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SHARKS ICE AT SAN JOSE TO HOST NCAA REGULAR SEASON OPENER WISCONSIN VS PROVIDENCE WOMEN'S HOCKEY SET FOR OCT. 2-3

SAN JOSE –The Wisconsin and Providence Women's hockey teams will open their respective seasons on Oct. 2-3 at Sharks Ice at San Jose with a two-game series. Wisconsin and Providence have not met since Nov. 28, 2009, when the Badgers defeated the Friars, 4-1, in Providence, Rhode Island.

Open practices are scheduled for both teams on Thursday (Oct 1) at Sharks Ice. Game One of the series will begin Friday at 7 PM and game two is scheduled for 3 PM on Saturday.

“San Jose has hosted multiple national championships for the girls, USA Hockey has been out there and it presents a great opportunity to expose Division I women's hockey to that part of the country,” said Wisconsin Head Coach Mark Johnson. “It should be a great weekend of hockey and, at the same time, an opportunity for both teams to give back as we will gather Sunday morning and put a clinic on for youth girl hockey players in the area.”

This is the fourth time that Wisconsin has hosted games at a neutral site in an effort to grow the game. Wisconsin and Northeastern played in Lakewood, California in 2004, the Badgers met New Hampshire in Fort Meyers, Florida in 2008. In 2013, the Badgers hosted a tournament featuring Boston University, Northeastern and St. Cloud State in Vail, Colorado.

In addition to the games and practices, there will be two GGHAT (Girls Give Hockey A Try) clinics offered. These exciting sessions offer participants the chance to skate and interact with our current Jr. Sharks Girls players as well as with our top-notch coaching team. Those interested can visit <http://www.sjrsharks.com> for more information.

Sharks Ice has previously hosted five National Tournaments. The most recent was in 2013 when the USA Hockey Girls Tier I & II, and Women's Sr. A, B, & C skated into all three Sharks Ice operated venues (San Jose, Fremont, and Oakland Ice Center) for their National Championships. The tournament drew thousands of families to the Bay Area and was a big economic boom for the city of San Jose, creating business for local hotels and restaurants.

Tickets for the games in San Jose are on sale now for \$12 each and are available at Ticketmaster.com.

“We are extremely pleased to be hosting the upcoming game between the two NCAA D1 teams,” said Sharks Ice Hockey Director Robert Savoie. “They are sure to inspire all of the players in the Jr. Sharks girls program. I am sure the Sharks Ice community will greatly benefit from this experience.”

For ticket information please click [here](#).