



# 2021 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

2021 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | CALGARY, ALBERTA | AUG. 20-31, 2021

PRELIMINARY ROUND • USA (2-0-0-0) VS. ROC (1-0-0-1) • WINSPORT ARENA AT CANADA OLYMPIC PARK • CALGARY, ALBERTA • AUGUST 24, 2021

## TODAY'S GAME

With back-to-back wins to kick off the tournament, the U.S. Women's National Team will face the Russian Olympic Committee in its third game of the preliminary round. Puck drop is set for 2 p.m. ET at WinSport Arena in Calgary Alberta. The game, along with every U.S. tournament game, will be televised live in the United States on NHL Network.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
FRI., AUG. 20	SWITZERLAND <i>Preliminary Round</i>	W, 3-0
SUN., AUG. 22	FINLAND <i>Preliminary Round</i>	W, 3-0
TUES., AUG. 24	RUSSIA <i>Preliminary Round</i>	12:00 P.M./2:00 P.M. NHL Network
THURS., AUG. 26	CANADA <i>Preliminary Round</i>	4:00 P.M./6:00 P.M. NHL Network
SAT., AUG. 28	TBD <i>Quarterfinal Round</i>	TBD NHL Network
MON., AUG. 30	TBD <i>Semifinal Round</i>	TBD NHL Network
TUES., AUG. 31	TBD <i>Medal Round</i>	TBD NHL Network

## 2021 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship is in its 21st year after the inaugural tournament was held in Ottawa in 1990. The U.S. Women's National Team has captured the tournament's top prize in each of the last five years and now a total of nine times (2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019), including eight of the last nine tournaments, and nine of the last 11.

The 2021 tournament includes competition among 10 women's national teams for the second time, as opposed to eight in previous years. The U.S. is competing in Group A alongside Canada, Finland, Switzerland and the Russian Olympic Committee. Group B includes the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary and Japan.

After a single round-robin series in each group, the five teams in Group A and best three teams from Group B advance to the playoff round. Quarterfinals will be played between A1-B3, A2-B2, A3-B1 and A4-A5, with the winner of each moving on to the semifinals. The winner of each semifinal game will advance to the gold-medal game, while the losers will play one another for the bronze medal.

## MEDIA ACCESS

Team USA players and head coach Joel Johnson will be available for interviews in designated mixed zone areas following games and non-gameday practices. Media availability on day-of-game morning skates will be limited and by request only. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

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## TALKING POINTS

### SERIES VS. RUSSIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

The U.S. and Russian Olympic Committee have faced off on 15 separate occasions at the IIHF Women's World Championship and the U.S. owns a perfect 15-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L). The U.S. has outscored ROC by a 138-8 margin all-time at the WWC.

### THE LAST TIME OUT

The U.S. and ROC met on two occasions at the 2019 IIHF Women's World Championship. After defeating ROC 10-0 in the preliminary round in 2019, the U.S. faced ROC again in the semifinals, where Team USA claimed an 8-0 victory to secure a spot in the gold-medal game. **Hilary Knight** (Sun Valley, Idaho) and **Kelly Pannek** (Plymouth, Minn.) each scored twice to help lift Team USA to victory.

### RECORD WATCH

**Hilary Knight** (Sun Valley, Idaho) is one goal away from becoming the all-time leading scorer in Women's World Championship history, after tying Cammi Granato's record 44 goals in Game 2 against Finland. In addition to the all-time scoring record, Knight is two points away from tying the U.S. all-time leading points record (78 points), which is also currently held by Granato. **Brianna Decker** (Dousman, Wis.) is now tied with Krissy Wendell and Jenny Potter for the U.S. all-time assists record in WWC play (record is 38 assists) after recording an assist against Switzerland.

### WINNING MENTALITY

After starting the 2021 WWC 2-0-0-0, the U.S. Women's National Team is riding a 28-game win streak at the Women's World Championship. The last time the U.S. have lost at the WWC was April 2, 2013 when Team USA lost in a shootout to Canada. After that loss, the U.S. went on to win four-straight and win gold at the 2013 WWC, kick starting its gold medal streak.

## TEAM USA AT A GLANCE

### RETURNING OLYMPIANS

The roster features 11 2018 Olympic champions, including Barnes, **Cayla Barnes** (Eastvale, Calif.), **Dani Cameranesi** (Plymouth, Minn.), **Kendall Coyne Schofield** (Palos Heights, Ill.), **Brianna Decker** (Dousman, Wis.), **Nicole Hensley** (Lakewood, Colo.) **Megan Keller** (Farmington Hills, Mich.), **Amanda Kessel** (Madison, Wis.), **Hilary Knight** (Sun Valley, Idaho), **Kelly Pannek** (Plymouth, Minn.), **Alex Cavallini** (Delafield, Wis.) and **Lee Stecklein** (Roseville, Minn.). In addition, two more Olympians are represented, including 2014 Olympic silver medalists **Megan Bozek** (Buffalo Grove, Ill.) and **Alex Carpenter** (North Reading, Mass.).

### NEW TO THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE

While 14 members of the U.S. team that claimed gold at the 2019 IIHF WWC in Espoo, Finland, return to defend the title this year in Calgary, 10 players will make their IIHF WWC debut, including **Natalie Buchbinder** (Fairport, N.Y.), **Jincy Dunne** (O'Fallon, Mo.), **Lacey Eden** (Annapolis, Md.), **Caroline Harvey** (Salem, N.H.) and **Abbey Murphy** (Evergreen Park, Ill.). **Britta Curl** (Bismarck, N.D.), **Aerin Frankel** (New York, N.Y.), **Savannah Harmon** (Downers Grove, Ill.), **Abby Roque** (Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.) and **Grace Zumwinkle** (Excelsior, Minn.) are also making their World Championship debuts after cracking the WWC roster in 2020 before the tournament was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### AYE AYE CAPTAINS

**Kendall Coyne Schofield** (Palos Heights, Ill.) will serve as captain of Team USA for the second-straight IIHF women's world championship with **Hilary Knight** (Sun Valley, Idaho), **Brianna Decker** (Dousman, Wis.) and **Lee Stecklein** (Roseville, Minn.) as alternates. Per IIHF rules, each team can only have two alternate captains in a game. Knight will be a mainstay alternate captain while Decker and Stecklein will trade off games wearing the 'A'.



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### 2021 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

#### PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

##### SWITZERLAND



**Series vs. Switzerland:** 8-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**APRIL 7, 2019: USA 8, SUI 0:** Dani Cameranesi, Megan Keller and Amanda Kessel scored two goals apiece and 10 more Americans earned points as the U.S. triumphed over Switzerland, 8-0, in its third preliminary round game.

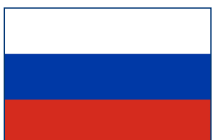
##### FINLAND



**Series vs. Finland:** 16-1-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

**APRIL 4, 2019: USA 6, FIN 2:** Trailing 2-1 after two periods of play, the U.S. rattled off five unanswered goals in the final period to defeat Finland, 6-2. Coyne Schofield scored a game-high three points and was named U.S. player of the game.

##### RUSSIA



**Series vs. Russia:** 15-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**APRIL 9, 2019: USA 10, RUS 0:** Kendall Coyne Schofield and Lee Stecklein each scored twice, and 15 more members of Team USA reached the score sheet as the U.S. downed Russia, 10-0, in its final prelim.

##### CANADA



**Series vs. Canada:** 11-4-5-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**APRIL 6, 2019: USA 3, CAN 2:** In a battle of the special teams, the U.S. prevailed over Canada, 3-2, thank to goals from Kendall Coyne Schofield, Hilary Knight and Annie Pankowski.

#### PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

##### QUARTERFINALS



**U.S. All-Time in WWC Quarterfinals:** 1-0 (W-L)

**Of Note:** The U.S. had never played in a quarterfinal contest in IIHF Women's World Championship history prior to the 2019 event, having earned a bye to the semifinal round in all of the previous competitions. In 2019, the U.S. defeated 4-0 to advance to the semifinals. Cayla Barnes (Eastvale, Calif.), Dani Cameranesi (Plymouth, Minn.), Kendall Coyne Schofield (Palos Heights, Ill.) and Hilary Knight (Sun Valley, Idaho) each tallied a goal for Team USA.

##### SEMIFINALS



**U.S. All-Time in WWC Semifinals:** 14-1-1 (W-L-T)

**Of Note:** The U.S. has only fallen once in the semifinal round of the WWC and that was against Canada on April 10, 2009. Despite a 33-save effort by Molly Schaus, the U.S. was edged by its northern rival, 2-1. Because the U.S. had already earned a bid into the gold-medal game, the loss did not matter. Team USA would go on to claim gold against Canada two days later, winning 4-1.

##### MEDAL GAMES



**U.S. All-Time in WWC Gold-Medal Games:** 4-5-3-7 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**Of Note:** The U.S. had faced Canada in all 18 gold-medal games it played in up until 2019, when it faced Finland. The U.S. has captured the event's top prize the last five years and a total of nine times, including eight out of the last nine tournaments. Most recently, the U.S. defeated Finland in thrilling shootout, 2-1, on April 14, 2019, in Espoo, Finland.



Statistics and records on this page reflect numbers entering the 2021 tournament unless otherwise indicated.

### KEY TEAM USA WWC STATISTICS

#### ALL-TIME MEDALS AT WWC

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2019	Gold	Bob Corkum	SOW, 2-1	FIN
2017	Gold	Robb Stauber	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2016	Gold	Ken Klee	OTW, 1-0	CAN
2015	Gold	Ken Klee	W, 7-5	CAN
2013	Gold	Katey Stone	W, 3-2	CAN
2012	Silver	Katey Stone	OTL, 5-4	CAN
2011	Gold	Katey Stone	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	W, 4-1	CAN
2008	Gold	Jackie Barto	W, 4-3	CAN
2007	Silver	Mark Johnson	L, 5-1	CAN
2005	Gold	Ben Smith	W, 1-0	CAN
2004	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 2-0	CAN
2001	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 3-2	CAN
2000	Silver	Ben Smith	OTL, 3-2	CAN
1999	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 3-1	CAN
1997	Silver	Ben Smith	OTL, 4-3	CAN
1994	Silver	Karen Kay	L, 6-3	CAN
1992	Silver	Russ McCurdy	L, 8-0	CAN
1990	Silver	Don MacLeod	L, 5-2	CAN

#### PREVIOUS 5 WWCs

Year	Finish	Coach	Record*
2019	Gold	Bob Corkum	6-1-0-0
2017	Gold	Robb Stauber	4-1-0-0
2016	Gold	Ken Klee	4-1-0-0
2015	Gold	Ken Klee	5-0-0-0
2013	Gold	Katey Stone	4-0-1-0

\*W-OTW-OTL-L

#### ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	28	11-4-5-8	79	79
China	6	5-0-0-0-1	56	12
Finland	19	16-1-1-0-1	87	27
Germany	6	6-0-0-0	71	2
Japan	2	2-0-0-0	12	0
Kazakhstan	1	1-0-0-0	9	0
Norway	3	3-0-0-0	33	1
Russia	15	15-0-0-0	138	8
SKV	1	1-0-0-0	5	0
Sweden	8	8-0-0-0	66	12
Switzerland	8	8-0-0-0	78	5
TOTAL	97	76-5-6-8-2	634	146

\*W-OTW-OTL-L-T

#### TOP U.S. GOAL SCORERS (ALL-TIME WWC)

Player	Goals	GP
Cammi Granato	44	43
Hilary Knight	43	52
Natalie Darwitz	29	40
Karyn Bye	27	30
Brianna Decker	26	37

#### MOST WWC APPEARANCES

Player	Tournaments
Hilary Knight	11*
Jenny Potter	10
Angela Ruggiero	10
Kacey Bellamy	9
Julie Chu	9
Cammi Granato	9

\*including the 2021 IIHF WWC (this year)

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### 2021 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (3)</b>							
29	Nicole Hensley	5-6 (168)	155 (70)	06/23/92	L	Lakewood, Colo.	PWHPA
31	Aerin Frankel	5-5 (165)	140 (64)	05/24/99	L	New York, N.Y.	Northeastern University (HEA)
33	Alex Cavallini	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	01/03/92	L	Delafield, Wis.	PWHPA
<b>DEFENSE (8)</b>							
2	Lee Stecklein	6-0 (183)	170 (77)	04/23/94	L	Roseville, Minn.	PWHPA
3	Cayla Barnes	5-2 (157)	138 (63)	01/7/99	R	Eastvale, Calif.	Boston College (HEA)
4	Caroline Harvey	5-8 (173)	160 (73)	10/14/02	L	Salem, N.H.	19U – Selects Academy
5	Megan Keller	5-11 (180)	165 (75)	05/01/96	L	Farmington, Mich.	PWHPA
9	Megan Bozek	5-8 (173)	176 (80)	03/27/91	R	Buffalo Grove, Ill.	KRS Vanke Rays (WHL)
15	Savannah Harmon	5-3 (160)	148 (67)	10/27/95	L	Downers Grove, Ill.	PWHPA
19	Jincy Dunne	5-6 (168)	155 (70)	05/15/97	L	O'Fallon, Mo.	PWHPA
23	Natalie Buchbinder	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	01/22/99	R	Fairport, N.Y.	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
<b>FORWARDS (14)</b>							
11	Abby Roque	5-7 (170)	180 (82)	09/25/97	R	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	PWHPA
12	Kelly Pannek	5-8 (173)	165 (75)	12/29/95	R	Plymouth, Minn.	PWHPA
13	Grace Zumwinkle	5-9 (175)	165 (75)	04/23/99	R	Excelsior, Minn.	University of Minnesota (WCHA)
14	Brianna Decker	5-4 (162)	148 (67)	05/13/91	R	Dousman, Wis.	PWHPA
16	Hayley Scamurra	5-8 (173)	161 (73)	12/14/94	L	Getzville, N.Y.	PWHPA
18	Jesse Compher	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	07/01/99	R	Northbrook, Ill.	Boston University (HEA)
21	Hilary Knight	5-11 (180)	172 (78)	07/12/89	R	Sun Valley, Idaho	PWHPA
24	Dani Cameranesi	5-5 (165)	155 (70)	06/30/95	L	Plymouth, Minn.	PWHPA
25	Alex Carpenter	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	04/13/94	L	North Reading, Mass.	KRS Vanke Rays (WHL)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	5-2 (157)	125 (57)	05/25/92	L	Palos Heights, Ill.	PWHPA
27	Britta Curl	5-9 (175)	160 (72)	03/20/00	L	Bismarck, N.D.	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
28	Amanda Kessel	5-6 (168)	130 (59)	08/28/91	R	Madison, Wis.	PWHPA
36	Lacey Eden	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	05/02/02	R	Annapolis, Md.	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
37	Abbey Murphy	5-5 (165)	145 (66)	04/14/02	R	Evergreen Park, Ill.	University of Minnesota (WCHA)

### BY THE NUMBERS

<b>TALLEST</b>	Stecklein (6ft. 0in.)
<b>SHORTEST</b>	Barnes/Coyne (5ft. 2 in.)
<b>SHOOT/CATCH</b>	Left: 13 Right: 12
<b>YOUNGEST</b>	Harvey (18)
<b>OLDEST</b>	Knight (32)

### HOME STATES (9)

Illinois:	5
Minnesota:	4
New York:	3
Wisconsin:	3
Michigan:	2
Massachusetts:	1
California:	1
Colorado:	1
Idaho:	1
Maryland:	1
Missouri:	1
New Hampshire:	1
North Dakota:	1

### 2020-21 SEASON PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS (16)

Team Adidas (PWHPA):	8
Team Women's Sports Foundation (PWHPA):	6
KRS Vanke Rays (WHL):	2

### COLLEGE PLAYERS (8)

University of Wisconsin (WCHA):	3
University of Minnesota (WCHA):	2
Boston College (HEA):	1
Boston University (HEA):	1
Northeastern University (HEA):	1

### OTHER (1)

Selects Academy 19U:	1
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### 2021 IIHF WWC - U.S. SCORING BREAKDOWN

NO	NAME	POS.	SUI W, 3-0 8/20	FIN W, 3-0 8/22	ROC 2:00 P.M. ET 8/24	CAN 6:00 P.M. ET 8/26	QF 3:30 P.M. ET 8/28	SF TBD 8/30	TOTAL
2	Lee Stecklein	D	--	A	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
3	Cayla Barnes	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
4	Caroline Harvey	D	--	DND	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
5	Megan Keller	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
9	Megan Bozek	D	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
11	Abby Roque	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
12	Kelly Pannek	F	--	G	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
13	Grace Zumwinkle	F	G	W	--	--	--	--	2-0 (2)
14	Brianna Decker	F	WA	--	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
15	Savannah Harmon	D	DND	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
16	Hayley Scamurra	F	--	A	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
18	Jesse Compher	F	--	DND	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
19	Jincy Dunne	D	A	A	--	--	--	--	0-2 (2)
21	Hilary Knight	F	A	G	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
23	Natalie Buchbinder	D	DND	DND	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
24	Dani Cameranesi	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
25	Alex Carpenter	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	F	GA	A	--	--	--	--	1-2 (3)
27	Britta Curl	F	DND	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
28	Amanda Kessel	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
36	Lacey Eden	F	DND	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
37	Abbey Murphy	F	--	DND	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
29	Nicole Hensley	G	--	10/10	--	--	--	--	(1-0 (W-L))
			--	1,000 SVS	--	--	--	--	0.00 GAA
31	Aerin Frankel	G	DND	DND	--	--	--	--	(0-0 (W-L))
			--	--	--	--	--	--	0.00 GAA
33	Alex Cavallini	G	10/10	--	--	--	--	--	1-0 (W-L)
			1,000 SVS	--	--	--	--	--	0.00 GAA

### KEY

G - GOAL

W - GAME-WINNING GOAL

U - UNASSISTED GOAL

P - POWER-PLAY GOAL

DND - DID NOT DRESS

A - ASSIST

P\* - PENALTY SHOT GOAL

A\* - ASSIST ON GWG

S - SHORTHANDED GOAL

W\* - SHOOTOUT GWG





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### 2021 U.S. COACHING STAFF



#### JOEL JOHNSON, HEAD COACH

Joel Johnson is serving as head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team for the 2018-19 season.

His first involvement with USA Hockey dates back to working summer camps in 2000 and he has been closely involved with the U.S. Women's National Team program since 2015, highlighted by leading the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team to four straight gold medals (2015-18) in the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.

Johnson has also served as head coach of the U.S. Under-22 Women's Select Team on two occasions for the U22 Series against Canada, leading Team USA to a three-game sweep in 2018 and a 2-1 series victory in 2019. Johnson made his U.S. Women's National Team debut as an assistant coach in 2018-19 and helped guide the U.S. to its fourth straight Women's Four Nations Cup title that season, as well as the gold medal at the 2019 IIHF Women's World Championship in Espoo, Finland.

Johnson's collegiate coaching journey includes two stints (1999-2004 and 2010-2021) over 16 years as either assistant or associate coach for the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey program in addition to six seasons (2004-2010) coaching men's ice hockey, soccer and golf at Bethel University. During his first stint with the Gophers, Johnson helped the Gophers to national championships in 2000 and 2004 in addition to WCHA titles in 2002 and 2004.

He left Minnesota to coach at his alma mater, Bethel University, for six seasons (2004-10), including three years as the head men's ice hockey coach. Along with his hockey

responsibilities, he was also the men's and women's golf coach, and prior to that, was the soccer coach where he earned MIAC Coach of the Year honors. In 2010, Johnson returned to Minnesota and over the next 11 seasons (2010-2021) helped the Gophers to five straight NCAA national championship game appearances from 2012 to 2016, winning back-to-back national titles in 2012 and 2013 and again in 2015 and 2016, along with recording a perfect 41-0-0 season in 2012-13.

#### COURTNEY KENNEDY, ASSISTANT COACH

A two-time Olympic medalist for Team USA, Kennedy is making her first appearance with the U.S. Women's National Team after serving as an assistant coach of the U.S. Under-18 team at the 2013 and 2014 IIHF U18 World Championships, helping lead the squad to silver medals at both tournaments. She returned to the U18's bench again in for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons, helping lead the team to its third- and fourth-straight gold medal at the IIHF U18 World Championships. She also served as an assistant coach of the U22 team at the 2019 Women's National Festival in Lake Placid, New York. Kennedy, who is entering her 15th season on the Boston College women's hockey staff, currently serves as the associate head coach for the Eagles' program. As a player, Kennedy was a two-time All-American defenseman at Minnesota in 1999 and 2001 and helped lead Minnesota to its first national title in 2000. As a senior, she earned Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors. She was also a top-three finalist for the Patty Kazmaier Award. Kennedy earned a bronze medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, and a bronze medal at the 2006 Games in Torino, Italy. Kennedy also helped the U.S. capture a gold medal at the IIHF Women's World Championship in 2005.

#### BRIAN POTHIER, ASSISTANT COACH

Pothier receives his fourth coaching assignment with the U.S. Women's National Team after serving as an assistant coach during the 2019 IIHF Women's World Championship, the 2019 Rivalry Series and the 2018 Four Nations Cup. Pothier has served as a camp coach at the 2018 USA Hockey Women's Winter Training Camp in Plymouth, Mich., the U.S. Women's National Team Evaluation Camp in Biddeford, Maine, and the USA Hockey Women's National Festival in Lake Placid, New York. A former NHL defenseman and U.S. Men's National Team alumnus (2007 IIHF Men's World Championship), Pothier went undrafted in the NHL before signing with the Atlanta Thrashers in his senior year of college. He spent his first year in Orlando with Atlanta's farm team, the Orlando Solar Bears and went on to win both the Turner Cup and Rookie of the Year and American-born Rookie of the Year honors in 2000-2001. Pothier also spent time with the Ottawa Senators, Washington Capitals and Carolina Hurricanes organizations before retiring from hockey in 2012. Pothier now coaches all ages at Pothier Blueline Hockey in Rochester, Mass.

#### ALLI ALTMANN, GOALTENDING COACH

Altmann is serving as goaltending coach for the U.S. Women's National Team for the first time. For three seasons (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20), Altmann has served as the goaltending coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team. In the role, she helped guide the team to a gold medal at the 2020 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Bratislava, Slovakia. She has also served as the goaltending coach for the U.S. Women's National Festival three times (2016, 2017, 2018). In addition, her USA Hockey resume includes goaltending coach for the 2017 U.S. Under-18 Women's Select Team that competed at the Under-18 Series vs. Canada in Lake Placid, New York. The Eagan, Minnesota, native is the owner and vice president of DEVENIR Goaltenders. Altmann played four seasons collegiately for Minnesota State University. During her time with the Mavericks, Altmann recorded a career .901 save percentage and also holds the school record for most games played with 110. The three-time WCHA All-Academic honoree led Minnesota State to the school's first-ever WCHA Final Face Off appearance in 2009.

### TEAM SUPPORT STAFF

**GENERAL MANAGER:**  
**VIDEO COACH:**  
**SPORTS DIETICIAN:**  
**ATHLETIC TRAINER:**  
**TEAM DOCTOR:**  
**MASSAGE THERAPIST:**

Katie Million  
Nick Walters  
Carrie Aprik  
Katie Homan  
Jamie Schlueter  
Jennifer Chee

**STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH:**  
**EQUIPMENT MANAGER:**  
**EQUIPMENT MANAGER:**  
**HOCKEY OPERATIONS:**  
**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Cal Dietz  
Brent Proulx  
Sis Paulsen  
Nick Bryant  
Jennifer Greene

