

## Houston Girls Hockey Association

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### Press Release

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*Houston Storm celebrates World's Girls Hockey Weekend*

(HOUSTON) The Houston Girls Hockey Association (HGHA) will support the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual World's Girls Hockey Weekend presented by the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) and supported by USA Hockey with a lineup of events on Saturday, October 16. The HGHA Program's HTX Storm girls hockey program will start the day at Ice Skate Memorial City with a program-wide practice, and then travel to the Aerodrome in the Willowbrook area for an open skate starting at 2pm on Saturday.

"Girls in the city are welcome to join the HTX Storm players, make a friend, and skate with the teams from 2:00 until 3:30 for half price at the rink. The team will take the fun outdoors at 3:30 with games, pizza, and celebration of Girls Hockey, followed by a 6:00 pm game between the two Storm 10U girls teams, and a 7:10 pm game with the Storm 12U girls team." said HTX Storm Vice President Amy Good.

The World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend is a global opportunity for girls to try out hockey as a new sport. Thousands of girls have participated since the inaugural event in 2011. The last World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend was held in 2019; due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the IIHF promotions, USA Hockey encourages players, parents, associations and rinks to celebrate Girls Hockey Weekend, to build awareness, celebrate current players and grow participation from coast to coast. This year's event will be the first year Houston will participate.

The HTX Storm launched their all-girls program in July and now have over 60 girls in the program. They formed three teams that compete in the Houston Metro House League, three teams of tournament level players that play across Texas, and two practice clubs: one for 7- and 8-year-olds, and one for older girls up through high school ages. Enrollments for the practice clubs are on-going. The Storm will soon be announcing a Try Hockey for Free event in late 2021 for girls who are interested in the sport. Details will be posted to the website at [htxstorm.com](http://htxstorm.com).

"We've been able to exceed our goals so far through the support of the great Houston hockey community. Our teams are competing at a high level with a winning record for the Program overall, and we are growing every day. We are really excited for the future of girls' hockey in our community" said Kevin Brown, HGHA President.

More information about this program can be found on the organization's website, [www.htxstorm.com](http://www.htxstorm.com), including ways to support through monetary donations, volunteer opportunities, and contact information.

Information about World's Girls Hockey weekend can be found here, <https://www.iihf.com/en/static/5137/world-girls-ice-hockey-weekend> and here <https://www.usahockey.com/girlshockeyweekend>.