

Welcome to Vermont!

On behalf of the Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association (VSAHA) congratulations and welcome to all the players, coaches, officials, families and friends who have succeeded in making it to Vermont to compete in the Toyota USA Hockey Girls Tier II National Championships. We are excited to be hosting you for a great week of hockey and to show you why we love the Green Mountain State.

Thanks to the determination from families, the national success of collegiate women's hockey in Vermont and the support from USA Hockey, girls and women's hockey in Vermont has enjoyed a tremendous amount of growth. Only a handful of girls were playing in the late 1970's and now there are more 8U girls playing per capita than any other state. Burlington hosted the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championships and one of Vermont's own Amanda Pelkey, will be wearing Team USA's jersey for the this year's IIHF World Championships in Canada.

Vermont is a place where it is no longer considered out of the ordinary to see girls and women playing, coaching or officiating hockey. Thanks to all who encourage girls to play, coach and officiate this game. It makes a world of difference for life.

Consider this week in Vermont a "playcation." Our hope is to ensure your time here is memorable for the exceptional competition on the ice, the people you will meet, the places you'll see and the local food you'll taste. We encourage you to visit a college or university, try some sugar on snow, take a ferry across Lake Champlain, see robots milking cows or just hop in the car and go... "take the road less travelled." Vermont is a special place; just ask anyone who lives here and, of course, plays hockey!

Finally, a very heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who committed their time over the past two years to making this National Championships the best for all involved. Please make sure you say "hi and thanks" when you see them.

Good luck, play hard, enjoy your visit, and come back real soon!

Enthusiastically,

Carol Weston - Director
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