵ				8 3 5 8 4 9 3 5 5 10	0
12/8/18	Canada	2019 2018	Championship	W				5	4
12/7/18	Korea	2018	Preliminary	W				8	0
12/6/18	Canada	2018	Preliminary	W				4	1
12/4/18	Korea	2018	Preliminary	W				9	0
12/3/18 12/9/17	Canada	2018	Preliminary Championabin	W				3	0 2 1 2 0
12/9/17	Canada Italy	2017 2017	Championship Semifinals	W				5	4
12/6/17	Canada	2017	Preliminary	W				5	2
12/4/17	Italy	2017	Preliminary	W				10	6
12/3/17	Korea	2017	Preliminary	Ŵ				8	ñ
12/10/16	Canada	2016 (Dec.)	Championship	Ŵ				8 5 8 2 8	0 2 1
12/8/16	Korea	2016 (Dec.)	Semifinals	W				8	1
12/7/16	Canada	2016 (Dec.)	Preliminary		OTW			2	1
12/5/16	Norway	2016 (Dec.)	Preliminary	W				8	0
12/4/16	Korea	2016 (Dec.)	Preliminary	W				4	0
1/23/16	Canada	2016 (Jan.)	Championship		OTW			3	2
1/21/16	Russia	2016 (Jan.)	Semifinal	W		OTI		2	1
1/20/16	Canada	2016 (Jan.)	Preliminary	14/		OTL		2	3
1/18/16 1/17/16	Russia Korea	2016 (Jan.) 2016 (Jan.)	Preliminary	W				0	2
2/7/15	Russia	2015 (Jan.)	Preliminary Championship	VV	OTW			4 3 2 2 6 8 2 8 2 8 3	0 2 1 3 2 1
2/5/15	Korea	2015	Semifinal	W	OTVV			8	Ó
2/4/15	Canada	2015	Preliminary	Ŵ				2	Ö
2/2/15	Korea	2015	Preliminary	Ŵ				8	ĭ
2/1/15	Russia	2015	Preliminary	W				3	1 2 3 1
12/7/13	Canada	2013	Championship				L	1	3
12/5/13	Russia	2013	Semifinal	W				4	
12/4/13	Canada	2013	Preliminary				L	1 5	4
12/2/13	Korea	2013	Preliminary	W				5	Ó
12/1/13	Russia	2013	Preliminary	W				2	<u>1</u>
12/8/12 12/6/12	Canada Norway	2012 2012	Championship Semifinal	W				4	1
12/5/12	Canada	2012	Preliminary	VV			L	1	1 2 0
12/3/12	Japan	2012	Preliminary	W			_	Ŕ	ก
12/2/12	Norway	2012	Preliminary	Ŵ				8 3	ĭ
12/2/12 12/3/11	Canada	2011 (Nov.)	Championship				L	1	1 4 2 3 2 1 1 5 2
12/1/11	Norway	2011 (Nov.)	Semifinal	W				1 7	2
11/30/11	Canada	2011 (Nov.)	Preliminary				L	1	3
11/28/11	Japan	2011 (Nov.)	Preliminary	W				6	2
11/27/11 4/23/11	<u>Norway</u>	2011 (Nov.)	<u>Preliminarý</u>	W				6 5 9 4	_1
4/23/11	Japan	2011 (Apr.)	Third-Place	W				9	1
4/22/11	Norway	2011 (Apr.)	Semifinal	W			L	4	5
4/20/11 4/19/11	Norway	2011 (Apr.) 2011 (Apr.)	Preliminary	W				4	2
4/19/11 4/18/11	Japan		Preliminary	VV			1	0	J.
11/21/09	Canada Canada	2011 (Apr.) 2009	Preliminary Championship		OTW			3	
11/19/09	Japan	2009	Round Robin	W	O1 VV			2	3 2 0
11/18/09	Norway	2009	Round Robin	Ŵ				3	ŏ
11/17/09	Canada	2009	Round Robin				L	Ŏ	4
	Japan	2008	Third-Place	W				1 3 2 3 0 9 4	<u>4</u> 0
11/22/08 11/20/08	Japan	2008	Round Robin	W				4	- 1
11/19/08	Norway	2008	Round Robin				Ļ	2	3
11/10/00	( `anada	2002	Dound Dobin				- 1	- 1	2

Round Robin
Third-Place
Round Robin

#### **-U.S. EVENT RECORDS**

Top Three Per Category Entering 2022

	<b>SINGLE TOURNAM</b>	MENT
STATISTIC	PLAYER	RECORD
Goals	Declan Farmer	8 (2016 Dec.)
	Declan Farmer	7 (2016 Jan.)
	Nikko Landeros	7 (2011 Apr.)
Assists	Declan Farmer	9 (2016 Dec.)
	Brody Roybal	8 (2016 Dec.)
	Kevin McKee	8 (2016 Jan.)
Points	Declan Farmer	17 (2016 Dec.)
	Declan Farmer	13 (2017)
	Brody Roybal	13 (2016 Dec.)
	Declan Farmer	13 (2016 Jan.)
GAA*	Bo Reichenbach	0.59 (2016 Dec.)
	Steve Cash	0.66 (2015)
	Jen Lee	0.67 (2017)
SV%*	Steve Cash	0.936 (2015)
	Jen Lee	0.923 (2017)
	Steve Cash 0	0.921 (2016 Dec.)

\*Minimum 75 minutes played

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CAREER TOURNAMENT								
PLAYER	RECORD							
Josh Pauls	53							
Adam Page	48							
Nikko Landeros	44							
Declan Farmer	33							
Kevin McKee	23							
Josh Pauls	22							
Declan Farmer	36							
Kevin McKee	30							
Nikko Landeros	26							
Declan Farmer	69							
Kevin McKee	53							
Josh Pauls	50							
Steve Cash	34							
Jen Lee	5							
Bo Reichenbach	1							
Jen Lee	0.24							
Bo Reichenbach	0.47							
Steve Cash	1.78							
Steve Cash	11							
Jen Lee	3							
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# **U.S. TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

Bo Reichenbach

Bo Reichenbach

Steve Cash

Jen Lee

YEAR	<b>FINISH</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	LOCATION
2019	First	5-0-0-0	Paradise, N.L.
2018	First	5-0-0-0	London, Ont.
2017	First	5-0-0-0	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2016 (Dec	.) First	4-1-0-0	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2016 (Jan.	.) First	3-1-1-0	Bridgewater, N.S.
2015	First	4-1-0-0	Leduc, Alta.
2013	Second	3-0-0-2	Toronto, Ont.
2012	First	4-0-0-1	Calgary, Alta.
2011	Second	3-0-0-2	Calgary, Alta.
2011	Third	3-0-0-2	London, Ont.
2009	First	2-1-0-2	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2008	Third	2-0-0-2	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2007	Third	2-0-0-2	Kelowna, B.C.



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NO.	NAME TENDERS (2)	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN		MOST RECENT TEAM
29 32	Griffin LaMarre Jen Lee	5-10 (178) 6-2 (188)	165 (75) 190 (86)	11/10/1996 07/26/1986	Haverhill, Mass San Francisco,		Northeast Passage Wildcats San Antonio Rampage
8 11 17 27 37	NSEMEN (5) Jack Wallace Joseph Woodke Chris Douglas Josh Pauls David Eustace	6-4 (193) 6-0 (183) 5-9 (175) 5-8 (173) 6-1 (185)	210 (95) 160 (73) 150 (68) 135 (61) 155 (70)	06/24/1998 07/12/1989 05/17/1990 12/31/1992 05/03/1999	Franklin Lakes, Nashville, Tenn. Saint Cloud, Fla Green Brook, N Stoneham, Mas	a. l.J.	Nashville Sled Preds Nashville Sled Preds Florida Banditses DASA St. Louis Blues Northeast Passage Wildcats
4 9 10 12 14 16 18 19 22 24 88	WARDS (10) Brody Roybal Travis Dodson Brett Bolton Rob Easley Ben Musselman Declan Farmer Evan Nichols Malik Jones Noah Grove Josh Misiewicz Kevin McKee	3-1 (94) 4-0 (122) 5-7 (170) 6-0 (183) 5-6 (168) 6-0 (183) 5-7 (170) 5-7 (170) 5-8 (173) 6-0 (183) 4-7 (140)	120 (54) 150 (68) 154 (70) 165 (75) 125 (57) 135 (61) 130 (59) 162 (73) 135 (61) 170 (77) 115 (52)	05/25/1998 02/14/1985 04/08/2006 08/11/1986 03/03/2001 11/05/1997 07/29/2004 12/06/2002 05/01/1999 06/25/1988 02/11/1990	Northlake, Illing Deming, New M Rockledge, Fla. Denver, Colorac Amelia, Ohio Tampa, Florida Haymarket, Va. Aurora, Colo. Frederick, Mary La Grange, Ill. Chicago, Illinois	Mexico do rland	Nashville Sled Preds Nashville Sled Preds Space Coast Blast Colorado Avalanche Ohio United Tampa Bay Lightning Pittsburgh Mighty Penguins Colorado Avalanche Boston Bruins Chicago Blackhawks Chicago Blackhawks
Gene Head	staff eral Manager Dan I Coach Davi stant Coach Core	Brennan (Colorado d Hoff (Bottineau, y Gorder (Bottinea	o Springs, Colo N.D.) Iu, N.D.)	Tean	etic Trainer pment Manager n Physician imunications	Scott Aldrich (Co Mike Uihlein (Gra	oynton Beach, Fla.) olorado Springs, Colo.) afton, Wis.) Colorado Springs, Colo.)

2022 U.S. PARA HOCKEY CUP GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TOTAI	ı e	CZECHIA	ITALY	CANADA	SEMIFINALS	THIRD PLAC	E/CHAMP.
TIME No	(ET) Name	<b>W, 10-0</b> 11/27	11:30 A.M. 11/28	<b>7:00PM</b> 11/30	<b>TBD</b> 12/01	<b>TBD</b> 12/03	2022 PHC
4	Brody Roybal	GA	GGA				
8	Jack Wallace	GG	GA*A				
9	Travis Dodson	GA*	AA				
10	Brett Bolton	AA					
11	Joseph Woodke		Α				
<u>12</u> 14	Rob Easley	A*					
14	Ben Musselman	GAA	GA				
<u>16</u> 17	Declan Farmer	GGGAA	G*GAA				
	Chris Douglas						
18	Evan Nichols	AA	G				
19	Malik Jones	Α					
<u>22</u> 24	Noah Grove		DNP				
	Josh Misiewicz	Α	A*AA				
<u>27</u> 37	Josh Pauls	AA					
	David Eustace	G*A					
88	Kevin McKee	GA	G				
<u>88</u> 29	Griffin LaMarre	DNP	W				
32	Jen Lee	W	DNP				
	- goal - assist	S - shorthand P* - penalty sl	ed goal hot	G* - game-winning of A* - assist on game	goal -winning goal	W - Goaltend DNP - did no	

## 2022-23 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

**Average Height:** 

5'6"

#### CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2022 PHC

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NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	Α	PTS	PIM	HOME STAT	ES	BIRTH Y	<b>EARS</b>
NO. 4 8 9 10 11 12 14 16	Brody Roybal Jack Wallace Travis Dodson Brett Bolton* Joseph Woodke Rob Easley* Ben Musselman* Declan Farmer	<b>POS.</b> F D F F F F	105 52 40 5 19 5 5	90 28 11 0 1 3 4 126	94 29 12 0 4 1 0	184 57 23 0 5 4 4 232	52 42 6 0 6 0 0 44	California Colorado Florida Illinois Iowa Maryland Massachusetts New Jersey New Mexico	1 2 3 2 1 1 2	1985 1988 1988 1989 1990 1992 1996	1 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
17 18 19 22 24 27 37 88	Chris Douglas Evan Nichols Malik Jones Noah Grove Josh Misiewicz Josh Pauls David Eustace Kayin McKee	D F F D D	46 6 9 47 42 169 19	4 1 6 12 23 55 3	14 6 3 24 36 93 4	18 7 9 36 59 148 7	20 0 0 4 12 24 4	Ohio Tennessee Virginia	1 1 1	1998 1999 2001 2002 2004 2006	2 1 1 1 1

# \*Making their national team debuts this season CAREER COALTENNER STATISTICS ENTERING 2022-23

	CAREER GOA	LTENDE	R STATISTICS EN	TERI	Average Weight: Oldest Player:	146			
29	Griffin LaMarre6	210:00		5	20	1.07	<b>SV%</b> 0.800	Youngest Player: Average Age:	Travis Dodson (37 years, 9 months) Brett Bolton (16 years, 7 months) 27 years
32	Jen Lee 35	1058:42	19-0-0-1-0	10	96	0.43	0.905	Average Age.	21 years

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#### **INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS**

The defending Paralympic gold medalists, Team USA has claimed five Paralympic Winter Games gold medals (2022, 2018, 2014, 2010, 2002) and five International Paralympic Committee Sled Hockey World Championship gold medals (2021, 2019, 2015, 2012, 2009) in addition to eight Para Hockey Cup titles (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 (Dec.), 2016 (Jan.), 2015, 2012, 2009), the 2022 International Para Hockey Cup, the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament and the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship title.

Since the 2014 Paralympics, the U.S. has skated to a 74-3-1-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record (entering the 2022 PHC) across all competitions. The U.S. has captured three Paralympic gold medals and three World Championship gold medals in this span.

### **USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS**

## **U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Steve Cash, Jim Johannson, Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson, Monique Lamoureux-Morando and Ryan Miller will take their place in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame on Nov. 30 during the 2022 induction ceremony in St. Paul, Minnesota. This year marks the Hall's 50th anniversary.

A goaltender who made the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team as a 16-year-old, Cash is the first Paralympian to be elected to the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. The 33-year-old native of Overland, Missouri, with the nickname "Money", won 119 of his 150 games with Team USA, compiling a 1.22 goals-against average and .898 save percentage. He was the backbone of a U.S. program that won – at the time – an unprecedented three straight Paralympic gold medals and five world championships before retiring prior to the recent Beijing Paralympics. Among his most impressive accomplishments was his Paralympic debut at the 2010 Vancouver Games, where he recorded a shutout in all five games. More information on the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame is available at ushockeyhalloffame.com.

#### **RIVALRY SERIES**

The U.S. Women's National Team is facing off against Canada in the 2022-23 Rivalry Series, a seven-game competition featuring the two world powers.

The U.S. has won all three games thus far, including a 4-3 shootout win on Nov. 15, at Prospera Place in Kelowna, B.C.; a 2-1 win on Nov. 17, at Sandman Centre in Kamloops, B.C.; and a 4-2 win on Nov. 20, at Climate Pledge Arena in Seattle, Wash., before 14,551 fans, a record for a women's national team game played in the U.S.

The next two rivalry series games will be omn Dec. 15, at the Dollar Loan Center in Henderson, Nev., and Dec. 19, at Crypto. com Arena in Los Angeles, Calif.

#### **WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 2023 IIHF World Junior Championship will be played Dec. 26, 2022 - Jan. 5, 2023 in Halifax and Moncton, Canada. The team's preliminary roster is expected to be announced on Dec. 5 and Team USA will conduct a camp from Dec. 12-18 in Plymouth, Michigan, before departing for Canda.

The United States, Finland, Switzerland, Slovakia and Latvia will form Group B and play preliminary round games at the Avenir Centre in Moncton. Canada, Sweden, Czechia, Germany and Austria will compete in Group A, with preliminary round games taking place at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax, N.S.

To date, the U.S. National Junior Team has claimed 13 medals in the IIHF World Junior Championship, including five gold (2021, 2017, 2013, 2010, 2004), two silver (2019, 1997) and six bronze medals (2018, 2016, 2011, 2007, 1992, 1986).

#### **SLED CLASSIC**

The 12th annual USA Hockey Sled Classic, presented by the NHL, took place November 17-20, 2022, in Irvine, California. The Anaheim Ducks hosted the event at Great Park Ice & FivePoint Arena.

First staged in 2010, the USA Hockey Sled Classic is an annual round-robin format tournament between NHL-affiliated sled hockey teams.

The inaugural Sled Classic featured four teams and 46 players. The 2022 event featured 23 teams (with certain NHL clubs fielding multiple squads) and 279 total skaters. The champions of the 2022 Sled Classic were as follows: Boston Bruins (Tier I), Pittsburgh Penguins (Tier 2), Boston Bruins (Tier 3), Carolina Hurricanes (Tier 4), Chicago Blackhawks (Tier 5).

#### **NATIONAL TRY HOCKY FOR FREE DAY**

More than 7,000 children across the country at 275 different sites had the opportunity to try hockey for the first time Nov. 5, during the first of two national USA Hockey Try Hockey For Free days this season. USA Hockey's Try Hockey for Free days are focused on providing an opportunity for children who haven't tried hockey to do so without cost.

Certified volunteers and coaches provided instruction and fun games for children to play on the ice, and host sites provided equipment for children to borrow.

## **USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Founded in 1996, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program began operations in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and remained there until the summer of 2015. The full-time program is composed of two squads, the U.S. National Under-18 Team and U.S. National Under-17 teams, which compete in the USHL as well as against international and collegiate competition.

The Under-17 Team competes in the United States Hockey League and also participates in three international events annually. The U.S. National Under-18 Team's schedule includes games against NCAA Division I and III opponents, USHL teams as well as competition in three international tournaments.

#### **USA HOCKEY ARENA**

USA Hockey Arena, home of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, is a two-sheet facility with regulation ice (85x200) in the main arena and Olympic-size ice (100x200) for the secondary sheet. Acquired by the USA Hockey Foundation on April 1, 2015, the facility has added 20,000 square feet to the property that included a 9,800-square-foot workout facility, additional offices and a conference center. In total, the facility encompasses 170,000 square feet with the main rink providing 3,504 seats for hockey games and 4,500 seats for other performances and events.

