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USA Hockey Tier III Junior A National Championship

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Welcome

On behalf of the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission, Minnesota Junior Hockey League, the local organizing committee and the Rochester & Minnesota Hockey community, welcome to the 2011 USA Hockey Tier III Junior A National Championship.

We are delighted to host this tournament this year in the hockey hotbed of Minnesota. The tournament this year is being hosted by the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission assisted by the Minnesota Junior Hockey League Rochester Park & Rec. Department and the Rochester Convention & Visitors Bureau.

We feel confident that you will enjoy your stay in the Rochester area while attending this event. Rochester is a city of 100,000 and is the home of the Mayo Clinic and IBM. During your stay you will enjoy the hospitality that Rochester is known for.

If you have any questions about the tournament please feel free to call Ed Hruska, Executive Director of the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission at 507-280-4701 or ehruska@rochsports.com.

Rochester Rec. Center & Graham Arenas – Rochester, MN

The Rochester Rec. Center will be the marquee venue for the tournament and the Championship game will be played here. The rink is located at: 21 Elton Hills Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901. The Rec. Center features great spectator seating, concessions and other amenities that make this venue a great one for hockey. Games will also be played at the Graham Arenas located at: 1570 Fairgrounds Avenue SE, Rochester, MN 55904. Graham Arena features four rinks under one roof with the most recent rink added two years ago. The venue will also be a great one for teams and fans alike. The venues are located just six minutes from each other right down Broadway (Hwy 63) in Rochester.

The semifinals and finals will be played at the Rochester Rec. Center.

Related Website:

<http://www.rochestermn.gov/departments/park/index.asp>

Tournament Headquarters

The Ramada Hotel & Conference Center is the tournament headquarters for this event. The hotel is located at 1517 – 16th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902. Please contact Pete Barby at 1-800-552-7224. The coaches pre-tournament meeting and hospitality will be held at the Ramada.



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Hotel Accommodations

Headquarter Hotel (Location of Meetings)			
Ramada Hotel & Conference Center	Pete Barby	800-552-7224 507-289-8866	\$84.00 - \$94.00
<p>1517 - 16th Street SW. Located within minutes of the Graham Complex, Apache Mall, and dozens of places of interest in Rochester, MN. Complimentary shuttle, continental breakfast (an enhanced USA Hockey version with hot waffles, eggs and bacon or sausage) ample flat-lot parking, business center computer access and complimentary wireless high speed internet, large indoor pool with two story water slide, separate "kiddies" pool, and large hot tub. Restaurant on site, Teresa's serving lunch and dinner. Rookie's Sport Bar is also on site owned and operated by former NHL player Scott Schneider.</p> <p>Shuttle – Limited Equipment Storage – Yes Breakfast - Yes (complimentary)</p>			
Other Team Hotels			
Best Western Soldiers Field	Kristine Ihrke	800-366-2067 507-292-7337	\$89.00
<p>401 - 6th Street SW. Tower Guestrooms with Two Queen Beds, Microwave and Refrigerator. Suites with Full Kitchen, Separate Bedroom, and Living Room. Complimentary Champions Hot Breakfast Buffet – Served in Private Room with Menu Varying Daily. Free Flat-Lot Parking, Indoor Pool, Whirlpool and Sauna, fitness room, Free City-Wide Shuttle on 20 Passenger Buses, Complimentary Friday Night Sports Reception, Restaurant and Lounge, Business Center with Complimentary Internet Access, Complimentary Storage Room.</p> <p>Shuttle – Yes Equipment Storage – Yes Breakfast - Yes (complimentary)</p>			
Clarion Inn	Sarah Topness	507-288-1844	\$80.00
<p>1630 South Broadway. NEWLY RENOVATED with new beds, furniture and décor as of April 2010. Special Continental Breakfast for teams and officials and FREE ample flat lot parking for you and patrons to park. Large heated swimming pool, sauna, and whirlpool, Viking Lounge Sports Bar and Grill and the Three Crowns Dining Room. Free high-speed internet, game area with pool table and video/pinball games and seven meeting rooms.</p> <p>Shuttle – Limited Equipment Storage – Yes Breakfast - Yes</p>			
LaQuinta Inn	Teresa Miller	800-753-3757 507-281-2211	\$89.00 - \$109.00
<p>1625 South Broadway. Located next to Graham Arena Complex, complimentary hot breakfast, free high-speed internet, flat-lot parking, restaurant/lounge, re Fridgerators & microwaves, pool, whirlpool & guest laundry.</p> <p>Shuttle – None Equipment Storage – Yes Breakfast - Yes (complimentary)</p>			
Marriott Hotel	Julie Haldeman	877-623-7775 507-285-2756	\$95.00
<p>101 - 1st Avenue SW. Oak Room Restaurant and VINO's Restaurant for your guest's dining enjoyment. The hotel offers a 24-Hour In-Room Dining program with gourmet selections. Our unique seven-story atrium in the center of the hotel boasts a pool, whirlpool, sauna and fitness center.</p> <p>Shuttle – Limited Equipment Storage – Yes Breakfast - Yes (complimentary to teams)</p>			
Fan Hotels			
Hampton Inn South	Beth Jay Stephanie Frederick	800-426-7866 507-287-9050	\$89.00
<p>1755 South Broadway. Complimentary hot breakfast, free wireless internet, free parking, 24 hour pool, whirlpool, fitness center, business center, Located within minutes of all sporting venues as well as restaurants within walking distance. Top ranked hotel by Trip Advisor for past three years.</p>			



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Team Meals

There are several restaurants in Rochester that can accommodate your team. A list of restaurants that take reservations or have private rooms available for groups can be found on our website: www.rochsports.com/hockey. Call 507-280-4701 for additional questions.

Practice Times and Availability

Teams and/or leagues are responsible for booking practice ice directly with the rinks in Rochester. For scheduling practice times please call:

Graham Arena: Bob Montrose – Phone: (507) 281-6189; Email: bmontrose@rochestermn.gov
Rochester Rec. Center: Ed Staiert – Phone: (507) 328-2500; Email: estaiert@rochestermn.gov

Dressing Rooms

The dressing rooms at both Rochester Rec. Center & Graham Arena will be available only for your scheduled games. Teams may not leave equipment between games / days and secured baggage. Teams will be required to remove all player and team equipment after the conclusion of each game. Each dressing room is equipped with shower facilities, and will be checked by rink staff before and after each game.

Ground Transportation

Vehicle Rental Specials are available from Alamo, National and Enterprise. These discounts can be obtained by visiting the "Special Offers" section on the www.usahockey.com website. Airport and Continuous Shuttle service (both airport and continuous) call Rochester Shuttle Service, online registrations at <http://rochestershuttleservice.com/>. Enter the code "RCVB" to get 20% off your trip. Go Rochester Direct: phone - 1-800-280-9270; <http://www.gorochesterdirect.com/>.

Local transportation is also available at some of the tournament hotels. Please be sure to ask about this service when making your hotel reservation. This amenity varies by hotel.

Medical Services

Complete trainer and medical services will be provided to all teams by Mayo Sports Medicine. Please make sure Consent to Treat authorization forms and medical insurance information is available for each player. Minor players will have to present a consent to treat form signed by a parent or legal guardian at the credentialing meeting before the tournament.



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Pro Shop and Skate Sharpening

Pro Shops and Skating Sharpening services are available near each arena. These shops are not located in the building, but are located very nearby:

Graham Arena: Shoot-N-Save – 106 – 16th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902; **Phone:** 507-285-9593; **Website:** <http://shoot-n-save.com/>

Rochester Rec. Center: Play It Again Sports – 102 Elton Hills Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901; **Phone:** 507-281-1943; **Website:** <http://www.playitagainsports.com/>

Team Officials, Coaches and Tournament Officials Meeting

The mandatory pre-tournament meeting required of all team officials, coaches, managers, and tournament officials is scheduled for Thursday evening March 31, 2011 at a time TBA and held at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, host hotel. Each team must be represented, on time and prepared to designate a representative to the Disciplinary Committee.

On – Ice Officials Meeting

USA Hockey requires that all on – ice officials attend a mandatory pre-tournament meeting, scheduled for Thursday March 31, 2011 immediately after the Tournament officials meeting. This meeting will take place at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, host hotel also.

Tournament Schedule

TBA – Round robin play begins on Friday, April 1.

Internet Game Broadcasts

All games from the Tier III Junior A National Tournament will be internet broadcast. A link to the internet broadcast will be posted on our tournament website as soon as it is available.



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Team and Player Credentials

Participating Leagues will verify each team's participants are eligible to play in the national tournament. This will be done once the team has qualified for the National Tournament.

Teams must bring proof of insurance and consent to treat forms for all participants. Teams must check-in and receive their credentials prior to their first scheduled game. Please allow time to check-in all team members before your scheduled game.

Ticket Information

Tournament Passes:

All Games

- ✦ Adults - \$40.00
- ✦ Students -\$30.00 (6-18 years of age)
- ✦ Children – Free (5 years of age and under)

Daily Admission

- ✦ Adults - \$15.00
- ✦ Students -\$10.00 (6-18 years of age)
- ✦ Children – Free (5 years of age and under)

Players, Coaches and Team Management admission only with tournament supplied passes which will be distributed during the credentialing process.

Tickets will be available for sale at the Schwan Super Rink at the start of the tournament.

Media Credentials

Media Personnel (one per individual) must contact Ed Hruska to obtain a media packet and pass:

Ed Hruska
507-280-4701 (Office)
ehruska@rochsports.com

Official Tournament Website:

The official tournament website is: www.rochsports.com/hockey. Pre-event information will be posted there as well as results as they happen. Links to USA Hockey and Gamecasting can also be found on this site



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Tournament Disciplinary Committee Meetings

In the event the Disciplinary Committee has to meet, they will do so at the Rec Center Rink two hours before the start of the first game each day.

National Tournament Programs, Photo and Roster info

In order to create a top quality program for the tournament we require each team attending to submit a team photo and roster information no later than March 23rd. This information must be emailed to Ben Boldt, bboldt@rochsports.com.

- ✦ Each team photo must be saved in a .jpeg format, scaled at 300 dpi.
- ✦ Roster information must be submitted using the Excel Document emailed to you. This form is also available on our tournament website.
- ✦ Questions about the roster format or team photo may be directed to Ed Hruska, ehruska@rochsports.com or 507-280-4701.

Roster Information

- ✦ [Sample Program Page on the Next Page](#)

WALPOLE EXPRESS

Atlantic Junior Hockey League



2010-11 WALPOLE EXPRESS JUNIOR A

#	First Name	Last Name	Pos	Birth Year	Height	Weight	Hometown
2	Marcus	Dahlstrom	D	1990	6'2	194	Stockholm, Sweden
4	Andrew	Douse	D	1990	6'0	190	Cape Coral, Florida
5	Jake	Brightbill	D	1992	5'8	176	Annaville, Pennsylvania
6	Chris	Kennedy	D	1992	6'0	178	Sherborne, Massachusetts
7	Matt	Harrington	F	1990	5'11	192	North Port, Florida
9	Kevin	Aufiero	F	1991	5'9	176	Canton, Massachusetts
10	David	Goff	F	1992	5'9	169	Gulfport, Florida
11	Max	Capuano	F	1991	6'1	192	Cranston, Rhode Island
12	Anthony	Valentino	F	1991	6'2	179	Colts Neck, New Jersey
13	Chris	Comprosky	D	1991	5'10	178	Pompano Beach, Florida
15	Matt	Venoit	F	1990	6'0	177	Virginia Beach, Florida
17	Ronnie	Walsh	F	1992	6'2	187	Abington, Massachusetts
18	Ken	Yasenchock	F	1990	5'11	174	Egg Harbor, New Jersey
19	Zebastian	Solvberg	F	1992	6'3	181	Sigtuna, Sweden
21	Brian	Greene	F	1990	6'0	189	Falmouth, Maine
22	Jimmy	Perkins	F	1990	5'10	177	Tinley Park, Illinois
23	Andrew	Sellner	D	1991	6'1	191	Niskayuna, New York
24	Collin	O'Neil	F	1992	5'9	169	Hummelstown, Pennsylvania
25	Carmen	Mastrangelo	F	1990	5'11	175	Wellington, Florida
26	Ed	Rohaly	F	1990	6'0	200	Huntington Beach, California
27	Jay	Heinle	F	1993	5'8	176	York, Pennsylvania
29	Zach	Andrews	G	1991	5'10	164	Coral Springs, Florida
40	Phil	Heinle	G	1993	5'7	169	York, Pennsylvania
52	Thomas	Mahoney	D	1990	6'2	193	Braintree, Massachusetts

HEAD COACH - Mark Kumpel
 HEAD COACH - Tony Dalessio



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