



**USA HOCKEY GIRLS/WOMEN'S SECTION REPORT**  
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**USA Hockey Girls'/Women's Section**

**I. National Tournaments-April 28th-May 3rd**

- A. Tier 1-Westchester, PA-48 total teams-16 teams at 14U, 16U, 19U
1. USA Directors-Bill Leidt-Lead Director-New England District  
Pete Rothman-Atlantic District  
Ladd Wagner-Mid-American District  
Cheri Bonawitz-New England District
- B. Tier 2-Denver, CO. (Moved from CA. because of Covid 19)  
72 total teams-12 teams in 2 Divisions at 14U, 16U, 19U  
USA Directors-Joe Eppolito-Lead Director-New York District  
Bob Gillen-Northern Plains District  
Geoff Pashkowski-Rocky Mountain District  
Doug Foster-Minnesota District

**II. Leadership Conference-February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

USA Hockey Girls Section put together this conference and it was very successful with at times up to 180 attendees on the Zoom call. There were over 10 from MN. in attendance. Some of the speakers were:

- The Seven Secrets of Successful Leadership • Jeff Janssen, M.S., Founder & President Janssen Sports Leadership Center
- Building and Maintaining Confidence • Dr. Dean Kriellaars, PhD, CEP, Associate Professor, University of Manitoba
- Connecting and Building your Network • Sarah Hirshland, CEO, U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee
- Marketing Girls and Women's Hockey Panel • Lisa Baird, Commissioner, National Women's Soccer League
- Julie Napieralski, Senior Lecturer, Communications School at RIT

- Building Foundations for Leadership • Conversation with Cammi Granato and Angela Ruggiero, moderated by Kathryn Tappen
- Grants 101 with Laura Hines, Associate Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, Colorado College
- Coaching Empowerment with Brad Frost, Women's Hockey Head Coach, University of Minnesota
- Officiating Opportunities with Stacey Livingston, Officials Supervisor, IIHF & USA Hockey
- Engaging your Volunteer Group • Pathways for Female Hockey Players Questions? Contact Kristen Wright at [kristenw@usahockey.org](mailto:kristenw@usahockey.org)

The Girls/Women's Section has not had a call in a couple months, and the one scheduled this week was postponed to next Tuesday. If there is anything to add after that meeting, I will send a report.

Thank you,

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