



2022 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME NOTES

2022 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP | EDMONTON & RED DEER, ALBERTA | DEC. 26, 2021 - JAN. 5, 2022

PRE-TOURNAMENT GAME 1 • USA (0-0-0-0) VS. FINLAND (0-0-0-0) • EDMONTON, ALBERTA • ROGERS PLACE • DECEMBER 23, 2021

LAST DECADE

The U.S. has a combined record of 41-5-4-14 over the past 10 years, including winning a total of six medals. Team USA, Canada and Finland each have three gold medals, combining for nine of the last 10 gold medals. The four-year medal streak from 2016-19 is the longest in USA Hockey history at the IIHF World Junior Championship. For more information about the last 10 World Juniors, and overall team records, can be found on Page 6.

TALKING POINTS

ASSEMBLING TEAM USA

USA Hockey hosted the 2021 World Junior Summer Showcase July 24-31 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich. The two USA Hockey teams, Team Blue and Team White, played games against Finland and Sweden. Forty-four players were invited to the summer evaluation camp.

Staff continued scouting and evaluating players throughout the season, and invited 30 players to a final evaluation camp from Dec. 12-15 at USA Hockey Arena. The final 25-man roster was announced on Dec. 15, prior to Team USA's departure to Alberta and the tournament bubble. Since exiting the tournament's two-day quarantine, Team USA has practiced in Red Deer at both Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre and WP Centrium.

General manager **John Vanbiesbrouck** is supported by player personnel staff **Marc Boxer** (USA Hockey), **Jerry Forton** (Buffalo Sabres), **Ryan Martin** (New York Rangers) and **Keith Tkachuk** (St. Louis Blues).

ROSTER COMPOSITION

The 2022 U.S. National Junior Team is comprised of the best 20-and-Under athletes in America, from 16 different states. Twenty players are currently playing at Division I college hockey programs, with an additional three committed to play college hockey. A full list of youth hockey programs represented by the 25 players can be found on Page 4, and additional roster breakdown can be found on Page 5.

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Head coach **Nate Leaman** joins a long list of U.S. coaches who have served as head coach in back-to-back years at the IIHF World Junior Championship: **Bob Motzko** (2017-18), **Keith Allain** (2001-02), **Jeff Jackson** (1997-00), **Walt Kyle** (1992-93), **Steve Cedorchuk** (1989-90) and **Lou Vairo** (1979-82). Leaman previously served as an assistant coach for the U.S. National Junior Team at both the 2007 and 2009 World Junior Championships.

FAMILIAR FACES ON THE BENCH

Team USA is returning every member of the 2021 staff, in addition to the six returning players. Head coach **Nate Leaman** is reunited with assistants **Ted Donato** (Harvard head coach), **Kris Mayotte** (Colorado College head coach) and **Steve Miller** (Ohio State associate head coach). **Theresa Feaster** will also serve as video coach for Team USA, after becoming the first female to serve on the coaching staff of a U.S. National Junior Team last year. In addition to coaches, all support staff are returning as well.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE

The U.S. National Junior Team was joined by Detroit Red Wings head coach **Jeff Blashill** after dinner earlier this week. Blashill, a six-time Team USA coach, wanted to share his experiences and advice for playing internationally in short tournaments. Players were able to ask questions, and Blashill spoke for nearly 30 minutes with the team. Blashill previously coached alongside head coach **Nate Leaman** at the 2009 IIHF World Junior Championship, when the two served as assistants under then-head coach **Ron Rolston**.

U.S. GAME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
THUR., DEC. 23 Edmonton, Alberta	FINLAND* Rogers Place	12:00 P.M./2:00 P.M.
SUN., DEC. 26 Red Deer, Alberta	SLOVAKIA WP Centrium	7:30 P.M./9:30 P.M.
TUES., DEC. 28 Red Deer, Alberta	SWITZERLAND WP Centrium	2:30 P.M./4:30 P.M.
WED., DEC. 29 Red Deer, Alberta	SWEDEN WP Centrium	7:30 P.M./9:30 P.M.
FRI., DEC. 31 Red Deer, Alberta	RUSSIA WP Centrium	7:30 P.M./9:30 P.M.
SUN., JAN. 2 Edmonton, Alberta	QUARTERFINAL 1 Rogers Place	12:30 P.M./2:30 P.M.
SUN., JAN. 2 Red Deer, Alberta	QUARTERFINAL 2 WP Centrium	3:00 P.M./5:00 P.M.
SUN., JAN. 2 Edmonton, Alberta	QUARTERFINAL 3 Rogers Place	5:30 P.M./7:30 P.M.
SUN., JAN. 2 Red Deer, Alberta	QUARTERFINAL 4 WP Centrium	8:00 P.M./10:00 P.M.
TUES., JAN. 4 Edmonton, Alberta	SEMIFINAL 1 Rogers Place	1:00 P.M./3:00 P.M.
TUES., JAN. 4 Edmonton, Alberta	SEMIFINAL 2 Rogers Place	5:00 P.M./7:00 P.M.
WED., JAN. 5 Edmonton, Alberta	BRONZE MEDAL GAME Rogers Place	2:00 P.M./4:00 P.M.
WED., JAN. 5 Edmonton, Alberta	GOLD MEDAL GAME Rogers Place	6:00 P.M./8:00 P.M.

*Pre-tournament game

All U.S. tournament games will be televised live on NHL Network

TEAM USA AT THE WORLD JUNIORS

Entering the 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship, the United States holds a 142-10-6-118-11 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) all-time record in world junior championship play. Most recently, Team USA won gold at the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship in Edmonton, Alberta, after earning a silver in 2019 at Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia. To date, Team USA has earned 13 podium finishes, including five gold medals (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017, 2021), two silver medals (1997, 2019) and six bronze medals (1986, 1992, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018). The United States has medaled in six of the last 10 years, including three gold medals (2013, 2017, 2021). The United States celebrated a successful decade from 2010-2020, collecting seven medals in 10 years. The three gold medals that decade (2010, 2013, 2017) were only matched by Finland. Five U.S. players have been named MVP of the World Junior Championship, including **Zach Parise** (2004), **John Gibson** (2013), **Casey Mittelstadt** (2018), **Ryan Poehling** (2019) and **Trevor Zegras** (2021).

MEDIA INFORMATION

All U.S. National Junior Team players, as well as head coach Nate Leaman, will be available for interviews in designated media Zooms following practices and games. 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 Aaron Westendorf, who is on-site with Team USA throughout the event.

ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE

TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/WORLDJUNIORS2022

Team USA information, including bios, team schedule, news and team history are available at the official website of USA Hockey's national teams.



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2022 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	CURRENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	NHL RIGHTS (NHL DRAFT)
GOALTENDERS (3)								
29	Drew Comness	6-2 (188)	181 (82)	07/19/2002	L	Norwell, Mass.	Boston University (HEA)	CHI ('20, 2nd rd., 46th overall)
30	Kaidan Mbereko	5-11 (180)	183 (83)	07/28/2003	L	Aspen, Colo.	Lincoln Stars (USHL)	2022 NHL Draft Eligible
1	Dylan Silverstein	6-0 (182)	179 (81)	02/07/2004	L	Calabasas, Calif.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	2022 NHL Draft Eligible
DEFENSEMEN (8)								
14	Brock Faber*	6-1 (185)	194 (88)	08/22/2002	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	LAK ('20, 2nd rd., 45th overall)
43	Luke Hughes	6-2 (188)	184 (83)	09/09/2003	L	Canton, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	NJD ('21, 1st rd., 4th overall)
5	Wyatt Kaiser	6-0 (182)	184 (83)	07/31/2002	L	Ham Lake, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	CHI ('20, 3rd rd., 81st overall)
25	Tyler Kleven*	6-4 (193)	208 (94)	01/10/2002	L	Fargo, N.D.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)	OTT ('20, 2nd rd., 44th overall)
2	Ian Moore	6-3 (191)	185 (84)	01/04/2002	R	Salt Lake City, Utah	Harvard University (ECAC)	ANA ('20, 3rd rd., 67th overall)
23	Scott Morrow	6-2 (188)	192 (87)	11/01/2002	R	Darien, Conn.	University of Massachusetts (HEA)	CAR ('21, 2nd rd., 40th overall)
3	Jack Peart	5-11 (180)	190 (86)	05/15/2003	L	Grand Rapids, Minn.	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)	MIN ('21, 2nd rd., 54th overall)
8	Jake Sanderson*	6-1 (185)	195 (88)	07/08/2002	L	Whitefish, Mont.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)	OTT ('20, 1st rd., 5th overall)
FORWARDS (14)								
10	Matty Beniers*	6-1 (184)	175 (80)	11/05/2002	L	Hingham, Mass.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	SEA ('21, 1st rd., 2nd overall)
21	Brett Berard*	5-9 (175)	163 (74)	09/09/2002	L	East Greenwich, R.I.	Providence College (HEA)	NYR ('20, 5th rd., 134th overall)
18	Logan Cooley	5-10 (178)	179 (81)	05/04/2004	L	West Mifflin, Pa.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	2022 NHL Draft Eligible
15	Matt Coronato	5-10 (178)	183 (83)	11/14/2002	R	New York, N.Y.	Harvard University (ECAC)	CGY ('21, 1st rd., 13th overall)
71	Tanner Dickinson	6-0 (182)	170 (77)	03/05/2002	L	Perrysburg, Ohio	Soo Greyhounds (OHL)	STL ('20, 4th rd., 119th overall)
16	Dominic James	5-11 (180)	165 (75)	07/03/2002	L	Plymouth, Mich.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	2022 NHL Draft Eligible
89	Matthew Knies	6-3 (191)	212 (96)	10/17/2002	L	Phoenix, Ariz.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	TOR ('21, 2nd rd., 57th overall)
28	Chaz Lucius	6-1 (185)	185 (84)	05/02/2003	R	Grant, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	WPG ('21, 1st rd., 18th overall)
34	Carter Mazur	6-0 (182)	180 (82)	03/28/2002	R	Jackson, Mich.	University of Denver (NCHC)	DET ('21, 3rd rd., 70th overall)
12	Sasha Pastujov	6-0 (182)	183 (83)	07/15/2003	L	Bradenton, Fla.	Guelph Storm (OHL)	ANA ('21, 3rd rd., 66th overall)
11	Mackie Samoskevich	5-11 (180)	190 (86)	11/15/2002	R	Newtown, Conn.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	FLA ('21, 1st rd., 24th overall)
20	Red Savage	5-11 (180)	181 (82)	05/15/2003	L	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Miami University (NCHC)	DET ('21, 4th rd., 114th overall)
19	Landon Slaggert*	6-0 (182)	188 (85)	06/25/2002	L	South Bend, Ind.	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	CHI ('20, 3rd rd., 79th overall)
96	Ty Smilanic	6-1 (185)	179 (81)	01/20/2002	L	Denver, Colo.	Quinnipiac University (ECAC)	FLA ('20, 3rd rd., 74th overall)

*2021 U.S. National Junior Team member

2022 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)	FIN^	SVK	AUT	CZE	SWE	TBD (QF)	TBD (SF)	TBD (MG)	2022	
NO NAME	POS.	TBD 12/23	9:30 P.M. 12/26	4:30 P.M. 12/28	9:30 P.M. 12/29	9:30 P.M. 12/31	TBD 1/2	TBD 1/4	TBD 1/5	WJC TOTAL
2 Ian Moore	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
3 Jack Peart	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
5 Wyatt Kaiser	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
8 Jake Sanderson	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
10 Matty Beniers	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
11 Mackie Samoskevich	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
12 Sasha Pastujov	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
14 Brock Faber	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
15 Matt Coronato	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
16 Dominic James	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
18 Logan Cooley	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
19 Landon Slaggert	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
20 Red Savage	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
21 Brett Berard	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
23 Scott Morrow	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
25 Tyler Kleven	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
28 Chaz Lucius	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
34 Carter Mazur	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
43 Luke Hughes	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
71 Tanner Dickinson	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
89 Matthew Knies	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
96 Ty Smilanic	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
1 Dylan Silverstein	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L)
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29 Drew Comness	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L)
		--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	0.00 GAA
30 Kaidan Mbereko	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L)
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Key: For complete statistics, visit: <https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2022/wm20>

G - goal
A - assist
U - unassisted goal
E - empty-net goal
P - power play goal

S - shorthanded goal
Pe - penalty shot goal
G/P/S/Pe* - game-winning goal
A* - assist on game-winning goal
- U.S. Player of the Game

W/L - goaltender win/loss
DNP - did not play
DND - did not dress
^ - exhibition game



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ROSTER DETAILS

HOME STATES (16)

Minnesota	4
Michigan	3
Arizona	2
Colorado	2
Connecticut	2
Massachusetts	2
California	1
Florida	1
Indiana	1
Montana	1
North Dakota	1
New York	1
Ohio	1
Pennsylvania	1
Rhode Island	1
Utah	1

AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES+

NCAA	20
USHL	24
NTDP	15

*Includes players who have skated in multiple leagues

BY THE NUMBERS

Average Height	6ft 0in (183 cm)
Tallest	Kleven (6 ft 4in/193 cm)
Shortest	Berrard (5ft 9in/175 cm)
Average Weight	185 lbs (84 kg)
Heaviest	Knies (212 lbs/96 kg)
Lightest	Berrard (163 lbs/74 kg)
Average Age	19 yrs 1mo
Oldest	Moore (19yrs 11mo)
Youngest	Cooley (17yrs 7mo)
Shoot/Catch	Left: 18 Right: 7

2022 U.S. STAFF

POSITION	NAME
General Manager	John Vanbiesbrouck Detroit, Mich.
Player Personnel	Marc Boxer Hancock, Mich.
Head Coach	Nate Leaman East Greenwich, R.I.
Assistant Coach	Ted Donato Scituate, Mass.
Assistant Coach	Kris Mayotte Pittsburgh, Pa.
Assistant Coach	Steve Miller Sun Prairie, Wis.
Video Coach	Theresa Feaster Providence, R.I.
Team Leader	Brij Singh Los Altos, Calif.
Team Physician	Dr. Phil Johnson Fargo, N.D.
Athletic Trainer	Jason Hodges Plymouth, Mich.
Athletic Trainer	Stan Wong Boca Raton, Fla.
Equipment Manager	Scott Aldrich Hancock, Mich.
Equipment Manager	Nate LaPoint Eau Claire, Wis.
Media Officer	Aaron Westendorf Divide, Colo.
Digital Content	Kyle Huson Colorado Springs, Colo.

SEASON STATISTICS

THROUGH DEC. 13

FORWARDS

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
10	Matthew Beniers University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	11	11	22
11	Mackie Samoskevich University of Michigan (Big Ten)	19	4	7	11
12	Sasha Pastujov Guelph Storm (OHL)	26	20	15	35
15	Matt Coronato Harvard University	11	6	6	12
16	Dominic James University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	17	2	7	9
18	Logan Cooley U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	20	14	16	30
19	Landon Slaggert University of Notre Dame (B10)	17	5	5	10
20	Red Savage Miami University (NCHC)	16	1	6	7
21	Brett Berard Providence College (HEA)	21	12	12	24
28	Chaz Lucius University of Minnesota (B10)	12	5	3	8
34	Carter Mazur University of Denver (NCHC)	16	9	8	17
71	Tanner Dickinson Soo Greyhounds (OHL)	24	12	21	33
89	Matthew Knies University of Minnesota (B10)	18	7	9	16
96	Ty Smilanic Quinnipiac University (ECAC)	18	8	5	13

DEFENSE

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
2	Ian Moore Harvard University (ECAC)	11	0	3	3
3	Jack Peart St. Cloud State University (NCHC)	12	2	8	10
5	Wyatt Kaiser University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	14	1	6	7
8	Jake Sanderson University of North Dakota (NCHC)	15	6	13	19
14	Brock Faber University of Minnesota (B10)	18	2	7	9
23	Scott Morrow University of Massachusetts (HEA)	15	6	9	15
25	Tyler Kleven University of North Dakota (NCHC)	19	4	2	6
43	Luke Hughes University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	7	11	18

GOALTENDERS

NO	NAME	GP	W-L-T-OTL	GAA	SV%
1	Dylan Silverstein U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	12	7-3-0-0	2.85	.911
29	Drew Comness Boston University (HEA)	17	6-8-3-0	2.82	.900
30	Kaidan Mbereko Lincoln Stars (USHL)	14	6-6-0-1	2.91	.903

ABOUT THE STAFF

ABOUT VANBIESBROUCK

John Vanbiesbrouck is serving as general manager of the 2022 U.S. National Junior Team, marking his fourth straight season serving in the capacity including last year's gold-medal winning squad. The 2007 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee has previously represented the United States as a player on nine occasions, including one Olympic Winter Games (1998), two Canada Cups (1987, 1991), four men's world championships (1985, 1987, 1989, 1991) and two world junior championships (1982, 1983). A full-time employee of USA Hockey, Vanbiesbrouck began his duties as assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey on June 4, 2018. His responsibilities include oversight of all of USA Hockey's international efforts, including its men's, women's and sled programs as well as the National Junior Development Program.

ABOUT LEAMAN

Leaman has been a part of three previous U.S. National Junior Team coaching staffs, including serving as head coach for last year's gold-medal team. He also served as an assistant coach for the 2009 team, and won a bronze medal as an assistant in 2007. Leaman most recently coached for Team USA at the 2021 IIHF Men's World Championship, where he helped lead the team to a bronze medal. Leaman made his USA Hockey coaching debut as an assistant coach in 2005 at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, where the U.S. won gold in Ceske Budejovice and Plzen, Czech Republic. The 2021-22 campaign is Leaman's tenth as head coach at Providence College. During his tenure at Providence, Leaman has coached 29 NHL Draft picks in addition to six undrafted players currently under NHL contract. He has also coached four players selected to play for the U.S. National Junior Team: Jon Gillies (2014, 2013), Erik Foley (2017), Parker Ford (2020) and Brett Berard (2021). Gillies, Foley and Berard were all part of gold-medal winning teams. Prior to Providence, Leaman spent eight seasons (2003-11) at the helm of the Union College men's ice hockey team.

BEST OF THE BEST

Assistant coaches Ted Donato, Kris Mayotte and Steve Miller return this year after serving as part of the gold-medal winning 2021 staff. They have an extensive NCAA resume, combining for more than 61 years of Division I coaching experience. The assistants have a combined 12 international appearances with USA Hockey, including the 2017 gold-medal team in which Mayotte and Miller served as assistant coaches. Donato played for Team USA in the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, France. In addition, Donato played in three IIHF Men's World Championships, serving as captain in 1997 and also representing the U.S. at the event in 1999 and 2002. Ted's son Ryan Donato played on the bronze medal-winning 2016 U.S. National Junior Team, as well as the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. Mayotte, Miller and Theresa Feaster all served on head coach Nate Leaman's staff when Providence won the 2015 NCAA championship.



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TEAM USA AMERICAN HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT TIES

USA HOCKEY'S AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL

The American Development Model, now in its 12th season, is USA Hockey's nationwide player development program for youth hockey associations. It's based on age-appropriate, age-specific competition and training for boys and girls, beginning with their first steps onto the ice and carrying them through age 18 and beyond. The ADM places a heightened emphasis on skill development and long-term athlete development principles, providing a blueprint for the best possible youth hockey experience.

At the younger age levels, it looks like fun and constant motion in small spaces. The ADM encourages station-based practices, small-area games and cross-ice competition to deliver more repetitions, more puck touches and more skill development per hour of ice time. It provides the most efficient, most engaging development path for children, keeping them both in the game and on a path toward their full potential.

U.S. PLAYERS AND THEIR YOUTH HOCKEY CONNECTIONS

PLAYER	ORGANIZATION	STATE
Matty Beniers	Cape Cod Whalers Milton Academy	MA MA
Brett Berard	Cape Cod Whalers Bishop Hendricken	MA RI
Drew Comness	Cape Cod Whalers	MA
Logan Cooley	Pittsburgh Penguins	PA
Matt Coronato	Yale Jr. Bulldogs Long Island Gulls	CT NY
Tanner Dickinson	Belle Tire Oakland Jr. Grizzlies	MI MI
Brock Faber	Minnesota Blades	MN
Luke Hughes	Little Caesars	MI
Dominic James	Oakland Jr. Grizzlies Little Caesars	MI MI
Wyatt Kaiser	Minnesota Blades	MN
Tyler Kleven	Minnesota North Stars Fargo Davies High	MN ND
Matthew Knies	Phoenix Jr. Coyotes	AZ
Chaz Lucius	Gentry Academy	MN
Carter Mazur	Little Caesars	MI
Kaidan Mbereko	Little Caesars Compuware	MI MI
Ian Moore	Cape Cod Whalers	MA
Scott Morrow	Shattuck-St. Mary's	MN
Sasha Pastujov	Compuware Belle Tire	MI MI
Jack Peart	Minnesota Blue Ox	MN
Mackie Samoskevich	Shattuck-St. Mary's Connecticut Oilers	MN CT
Jake Sanderson	Whitefish Glacier Avalanche	MT
Red Savage	Compuware Belle Tire	MI MI
Dylan Silverstein	Neponset Valley River Rats	MA
Landon Slaggert	Chicago Mission	IL
Ty Smilanic	Colorado Thunderbirds Belle Tire	CO MI

NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (15)

Based at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich., and in its 25th season, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program includes the U.S. National Under-17 and Under-18 Teams that compete in the United States Hockey League and against NCAA Division I and international opponents.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR(S)
Matty Beniers	Forward	2018-20
Brett Berard	Forward	2018-20
Drew Comness	Goalie	2018-20
Logan Cooley	Forward	2020-22
Brock Faber	Defense	2018-20
Luke Hughes	Defense	2019-21
Tyler Kleven	Defense	2018-20
Chaz Lucius	Forward	2019-21
Kaidan Mbereko	Goalie	2019-21
Sasha Pastujov	Forward	2019-21
Jake Sanderson	Defense	2018-20
Red Savage	Forward	2019-21
Dylan Silverstein	Goalie	2020-22
Landon Slaggert	Forward	2020-22
Ty Smilanic	Forward	2018-20

BIOSTEEL ALL-AMERICAN GAME (18)

The BioSteel All-American Game, formerly known as the USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game, is an annual event that provides the best U.S. players eligible for next year's NHL Draft the opportunity to showcase their skills on a national stage.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR(S)
Matty Beniers	Forward	2020
Brett Berard	Forward	2020
Drew Comness	Goalie	2020
Logan Cooley+	Forward	2021
Matt Coronato	Forward	2021
Brock Faber	Defense	2020
Tyler Kleven	Defense	2020
Matthew Knies	Forward	2021
Chaz Lucius	Forward	2021
Carter Mazur	Forward	2021
Kaidan Mbereko	Goalie	2021
Sasha Pastujov*	Forward	2021
Jack Peart	Defense	2021
Mackie Samoskevich	Forward	2021
Jake Sanderson*	Defense	2020
Red Savage	Forward	2021
Landon Slaggert	Forward	2020
Ty Smilanic	Forward	2020

*Game MVP
+played as underage

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OTHER ROSTER TIDBITS

UNITED STATES HOCKEY LEAGUE (24)

A total of 24 players have ties to the United States Hockey League (USHL), the only Tier I junior hockey league in the United States.

PLAYER	LEAGUE	TEAM	YEAR(S)
Matt Coronato	USHL	Chicago Steel	2019-21
Tanner Dickinson	USHL	Green Bay Gamblers	2018-19
Dominic James	USHL	Lincoln Stars	2019-21
Wyatt Kaiser	USHL	Dubuque Fighting Saints	2019-20
Matthew Knies	USHL	Tri-City Storm	2019-21
Carter Mazur	USHL	Tri-City Storm	2019-21
Ian Moore	USHL	Chicago Steel	2020-21
Jack Peart	USHL	Fargo Force	2020-21
Mackie Samoskevich	USHL	Chicago Steel	2019-21
8 NTDP players	USHL	USA Hockey's NTDP	2018-20
5 NTDP players	USHL	USA Hockey's NTDP	2019-21
2 NTDP players	USHL	USA Hockey's NTDP	2020-22

NOTE: Matt Coronato, Ian Moore and Mackie Samoskevich were members of the 2021 Clark Cup champion Chicago Steel. Additionally, Chicago won the 2021 Anderson Cup as regular season champions.

NHL RIGHTS (21)

Twenty-one players have been drafted by an NHL team.

PLAYER	NHL RIGHTS	DRAFT YEAR	ROUND	OVERALL
Matty Beniers	SEA	2021	1	2
Luke Hughes	NJD	2021	1	4
Jake Sanderson	OTT	2020	1	5
Matt Coronato	CGY	2021	1	13
Chaz Lucius	WPG	2021	1	18
Mackie Samoskevich	FLA	2021	1	24
Scott Morrow	CAR	2021	2	40
Tyler Kleven	OTT	2020	2	44
Brock Faber	LAK	2020	2	45
Drew Comness	CHI	2020	2	46
Jack Peart	MIN	2021	2	54
Matthew Knies	TOR	2021	2	57
Sasha Pastujov	ANA	2021	3	66
Ian Moore	ANA	2020	3	67
Carter Mazur	DET	2021	3	70
Ty Smilanic	FLA	2020	3	71
Landon Slaggert	CHI	2020	3	79
Wyatt Kaiser	CHI	2020	3	81
Red Savage	DET	2021	4	114
Tanner Dickinson	STL	2020	4	119
Brett Berard	NYR	2020	5	234

COLLEGE HOCKEY (20)

A total of 20 players are currently playing or previously played college hockey in the United States.

SCHOOL	PLAYERS
University of Michigan	3
University of Minnesota	3
Harvard University	2
University of Minnesota Duluth	2
University of North Dakota	2
Boston University	1
Miami University	1
Providence College	1
Quinnipiac University	1
St. Cloud State University	1
University of Denver	1
University of Massachusetts	1
University of Notre Dame	1
CONFERENCE	PLAYERS
Big Ten	7
NCHC	7
Hockey East	3
ECAC	3

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (2)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Matty Beniers	Forward	2021	Bronze
Drew Comness	Goaltender	2021	Bronze

IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (6)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Matty Beniers	Forward	2021	Gold
Brett Berard	Forward	2021	Gold
Brock Faber	Defense	2021	Gold
Tyler Kleven	Defense	2021	Gold
Jake Sanderson	Defense	2021	Gold
Landon Slaggert	Forward	2021	Gold

IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (5)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Matty Beniers	Forward	2019	Bronze
Logan Cooley	Forward	2021	5th
Kaidan Mbereko	Goaltender	2021	5th
Sasha Pastujov	Forward	2021	5th
Red Savage	Forward	2021	5th

NOTE: The 2020 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship was canceled due to COVID-19.

WORLD JUNIOR A CHALLENGE (1)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Matthew Knies	Forward	2019	3rd

NOTE: The 2020 and 2021 World Junior A Challenges were canceled due to COVID-19.

HLINKA GRETZKY CUP (2)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Wyatt Kaiser	Defense	2019	Fourth
Mackie Samoskevich	Forward	2019	Fourth

NOTE: The 2020 Hlinka Gretzky Cup was canceled due to COVID-19.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (1)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Dylan Silverstein	Goaltender	2020	Silver

USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS (22)

PLAYER	POSITION	PDC
Matthew Beniers	Forward	S15
Brett Berard	Forward	S15
Drew Comness	Goaltender	S15
Logan Cooley	Forward	S15
Matt Coronato	Forward	S16, S17
Tanner Dickinson	Forward	S15, S16, S17
Brock Faber	Defense	S15
Luke Hughes	Defense	S15
Dominic James	Forward	S16, S17
Wyatt Kaiser	Defense	S16, S17
Tyler Kleven	Defense	S15
Matthew Knies	Forward	S15, S16, S17
Carter Mazur	Forward	S15, S17
Ian Moore	Defense	S17
Scott Morrow	Defense	S15, S16, S17
Sasha Pastujov	Forward	S15
Jack Peart	Defense	S15, S16
Mackie Samoskevich	Forward	S15, S16, S17
Red Savage	Forward	S15
Dylan Silverstein	Goaltender	S15
Landon Slaggert	Forward	S15
Ty Smilanic	Forward	S15

NOTE: USA Hockey Player Development Camps, presented by BioSteel, are held annually in the summer for both Youth and Girls hockey. The national camps are held after district camps, and are utilized as an opportunity for further athlete development, including the selection of international teams.

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U.S. OUTLOOK AT 2021 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

2020 U.S. GROUP B OPPONENTS



SLOVAKIA

SUN., DEC. 26 7:30 P.M. LOCAL 9:30 P.M. ET
Series vs. Slovakia: 9-1-0-13-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note:
LAST MEETING: The U.S. defeated Slovakia, 5-2, in quarterfinals of the 2021 World Junior Championship en route to collecting a gold medal. **John Farinacci** scored twice, while **Bobby Brink** and **Trevor Zegras** collected two assists each. **Spencer Knight** stopped 16 of 18 shots.



SWITZERLAND

TUES., DEC. 28 2:30 P.M. LOCAL 4:30 P.M. ET
Series vs. Austria: 3-0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: 16 different players scored points, as Dustin Wolf earned the shutout.
LAST MEETING: The U.S. defeated Switzerland, 3-2, in quarterfinals of the 2017 World Junior Championship en route to collecting a gold medal. **Jeremy Bracco** and **Jordan Greenway** led the U.S. with a goal and assist each, with Greenway scoring the game-winner six minutes into the third period.



SWEDEN

WED., DEC. 29 7:30 P.M. LOCAL 9:30 P.M. ET
Series vs. Czech Republic: 13-2-1-7-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note:
LAST MEETING: Behind a 27-save performance from **Spencer Knight** and a goal and two assists from **Trevor Zegras**, the U.S. earned a 4-0 victory over Sweden in its final preliminary round game of the 2021 World Junior Championship, earning the first-place seed in Group B.



RUSSIA

FRI., DEC. 31 7:30 P.M. LOCAL 9:30 P.M. ET
Series vs. Sweden: 14-1-1-16-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note:
LAST MEETING: **Cam York** scored a goal and assist en route to being named U.S. Player of the Game. **Trevor Zegras** scored a power play goal, his first career IIHF goal, to make the game 4-3 in the final minutes. However, Russia scored an empty-net goal to make the final 5-3.

U.S. WJC PLAYOFF HISTORY

Quarterfinal Record: 12-0-0-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last QF: W, 5-2 vs. Slovakia (2021)
 Slovakia snapped a U.S. three-game shutout streak in the 2021 tournament, but the offensive attack led the U.S. to its first quarterfinal win over Slovakia in tournament history. **John Farinacci** scored two goals.

Semifinal Record: 6-1-1-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last SF: W, 4-3 vs. Finland (2021)
 After losing to Finland in the 2020 tournament, the U.S. fought back to win 4-3, thanks to a last-minute goal from **Arthur Kaliyev**. Both Kaliyev and **Alex Turcotte** led the U.S. with two points apiece, while **Spencer Knight** stopped 33 shots.

Bronze-Medal Games: 4-0-2-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Bronze Medals: 6 ('86, '92, '07, '11, '16, '18)
Last BMG: W, 9-3 vs. Czech Republic (2018)
 The United States has won four of its last five bronze-medal game meetings. In 2018, **Trent Frederic** netted four goals and **Kieffer Bellows** scored as the U.S. topped the Czech Republic, 9-3.

Gold-Medal Games: 3-2-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Gold Medals: 5 ('04, '10, '13, '17, '21)
Last GMG: W, 2-0 vs. Canada (2021)
 The U.S. improved to 4-1 against Canada all-time in gold-medal games, with a 2-0 win over Canada in Edmonton, Alberta. **Spencer Knight** recorded a 34-save shutout, setting a new U.S. World Juniors individual record. Tournament MVP **Trevor Zegras** led the U.S. with two points, including a goal early in the second period to put the U.S. up, 2-0.

U.S. WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY AT A GLANCE

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA
Austria	3	3	0	0	0	0	26	2
Belarus	4	3	0	0	0	0	23	11
Canada	48	9	3	3	30	3	137	191
Czechia	25	14	2	1	7	1	93	67
Czechoslovakia	16	4	0	0	12	0	51	90
Denmark	3	3	0	0	0	0	24	4
Finland	36	14	3	0	18	1	136	153
Germany	12	11	0	1	0	0	71	17
West Germany	13	10	0	0	3	0	80	45
Japan	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	2
Kazakhstan	5	5	0	0	0	0	42	6
Latvia	3	3	0	0	0	0	30	4
Norway	6	5	0	0	1	0	62	17
Poland	5	3	0	0	1	0	29	12
Russia	23	9	1	0	13	0	58	77
Soviet Union	12	1	0	0	11	0	32	76
Slovakia	19	14	0	0	4	1	82	42
Sweden	35	15	1	1	16	2	118	126
Switzerland	23	21	0	0	0	2	131	45
Ukraine	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	7
TOTAL	287	142	10	6	118	11	1206	984

ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	QF	SF	BMG	GMG	Total
Canada	0-1	1-4	0-1	4-1	6-7
Czechia	5-1	1-1	1-1	NA	7-3
Finland	2-1	2-0	0-2	0-1	4-4
Russia	1-3	2-3	0-1	NA	3-7
Slovakia	1-1	NA	NA	NA	1-1
Sweden	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-0	7-2
Switzerland	1-0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	12-8	7-9	4-5	5-2	28-24

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT WORLD JUNIORS

Year	Location	Head Coach	Record	Medal
2021	Edmonton, Canada	Nate Leaman	6-0-0-1	Gold
2019	Vancouver, Canada	Mike Hastings	5-0-1-1	Silver
2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bob Motzko	4-1-0-2	Bronze
2017	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0	Gold
2016	Helinski, Finland	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2	Bronze
2013	Ufa, Russia	Phil Housley	5-0-0-2	Gold
2011	Buffalo/Niagara, N.Y.	Keith Allain	5-0-0-1	Bronze
2010	Regina/Saskatoon, Canada	Dean Blais	5-1-1-0	Gold
2007	Leksand/Mora, Sweden	Ron Rolston	3-1-2-1	Bronze
2004	Helsinki/Hameenlinna, Finland	Mike Eaves	6-0-0*	Gold
1997	Geneva/Morges, Switzerland	Jeff Jackson	4-1-1*	Silver
1992	Fussen/Kaufbeuren, Germany	Walt Kyle	5-2-0*	Bronze
1986	Hamilton, Canada	Dave Peterson	4-3-0*	Bronze
TOTAL			5 Gold	2 Silver
*Win-Loss-Tie				6 Bronze

U.S. IN PREVIOUS 10 WORLD JUNIORS

Year	Location	Head Coach	Record	Finish
2021	Edmonton, Canada	Nate Leaman	6-0-0-1	Gold
2020	Ostrava/Třinec, Czech Republic	Scott Sandelin	2-1-0-2	Sixth
2019	Vancouver, Canada	Mike Hastings	5-0-1-1	Silver
2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bob Motzko	4-1-0-2	Bronze
2017	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0	Gold
2016	Helinski, Finland	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2	Bronze
2015	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Mark Osiecki	2-1-0-2	Fifth
2014	Malmo, Sweden	Don Lucia	3-0-0-2	Fifth
2013	Ufa, Russia	Phil Housley	5-0-0-2	Gold
2012	Calgary/Edmonton, Canada	Dean Blais	4-0-3-0	Seventh
TOTAL			3 Gold	1 Silver
				2 Bronze

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U.S. RECORDS

GOALS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	G
1	Kieffer Bellows	2018	7	9
2	Jeremy Roenick	1989	7	8
3	Trevor Zegras	2021	7	7
	Colin White	2017	7	7
	Auston Matthews	2016	7	7
	Johnny Gaudreau	2013	7	7
	Chris Borque	2006	7	7
	Peter Ferraro	1993	7	7
	Scott Young	1987	7	7
	Mark Green	1978	6	7

ASSISTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	A
1	Doug Weight	1991	7	14
2	Trevor Zegras	2021	7	11
3	Derek Stepan	2010	7	10
	Phil Kessel	2006	7	10
5	Trevor Zegras	2020	4	9
	Pat Peake	1993	7	9
	Mike Modano	1989	7	9
	Alfie Turcotte	1984	7	9
	Bobby Crawford	1978	6	9
10	6 different players			

POINTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	PTS
1	Doug Weight	1991	7	19
2	Trevor Zegras	2021	7	18
3	Jeremy Roenick	1989	7	16
4	Mike Modano	1989	7	15
5	Derek Stepan	2010	7	14
6	Pat Peake	1993	7	13
	Bobby Crawford	1978	6	13
8	Jerry D'Amigo	2010	7	12
	Ted Drury	1991	8	12
	Trent Klatt	1991	8	12
	Mark Green	1978	6	12

WINS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	W
1	Al Montoya	2004	6	6
2	Tyler Parsons	2017	5	5
	John Gibson	2013	7	5
	Jack Campbell	2011	6	5
	Rick DiPietro	2001	6	5
7	Mike Dunham	1992	6	5
	Cayden Primeau	2019	5	4
	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	6	4
	Mike Lee	2010	5	4
	Jeremy Smith	2008	6	4
	Jeff Frazee	2007	5	4
	Rob Geopfert	2003	7	4
	Jason Bacashihua	2002	7	4
	Brian Boucher	1997	6	4
	Paul Joswiak	1978	6	4

GAA (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	MIN	GAA
1	Al Montoya	2004	360	1.17
2	Rick DiPietro	2001	359	1.33
3	John Gibson	2013	398	1.36
4	Brian Boucher	1997	357	1.51
5	Cayden Primeau	2019	298	1.61
6	Spencer Knight	2021	332	1.63
7	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	325	1.66
8	Jean-Marc Pelletier	1998	180	1.67
9	Jack Campbell	2011	353	1.70
10	Jeff Frazee	2007	313	1.72

*minimum 180 minutes played
bold = active

SHUTOUTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	SO
1	Spencer Knight	2021	6	3
2	Al Montoya	2004	6	2
	Brian Boucher	1997	6	2
4	Dustin Wolf	2021	1	1
	Joseph Woll	2018	5	1
	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	6	1
	Thatcher Demko	2015	4	1
	Brandon Halverson	2015	1	1
	Anthony Stolarz	2014	1	1
	John Gibson	2013	7	1
	Jack Campbell	2010	3	1
	Thomas McCollum	2009	5	1
	Rick DiPietro	2001	6	1
	Rick DiPietro	2000	5	1
	Mike Heinke	1991	4	1

GOALS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	G
1	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	13
2	James van Riemsdyk	2007-09	19	12
3	Kieffer Bellows	2017-18	14	11
	Brian Gionta	1998-99	13	11
5	7 different players			

ASSISTS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	A
1	Trevor Zegras	2020-21	12	20
	Jordan Schroeder	2008-10	19	20
3	Doug Weight	1991	7	14
4	Kyle Palmieri	2010-11	13	12
	Phil Kessel	2005-06	14	12
	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	12

POINTS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Trevor Zegras	2020-21	12	27
	Jordan Schroeder	2008-10	19	27
3	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	25
4	James van Riemsdyk	2007-09	19	22
5	Brian Rolston	1991-93	21	20
	Mike Modano	1988-89	14	20

WINS (CAREER) UPDATE?

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	WINS
1	Jack Campbell	2010-12	14	10
2	Al Montoya	2004-05	12	9
3	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	11	7
4	Brian Boucher	1996-97	10	6
	Mike Dunham	1991-92	9	6

MIN (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	MIN
1	Alan Perry	1984-86	968:40
2	Jack Campbell	2010-12	816:46
3	Al Montoya	2004-05	753:15
4	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	658:40
5	Brian Boucher	1996-97	577:00

SHUTOUTS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	SO	
1	Spencer Knight	2020-21	3	
2	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	2	
	Al Montoya	2004-05	2	
	Brian Boucher	1996-97	2	
5	11 different players			1

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR
Trevor Zegras	Forward	2021
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2019
Casey Mittelstadt	Forward	2018
John Gibson	Goaltender	2013
Zach Parise	Forward	2004



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USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC PREPARATIONS

Preparations are underway for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Beijing, China. With the announcement by the NHL that its players will not participate in the Games, USA Hockey is making alternate plans and will announce details in the weeks ahead. The U.S. Women's National Team has been living and training together in Blaine, Minn., since October. They've also played a number of games and scrimmages, including four contests against Canada on U.S. soil as part of the My Why Tour, presented by Toyota. The final 23-player U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey roster will be announced Jan. 1 at the NHL's Winter Classic. The U.S. National Sled team will gather to live and train together in Nashville, Tenn., in mid-January in preparation for the 2022 Paralympics. The final 17-player roster is expected to be announced in late January.

2022 HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA

USA Hockey's yearly nationwide initiative, Hockey Week Across America, now in its 15th year, will take place from Feb. 28-March 6, 2022. The daily themes will include USA Day (Monday), Hockey is for Everyone Day (Tuesday), Stick Salute Day (Wednesday), Throwback Thursday (Thursday), Hockey Jersey Day (Friday), Try Hockey for Free Day (Saturday) and Welcome to Hockey Day! (Sunday). For more information on the week-long celebration, visit HockeyWeekAcrossAmerica.com.

BODY CHECKING AT THE YOUTH LEVEL

USA Hockey continues to place emphasis on rules surrounding body checking. Any legal contact needs to occur with intent to possess the puck, and body checking should never be used to punish or intimidate an opponent. It is the responsibility of the player delivering the check to have their stick on the ice, and avoid any dangerous contact including hits to the head, hits from behind and late hits. Rules define an illegal body check as when a player makes intentional physical contact, including physically forcing the opponent off the puck, with no effort to legally play the puck.

USA Hockey has dedicated resources and have placed an emphasis on competitive contact at all Youth 12U levels and younger, to build the foundation for proper angling, contact and winning possession of the puck. These are important skills for young players to learn at every practice as they advance into body checking leagues at 14U and older.

2021 U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CELEBRATION

The U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame formally enshrined two classes on Dec. 9 in Denver. **Dean Blais**, **Tony Granato**, **Jenny Potter** and **Jerry York** comprised the Class of 2020, while **Stan Fischler**, **Paul Holmgren** and **Peter McNab** were inducted as the Class of 2021. **Gary Thorne**, one of the game's legendary play-by-play voices, served as master of ceremonies before a capacity crowd. **Lynn Olson** (2020) and **Jack Barzee** (2021) were also honored with the NHL's Lester Patrick Trophy at the event.

SPECIAL TASK FORCE

USA Hockey president **Mike Trimboli** recently announced a task force to address the current state of officiating. The charge of the task force is to explore challenges relative to officiating that exist today - recruitment, retention and treatment of officials among them - and work to formulate a comprehensive plan that provides volunteers across the country with resources and strategies to address those challenges. Officiating challenges are not unique to hockey, but are apparent in all of youth sports. The task force is expected to provide an update at the USA Hockey Winter Meeting, which is set for mid-January in Orlando.

YOUTH NATIONALS

USA Hockey continues to plan for the 2022 Youth National Championships, presented by Chipotle. Notable championship alumni include **Cammi Granato**, **Phil** and **Amanda Kessel**, **Kendall Coyne Schofield**, **Joe Pavelski**, **Troy Terry**, and many more. Youth Tier I age groups include 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U, in addition to Youth Tier II and High School. Girls Tier I and Tier II Nationals compete across 14U, 16U and 19U.

Current U.S. National Junior Team players that have previously played in USA Hockey National Championships include: **Matty Beniers** (South Shore Kings), **Brett Berard** (South Shore Kings), **Drew Commesso** (South Shore Kings), **Logan Cooley** (Pittsburgh Penguins), **Matt Coronato** (Yale Jr. Bulldogs & N.J. Colonials), **Tanner Dickinson** (Belle Tire & Oakland Jr. Grizzlies), **Luke Hughes** (Little Caesars), **Dominic James** (Oakland Jr. Grizzlies & Little Caesars), **Matthew Knies** (Arizona Jr. Coyotes), **Carter Mazur** (Little Caesars), **Kaidan Mbereko** (Little Caesars & Compuware), **Ian Moore** (South Shore Kings), **Scott Morrow** (Shattuck-St. Mary's), **Sasha Pastujov** (Compuware), **Mackie Samoskevich** (Shattuck-St. Mary's), **Red Savage** (Compuware), **Landon Slaggert** (Chicago Mission) and **Ty Smilanic** (Colorado Thunderbirds).

USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Founded in 1996 and today in its 25th season on the ice, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program began operations in Ann Arbor, Mich., and remained there until the summer of 2015 when it moved to its current home at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich.

The full-time program is composed of two squads, the U.S. National Under-18 Team and U.S. National Under-17 Team, 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 is a two-sheet facility with regulation ice (85x200) in the main arena and Olympic-size ice (100x200) for the secondary sheet. After acquiring the facility on April 2, 2015, the USA Hockey Foundation added 20,000 square feet to the complex that includes 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. The 15 NTDP alumni part of the 2022 U.S. National Junior Team previously called USA Hockey Arena home, as well as Compuware athletes **Kaidan Mbereko** and **Red Savage**. USA Hockey Arena has been utilized as a host for the annual World Junior Summer Showcase, multiple USA Hockey National Championships, presented by Chipotle, as well as the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship where the U.S. won its eighth gold medal.

NEW USA HOCKEY PRESIDENT

Mike Trimboli (Massena, N.Y.), who has been involved in grassroots hockey as a player, coach, official and administrator for parts of the last six decades, was elected president of USA Hockey this past June as part of the organization's Annual Congress. In addition to his work with USA Hockey, Trimboli, who retired in 2018 from his role in law enforcement with the New York State Police after over 31 years, has also coached public high school hockey for more than 25 seasons over two stints, including from 1990-2005 and from 2009 until today, winning a Division 1 New York State championship in 2014.