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## State Of The States

## By The Numbers

**308**

Total Number of Games  
Played Over 3 Weekends  
(Typically States Take Place Over 4 Weekends)

**165**

### Total Teams

High School

8

Girls Tier I & II

45

Youth Tier I, II & III

112

### Host Locations

Northtown Center, Amherst; Cornerstone CFCU Arena, Lockport; Dwyer Arena, Niagara Falls; Nexus Centre, Utica; Rochester Ice Center, Fairport; SUNY Broome Ice Center, Binghamton

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It Takes More Than A Village To Put On A State Championship Tournament. Thanks To All The Rink Staffs, NYSAHA Board Members And Local Volunteers Who Made This Year's Events A Great Success.



**23**

Champions  
Crowned

**37/3**

Overtime Games  
/ Shootouts

**154**

Officials From  
Around The State  
Who Worked  
Tournament Games

Total Number Of Goals Scored  
(339 Power Play Goals / 79 Shorthanded Goals)

**2079**

**3172**

Total Number  
of Players

/

Registered  
Coaches

**863**

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## Changes In This Year's Schedule Can't Take Away From Great Event

Changing On The Fly To Adapt To The Earlier Easter Holiday Brought State Championships To New Host Sites In Rochester And Utica.

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## Second Chance Champs

### St. Francis Red Raiders Cash In On Another Opportunity To Win USA Hockey National Title

After Finishing The Regular Season With A Sub .500 Record, Hamburg-Based Prep Team Flips The Script To Capture Title Competing At First USA Hockey National Championship.

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## N.Y. Teams Leave It All On The Ice

Another Hockey Season Is In The Books. We Salute All The New York Teams That Represented The Empire State At USA Hockey National Championships, Including At The Northtown Center In Amherst. Congratulations To All The Teams For Representing Themselves, Their Associations And The Entire State So Well As They Pursued The Ultimate Goal Of Winning A USA Hockey National Championship.



The Canton Blades Battled To The End But Fell To The MN Prospects Lakers, 6-5, In A Tight Game Decided By A Shootout At The 2026 USA Hockey Girls Tier II 14 & Under 2A National Championship. The Blades Were Paced By Two Goals Each From Aubrie Cameron And Brynlee Besrosiers, Who Scored With 8 seconds Left To Send The Game Into Overtime. Congratulations To The Blades For A Great Tournament To Cap Off A Fantastic Season.  
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It Was A Slugfest Between Two Of Youth Hockey's Preeminent Programs In Green Bay As The Saints Hockey Club Went Toe To Toe With Shattuck-St. Mary's With The Youth Tier I 15 Only Title On The Line At The 2026 USA Hockey National Championships. In The End, Shattuck Survived A Furious Push By The Saints To Hold On To A 5-4 Victory. Congratulations To The Saints Hockey Club For A Great Tournament And A Fantastic Season.  
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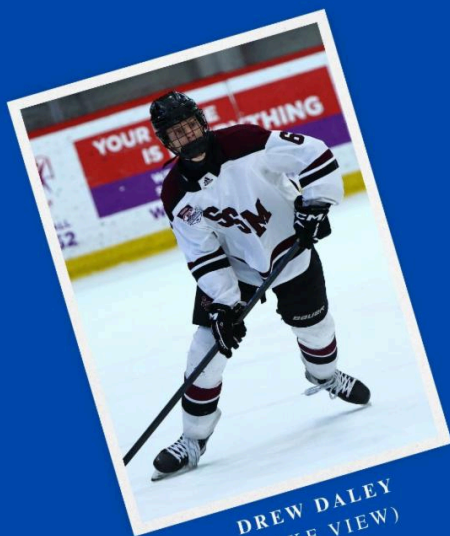
## **Oswego Officiating Camp Now Accepting Applications**

The annual New York State Officiating Development Camp Is Back And Ready To Help Young Officials Take Their Game To The Next Level.

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# NTDP Bound

Congratulations to New York natives Drew Daley and Kellen Paetsch for earning roster spots with the U.S. National Under-17 Team for the 2026-27 season.



DREW DALEY  
(LAKE VIEW)



KELLEN PAETSCH  
(SPENCERPORT)



New York Natives **Drew Daley** (Lake View) And **Kellen Paetsch** (Spencerport) Have Earned Roster Spots With USA Hockey's National Team Development Program For The 2026-27 Season. Last Year Daley Was A Member Of the Shattuck-St. Mary's 18U Team that Won the 2026 USA Hockey National Championship. Paetsch Played With The Bishop Kearney Selects 15 Only team. Both Defensemen Will Be Members Of The U.S. National Under-17 Team For The 2026-27 Season.

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**How Many New York Natives Have Developed Their Skills At USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Since The Program Started In 1998?**



**Emma Guzdek**

## National Treasure

Hats off to Emma Guzdek for her role in helping the University of Denver Pioneers win their 11th NCAA national championship. Guzdek, who grew up playing hockey with the Amherst Lady Knights and Buffalo Regals before playing college hockey at Wilkes University, is an operations assistant with the Pioneers as she finishes up her master's degree in public policy. In addition to her work at DU, she is also a coach with Cherry Creek Youth Hockey.

## Boys' PDCs Coming To Lake Placid

Iconic Facility To Host Three Boys' Player Development Camps Under One Roof Over The Course Of The Same Weekend.

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# Streaking Comet

## Young Star Leads By Example To Help Her Teammates Become Their Best

AudiLynn Ford Has Been A Dynamic Force On The Ice And In The Locker Room To Lead The Utica Jr. Comets To Great Heights.

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## 'Heart Of The Team'

### Watertown Squirt Shows Maturity And Leadership Skills Well Beyond His Age

Whether On The Ice, In The Locker Room Or In The Classroom, James Eberts Continues To Make All Those Around Him Better.

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## First Spin Around NHL Ice

James Hagens Takes An Inaugural Lap Around The Rink Prior To His First NHL Game On April 12. The Hauppauge Native Signed A Three-Year Deal With The Boston Bruins After Two Seasons At Boston College.

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**Trivia Answer:** A Total Of 84 New Yorkers Were Members Of The National Team Development Program, Including **J.D. Forest** (Auburn) And **Chris Purslow** (Greenlawn) Who Were On The Inaugural Team During The 1997-98 Season.

## Save The Date

Help Us Plot A Course Moving Forward By Attending The 2026 NYSAHA Annual Meeting At The Woodcliff Hotel & Spa In Fairport. Join The Discussions And Share Your Thoughts About The Future Of Our Game. Mark Your Calendar, Look For More Information In NYSAHA Newsletters, And Follow Us On Facebook and Instagram.

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HALL OF FAME DINNER **JUNE 13TH**

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