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## **ROCHESTER TO HOST NWHL GAME ON NOV. 4** *Beauts will face the Riveters as centerpiece of the city's large-scale Bauer Fire on Ice girls' hockey tournament*



**August 7, 2017, Brooklyn, NY** – The National Women's Hockey League is coming to Rochester, N.Y.

The defending Isobel Cup champion Buffalo Beauts will face the New York Riveters on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 pm at the 2,500-seat Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex. The NWHL was invited to Rochester by the directors of the Bauer Fire on Ice Tournament, which will be held that weekend.

Bauer Fire on Ice is produced by LEGACY Global Sports and is one of the largest girls' ice hockey tournaments in the world. Last year, it drew 166 visiting teams and more than 2,500 athletes from Arizona, California, Colorado, Washington, Ontario and British Columbia, among many other communities.

"LEGACY Global Sports is beyond thrilled to have the NWHL play a league game during our Bauer Fire on Ice tournament," said tournament director Paul Maciejewski. "We strive to make each and every tournament a world-class event while impacting the lives of young athletes. By bringing the

NWHL to Rochester and Fire on Ice, it a tremendous opportunity for over 2,000 female youth hockey players to watch high-level professional women's hockey while learning about the league, players and being able to set their goals and dreams in this great sport."

"We can't wait to bring the NWHL to Rochester," said NWHL Commissioner Dani Rylan. "To grow the league and promote the women's game, one of our goals is to present NWHL games in different settings. We're proud to showcase our players before the thousands of girls' hockey participants in the Fire on Ice tournament."

Previously, the NWHL announced a neutral-site game in Pittsburgh on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2018 featuring the Beauts and Connecticut Whale. The 2018 NWHL All-Star Game will also be played in a city outside the league's four markets. The 2017-18 NWHL schedule is expected to be released this week. Ticket information for the game in Rochester will be available at a later date.

#### **About the National Women's Hockey League (NWHL)**

The NWHL is the first professional women's hockey league in North America to pay its players and share in revenue from select apparel sales. The inaugural season began October 11, 2015 with the Founding Four: Boston Pride, Buffalo Beauts, Connecticut Whale and New York Riveters. The first two winners of the Isobel Cup were the Pride (2016) and the Beauts (2017).

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