



## **2016 “AMERICA’S GIRLS SHOWCASE”**

### **TEAM ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

#### **General Showcase Event Information**

1. **Showcase Objective:** The objective of *America’s Showcase* is to provide a highly competitive National event for those premier High School student athletes who play for USA Hockey registered High School teams and to provide the opportunity for these premier players (who may not be traditionally scouted) to be seen by major hockey programs in the United States. Prep School and College scouts will be in attendance during games.
2. **Player Eligibility:** The *Girls Showcase* is restricted to USA Hockey registered amateur sophomores (a limited number), juniors and seniors who are full time high school students under the age of twenty (20) as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, and who are enrolled and attending the school designated on their player profile form. Each player must participate on a USA Hockey registered High School hockey team (Varsity or Jr. Varsity) if one is offered or fielded by the High School they attend. Players who attend a High School with a USA Hockey registered hockey program and who choose not to play for their High School team shall not be eligible to participate in the *Showcase*. Each team shall be permitted to roster a maximum of two (2) players who are full time High School students who attend a school which does not offer or field a USA Hockey registered High School hockey team.
3. **Dates of Event:** The dates of the 2016 *America’s Showcase* for the Girls are April 14 (Thursday) – April 17 (Sunday). All games are scheduled to be played, at this point in time, at the Robert Morris University Island Sports Center in Pittsburgh, PA. Each team will be guaranteed to play at least three (3) games. This will be the fourth year the Rocky Mountain District will be sending a team. Past years have included teams, in addition to Team Rocky Mountain, from the Pacific District, New England District, Central District, Mid-Am District and the Michigan District. The *Showcase* organizers working hard to have eight (8) teams for the 2016 *Showcase*.
4. **Covered Costs:** The base cost to participate on the 2016 Team Rocky Mountain Girls Showcase team is \$425 per player. This cost will be due to the Rocky Mountain District Girls Showcase Team once you have been selected to participate. The base cost will include the player’s portion of their hotel room cost for four (4) nights and a practice ice slot in Pittsburgh. In addition each player will receive a team shirt (polo type), a team hoodie, a game jersey back and game socks. All teams and all players are required by the *Showcase* to stay in one of the *Showcase* designated team hotels. The Team Rocky Mountain staff will make the hotel arrangements on behalf of the Team. Players will be assigned two to a room by the coaching staff. See item 9 below for additional hotel information.
5. **Non-Covered Costs:** Each player will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from Pittsburgh; their meals and spending money.
6. **Transportation:** In prior years designated *Showcase* hotels offered free shuttle transportation to/from the Pittsburgh airport. We assume the same will hold true for this year’s event. The *Showcase* provides team bus transportation to/from the rink and the hotel for the games.

7. **Non-Players:** All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, family members or friends that plan to travel with a player or meet a player in Pittsburgh please be aware that you will most likely have to stay in another hotel. The designated "Team" hotels are just that, "Team Hotels". In prior years the *America's Showcase* website has posted a listing of hotels recommended for parents, families and friends. We assume the same will hold true for this year's event. You will need to make your own room arrangements if you plan to attend. Please also be aware that your access and contact with your player will be limited and that no player will be allowed to leave the team hotel, ice rink or any other location with **ANY** person, parent(s) and relatives included, without the permission of the Head Coach. Team activities between games will be planned and all players will be required to attend these activities. Parents, family and friends will be able to attend many of the team activities as well. Please do not ask to take your player separately to any event or function. **Also, NO parent, family member or friends will be allowed in any player's hotel room at any time or for any reason.** Parents, family members and friends may meet and talk with players in the Team Hotel lobby when time permits. Violation of the above will be cause for removal from the team.
8. **ARRIVAL:** All players will be expected to arrive at the Team Hotel, (you will be notified of the chosen Team Hotel) no later than 8:00 pm on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There will be a mandatory meeting of all players and team staff at 9:00 pm that evening at a location in the hotel to discuss team policy and protocol.
9. **HOTEL:** Hotel rooms will have two bed and players will be assigned 2 players to a room by the team staff. Rooming requests will not be honored as our policy is for all to meet new friends. Team staff will supervise the players at all times and as stated above, no player is permitted to leave the Team or Team Hotel without permission of the Head Coach. There will be a 10 pm mandatory curfew each evening with lights out at 11:00 pm. Violation of curfew without staff permission will be cause for removal from the team.
10. **TEAM ATTIRE:** All players will be issued a team shirt and a team hoodie. All Players will need to provide and bring their own black dress pants (no jeans) and athletic shoes. This will be the attire to be worn at all team activities, including going to and from games.
11. **CELL PHONES:** Cell phones will not be permitted in the locker room or on the bench during any game or practice. Players will be asked to leave their cell phones with the Team Staff during the games. Cell Phones MUST be shut off at lights out and cannot be turned on after this time. All parents will receive a copy of the staff cell numbers. No locker room or hotel room pictures may be loaded onto social media sites without permission of the Head Coach. Team Rocky Mountain will not be responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen cell phones.
12. **VALUABLES:** All players are asked not to bring valuables to the event. Team Rocky Mountain will not be responsible for any lost or stolen valuables.
13. **TEAM DRYLAND AND SKILLS:** Each day the team will hold a dryland session in the morning. A team off-ice warm up will be held 1 hour prior to each scheduled game. Players will need to bring appropriate apparel for these activities including running shoes.
14. **GAME GEAR:** Full hockey gear/equipment, including MOUTHGUARDS, is required for any on-ice activity and participation. All gear/equipment, including sticks, is to be provided by the player.
15. **ICE PRACTICE:** The Team will hold a practice session at a local area rink in Pittsburgh prior to the first game. Players will be notified of the location in advance of traveling to Pittsburgh. Players will need to bring their own practice jersey.
16. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/CONTACT:** Additional *Showcase* information will be provided as released by the event organizers. Please feel free to contact Geoff Pashkowski, Team Rocky General Manager, at 602-376-6722 or by email at [dplusarch@cox.net](mailto:dplusarch@cox.net) with questions you may have regarding the event. Please contact your State High School Hockey Association if you are interested in becoming a member of the 2016 Girls Team Rocky Mountain.