



# 2023-24 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2024 WORLD PARA ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP | WINSPORT ARENA | CALGARY, ALBERTA

SEMIFINALS • USA (3-0-0-0) VS. CZECHIA (2-0-0-1) • FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 • 1:30 P.M. MT • WINSPORT ARENA

## TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. National Sled Team will take on Czechia here today in the semifinal round of the 2024 World Para Ice Hockey Championship at WinSport Arena.

Puck drop is set for 1:30 p.m. MT, and the game will live stream for free on the NBC Sports YouTube Channel.

Team USA wrapped up preliminary round play as the top seed in Group A, finishing with a 3-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and outscoring its opponents a combined 31-0. Czechia enters this game with a 2-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, finishing second in Group B through preliminary-round play.

Team USA holds an unbeaten, 18-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record on the season entering this game, The U.S. and Czechia have faced off four times this season, with Team USA winning all four contests.

The U.S. is 7-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) all-time in the World Para Ice Hockey Championship semifinals, and 13-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) all-time against Czechia across all-contests.

## TALKING POINTS

### THE STREAK CONTINUES

The U.S. National Sled Team is currently riding a 40-game winning streak, dating back to the Sled Series vs. Canada in October, 2021. In that span, Team USA has captured gold at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games, won gold at the 2023 World para Ice Hockey Championship in Moose Jaw, and earned titles at two Para Hockey Cups and two IPH Cups.

### FARMER APPROACHING MORE RECORDS

**Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) has already shattered the single-season goals (29) and points (51) records for the U.S. National Sled Team through preliminary-round play.

Farmer currently stands at 17 points (10g, 7a) through three games at the 2024 World Para Ice Hockey Championship, one point away from breaking his own single-tournament record. His 10 goals are also the second-most all time at a world championship, behind only the 12 he tallied in 2017. His 7 assists rank third-most all-time at a single Sled Worlds.

### LAST TIME OUT

Farmer (Tampa, Fla.) posted eight points, including his third-straight hat trick, to help the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team to a 10-0 victory over China on Tuesday in its final preliminary-round game at WinSport Arena. Captain **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) added four points (1g, 3a) in his 200th career game in the victory as well.

With the win, the U.S. claimed the top seed in Group A.

"I really liked our effort today, especially to start that second period," said **David Hoff**, head coach of the U.S. National Sled Team. "I'm proud of how we are trending upwards as the tournament goes on."

### SPUDS NOTCHES 200

Team captain and longest-tenured player **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), also known by many as "Spuds", entered the 2024 World Para Ice Hockey Championship with a record 197 career games played.

Tuesday's contest against China marked his 200th career game played, making him the first player in team history to reach that milestone.

## BROADCAST DETAILS

Today's game, along with Sunday's medal-round games, will live stream for free on the NBC Sports YouTube channel and Peacock.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)/RESULTS
SAT., MAY 4	SLOVAKIA	W, 10-0
SUN., MAY 5	KOREA	W, 11-0
TUES., MAY 7	CHINA	W, 10-0
FRI., MAY 10	CZECHIA	3:30 P.M.
SUN., MAY 12	MEDAL ROUND	TBD

## TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2023 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	CZE	5-0-0-0
2023 IPH Cup	USA	CAN	CZE	5-0-0-0
2023 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	CZE	5-0-0-0
2022 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	CZE	4-1-0-0
2022 IPH Cup	USA	CAN	IPH	5-0-0-0
2022 Paralympics	USA	CAN	CHN	4-0-0-0
2021 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RPC	4-0-0-1
2019 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2019 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2018 Paralympics	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Turin Para Hockey	USA	ITA	NOR	5-0-0-0
2017 (Dec.) WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2017 Sled Worlds	CAN	USA	KOR	6-0-0-1
2017 (Jan.) WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 IPC Pan-Pacific	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 WSHC	USA	CAN	RUS	4-0-1-0
2015 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2015 WSHC	USA	RUS	CAN	4-1-0-0
2014 Paralympics	USA	RUS	CAN	4-0-0-1
TOTAL				93-4-1-3

## LEADING TEAM USA

**David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.) is in his sixth season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In March of 2023, Hoff was named the 2022 Paralympic Coach of the Year by the USOPC. USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief, Hoff led the U.S. to an unprecedented fourth-straight Paralympic gold medal at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. In his debut season as bench boss, Hoff coached Team USA to a 10-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, including an undefeated 4-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) mark at the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, Czech Republic. He added a second world championship gold medal to his resume after guiding Team USA to a top-of-the-podium finish at the 2021 IPC Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, its record fifth gold medal in world championship history. In his Paralympic debut in 2022, Hoff led Team USA to a perfect 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and the gold medal. In 2023, Hoff led team USA to an unbeaten 16-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, capped off by winning his third world championship.

**Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), who has helped the U.S. capture the gold medal in the last four Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018, 2022), is serving as captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Pauls is in his 16th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his seventh as team captain.

## MEDIA INFORMATION

All Team USA players or staff will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games and practices. Media availability on day-of-game skates will be limited. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

**MEDIA CONTACT:**  
**781.267.9907** **SEAMUS.KELLEY@USAHOCKEY.ORG**  
All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Seamus Kelley, who will be on-site with Team USA in Calgary, Alberta



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## U.S. WORLD PARA ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

YEAR	HOST	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. HEAD COACH	U.S. RECORD	U.S. FINISH
2023	Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan	<b>United States</b>	Canada	Czechia	David Hoff	5-0-0-0	<b>Gold</b>
2021	Ostrava, Czechia	<b>United States</b>	Canada	RPC	David Hoff	4-0-0-1	<b>Gold</b>
2019	Ostrava, Czechia	<b>United States</b>	Canada	Korea	David Hoff	4-1-0-0	<b>Gold</b>
2017	Gangneung, South Korea	Canada	<b>United States</b>	Korea	Guy Gosselin	6-0-0-1	Silver
2015	Buffalo, N.Y.	<b>United States</b>	Canada	Russia	Jeff Sauer	5-0-0-0	<b>Gold</b>
2013	Goyang, South Korea	Canada	<b>United States</b>	Russia	Jeff Sauer	4-0-0-1	Silver
2012	Hamar, Norway	<b>United States</b>	Korea	Canada	Jeff Sauer	3-1-1-0	<b>Gold</b>
2009	Ostrava, Czechia	<b>United States</b>	Norway	Canada	Ray Maluta	3-1-0-1	<b>Gold</b>
2008	Marlborough, Mass.	Canada	Norway	<b>United States</b>	Ray Maluta	4-0-0-2	Bronze
2004	Ornskoldsvik, Sweden	Norway	<b>United States</b>	Sweden	Keith Blase	4-0-0-1	Silver
2000	Salt Lake City, Utah	Canada	Norway	Sweden	Rick Middleton	1-0-0-4	Sixth
1996	Nynashamn, Sweden	Sweden	Norway	Canada	Angelo Bianco	1-0-0-4	Fifth

## U.S. EVENT GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Year	Date	Opponent	Round	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA
2024	5/7/24	China	Preliminary	W				10	0
2024	5/5/24	Korea	Preliminary	W				11	0
2024	5/4/24	Slovakia	Preliminary	W				10	0
2023	6/4/23	Canada	GMG	W				6	1
2023	6/3/23	China	Semifinals	W				10	2
2023	5/31/23	Canada	Preliminary	W				3	0
2023	5/30/23	Korea	Preliminary	W				9	0
2023	5/29/23	Czechia	Preliminary	W				7	1
2021	6/26/21	Canada	GMG	W				5	1
2021	6/25/21	South Korea	Semifinals	W				9	0
2021	6/22/21	South Korea	Preliminary	W				8	0
2021	6/20/21	Czechia	Preliminary	W				4	0
2021	6/19/21	Canada	Preliminary				L	1	2
2019	5/4/19	Canada	GMG		OTW			3	2
2019	5/3/19	Czechia	Semifinals	W				10	2
2019	4/30/19	Norway	Preliminary	W				10	0
2019	4/28/19	South Korea	Preliminary	W				4	0
2019	4/27/19	Canada	Preliminary	W				3	1
2017	4/20/17	Canada	GMG				L	1	4
2017	4/19/17	South Korea	Preliminary	W				5	0
2017	4/18/17	Norway	Preliminary	W				6	0
2017	4/17/17	Canada	Preliminary	W				2	1
2017	4/15/17	Germany	Preliminary	W				9	0
2017	4/14/17	Italy	Preliminary	W				9	1
2017	4/13/17	Sweden	Preliminary	W				7	0
2015	5/3/15	Canada	GMG	W				3	0
2015	5/1/15	Norway	Semifinals	W				6	0
2015	4/29/15	Italy	Preliminary	W				7	0
2015	4/27/15	Germany	Preliminary	W				7	0
2015	4/26/15	Russia	Preliminary	W				6	1
2013	4/20/13	Canada	GMG				L	0	1
2013	4/18/13	Russia	Semifinals	W				2	1
2013	4/16/13	Czechia	Preliminary	W				3	0
2013	4/13/13	Norway	Preliminary	W				7	0
2013	4/12/13	Sweden	Preliminary	W				7	0
2012	4/1/12	South Korea	GMG	W				5	1
2012	3/29/12	Canada	Semifinals	W				2	1
2012	3/28/12	Japan	Preliminary	W				5	0
2012	3/26/12	Czechia	Preliminary			OTL*		1	2
2012	3/25/12	Estonia	Preliminary		OTW*			2	1
2009	5/16/09	Norway	GMG	W				1	0
2009	5/14/09	Canada	Semifinals		OTW*			2	1
2009	5/12/09	Norway	Preliminary				L	1	2
2009	5/10/09	South Korea	Preliminary	W				2	1
2009	5/9/09	Italy	Preliminary	W				3	0
2008	4/5/08	Japan	BMG	W				3	1
2008	4/4/08	Germany	Preliminary	W				5	1
2008	4/2/08	Canada	Preliminary				L	0	3
2008	4/1/08	Norway	Preliminary				L	2	3

## U.S. CAREER RECORDS

Top Three Per Category Entering Tournament

SINGLE TOURNAMENT		
STATISTIC	PLAYER	RECORD
Goals	Declan Farmer	12 (2017)
	Declan Farmer	9 (2023)
	Brody Roybal	8 (2017)
Assists	Kevin McKee	9 (2017)
	Alexi Salamone	8 (2008)
	Josh Pauls	7 (2021)
Points	Declan Farmer	18 (2017)
	Declan Farmer	14 (2019)
	Brody Roybal	14 (2019)
GAA	Jen Lee	0.00 (2021)
	Jen Lee	0.00 (2019)
	Bo Reichenbach	0.00 (2017)
	Kyle Huckaby	0.00 (2015)
	Jen Lee	0.00 (2013)
SV%	Jen Lee	1.00 (2021)
	Jen Lee	1.00 (2019)
	Bo Reichenbach	1.00 (2017)
	Kyle Huckaby	1.00 (2015)
	Jen Lee	1.00 (2013)
Shutouts	Steve Cash	4 (2015)
	Steve Cash	3 (2013)
	Steve Cash	2 (2017)
	Steve Cash	2 (2009)
CAREER TOURNAMENT		
STATISTIC	PLAYER	RECORD
Games Played	Josh Pauls	41
	Kevin McKee	35
	Declan Farmer	32
Goals	Declan Farmer	41
	Brody Roybal	25
	Josh Pauls	17
Assists	Brody Roybal	25
	Josh Pauls	24
	Declan Farmer	23
Points	Declan Farmer	64
	Brody Roybal	50
	Josh Pauls	41





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NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN
<b>GOALTENDERS (2)</b>					
29	Griffin LaMarre	5-10 (178)	165 (75)	11/10/1996	Haverhill, Mass.
32	Jen Lee	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, Calif.
<b>DEFENSEMEN (5)</b>					
8	Jack Wallace	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, N.J.
10	Brett Bolton	5-7 (170)	154 (70)	04/08/2006	Rockledge, Fla.
17	Chris Douglas	5-9 (175)	150 (68)	05/17/1990	Saint Cloud, Fla.
22	Noah Grove	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Md.
27	Josh Pauls	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, N.J.
<b>FORWARDS (9)</b>					
4	Brody Roybal	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Ill.
9	Travis Dodson	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, N.M.
14	Ben Musselman	5-6 (168)	125 (57)	03/03/2001	Amelia, Ohio
16	Declan Farmer	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Florida
18	Evan Nichols	5-7 (170)	130 (59)	07/29/2004	Haymarket, Va.
19	Malik Jones	5-7 (170)	162 (73)	12/06/2002	Aurora, Colo.
24	Josh Misiewicz	6-0 (183)	170 (77)	06/25/1988	La Grange, Ill.
37	David Eustace	6-1 (185)	155 (70)	05/03/1999	Stoneham, Mass.
88	Kevin McKee	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Davenport, Iowa

#### TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Dan Brennan (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	Athletic Trainer	Mike Cortese (Boynton Beach, Fla.)
Head Coach	David Hoff (Bottineau, N.D.)	Equipment Manager	Tim Leroy (Columbus, Ohio)
Assistant Coach	Corey Gordier (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
		Communications	Seamus Kelley (Norwood, Mass.)
		Content	Summer Dutton (Ludlow, Mass.)

### 2024 SLED SERIES GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)/RESULT	SLOVAKIA W, 10-0	KOREA 3:30 P.M.	CHINA 3:30 P.M.	TOTALS	
				2024 SLED WORLDS	
No	Name	5/4	5/5	5/7	G-A-P
4	Brody Roybal	GA	A	A	1-3--4
8	Jack Wallace	GAA	AAAAA	DND	1-7--8
9	Travis Dodson	--	GAA	G	2-2--4
10	Brett Bolton	DND	A	--	0-1--1
14	Ben Musselman	G	G	--	2-0--2
16	Declan Farmer	GGGG#	GGGAA	GGGAAAAA	10-7--17
17	Chris Douglas	G	DND	G	2-0--2
18	Evan Nichols	G	G	AA	2-2--4
19	Malik Jones	AAAAAA	G	GG	3-6--9
22	Noah Grove	A	--	GA	1-2--3
24	Josh Misiewicz	AA	GG	A	2-3--5
27	Josh Pauls	AA	AAA	GAAA	1-8--9
37	David Eustace	G*	GA	--	2-1--3
88	Kevin McKee	--	GA#	G	2-1--3
29	Griffin LaMarre	--	W	DNP	2-1--3
32	Jen Lee	W	DNP	W	

Key: G - goal      S - shorthanded goal      G\* - game-winning goal      W - Goaltender Win  
 A - assist      P\* - penalty shot      A\* - assist on game-winning goal      DNP - did not play  
 # - U.S. Player of the Game      DND - did not dress

### 2023-24 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

#### CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2024 SLED WORLDS

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	HOME STATES	BIRTH YEARS
4	Brody Roybal	F	132	117	118	235	64	California	1985
8	Jack Wallace	D	80	53	62	115	75	Colorado	1986
9	Travis Dodson	F	68	19	22	41	10	Florida	1988
10	Brett Bolton	D	27	4	3	7	12	Illinois	1990
14	Ben Musselman	F	21	8	5	13	12	Iowa	1992
16	Declan Farmer	F	140	170	131	301	72	Maryland	1996
17	Chris Douglas	D	71	8	18	26	22	Massachusetts	1997
18	Evan Nichols	F	33	11	15	26	2	New Jersey	1998
19	Malik Jones	F	33	16	17	33	6	New Mexico	1999
22	Noah Grove	D	67	15	33	48	4	Ohio	2001
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	65	37	56	93	34	Virginia	2002
27	Josh Pauls	D	197	59	112	171	28		2004
37	David Eustace	F	43	12	12	24	12		2006
88	Kevin McKee	F	157	53	79	132	49		

#### CAREER GOALTENDER STATISTICS ENTERING 2024 SLED WORLDS

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-OTW-OTL-L-T	GA	SVS	GAA	SV%	Average Height:
29	Griffin LaMarre	14	540:00	12-0-0-0-0	11	75	0.92	0.872	5'6"
32	Jen Lee	53	1861:42	36-1-0-1-0	22	230	0.42	0.912	150
									<b>Oldest Player:</b> Travis Dodson (39 years, 2 months)
									<b>Youngest Player:</b> Brett Bolton (18 years, 1 month)
									<b>Average Age:</b> 28 years

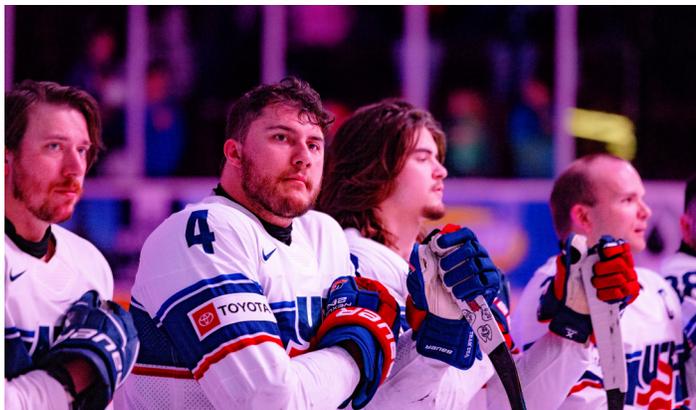


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### TIDBITS



#### INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

The defending Paralympic gold medalists and World Para Ice Hockey champions, Team USA has claimed five Paralympic Winter Games gold medals (2022, 2018, 2014, 2010, 2002) and six International Paralympic Committee Sled Hockey World Championship gold medals (2023, 2021, 2019, 2015, 2012, 2009) in addition to ten Para Hockey Cup titles (2023, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 (Dec.), 2016 (Jan.), 2015, 2012, 2009), two International Para Hockey Cup titles (2023, 2022), the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament and the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship title.

Since the 2014 Paralympics, the U.S. has skated to a 93-4-1-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record across all competitions. The U.S. has captured three Paralympic gold medals and four World Championship gold medals in this span.

### USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

#### U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM EARNS SILVER ON HOME SOIL

Mohawk Valley Garden and the city of Utica, New York, hosted the 2024 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship. The event, which took place April 3-14, 2024, included 29 games and featured the top women's hockey players from across the world. Host venues for the 10-team tournament were the Adirondack Bank Center and Utica University Nexus Center.

Team USA earned its 23rd-straight medal, taking home a silver following a 6-5 overtime loss to Canada in the gold medal game.

The U.S. has made it to the gold-medal game in all 23 of the IIHF Women's World Championships, winning the gold in six of the last nine tournaments (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2023).

#### TEAM USA TAKES HOME SILVER AT U-18 MEN'S WORLDS

The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team took home silver following a 6-4 loss to Canada in the gold medal game at the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship in Finland on Sunday (May 5).

The team's silver medal marks the program's 20th all-time medal at the tournament.

James Hagens was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player following a 22-point performance. Hagens received the Directorate Award for Best Forward and Cole Hutson received the Directorate Award for Best Defender. Hagens and Hutson were named to the Media All-Star Team.

#### U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OPENS MEN'S WORLDS IN OSTRAVA

The 2024 IIHF Men's World Championship will be played May 10-26, in Ostrava, Czechia & Prague, Czechia. The U.S. Men's National Team will compete in Group B alongside France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Poland, Sweden and Slovakia. All Group B games will be played at Ostrava Arena in Ostrava, Czechia, while Group A will take place at Prague Arena in Prague, Czechia.

#### USA HOCKEY NATIONAL GOALTENDING SYMPOSIUM

The inaugural USA Hockey National Goaltending Symposium will be held May 30-June 2, 2024, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The four-day event will celebrate goaltending and provide a unique, in-depth educational opportunity for coaches. A star-studded lineup of speakers, including elite-level goalies, goalie coaches and leaders in the industry from across the country, will be featured at the event, which begins at 5 p.m. CT on Thursday, May 30, and ends at 12 p.m. CT on Sunday, June 2.

The Symposium is open to all USA Hockey members who want to learn more about goaltending and coaching the position.

#### TOYOTA USA HOCKEY WARRIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ice Vault Arena in Wayne, N.J., played host to the inaugural Toyota USA Hockey Warrior National Championship, April 11-14, 2024. Over 750 players across 34 teams from around the country competed for top warrior hockey honors in the United States.

USA Hockey's Warrior Hockey discipline is dedicated to injured and disabled U.S. military veterans who have served our country and play the sport of ice hockey. To be eligible to compete in Warrior Hockey, participants must have a discharge under honorable conditions with the ability to provide official documentation from their designated branch of service.

#### TOYOTA USA HOCKEY SLED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Expanding in 2024 to include every level of sled hockey, including youth, the Toyota USA Hockey Sled National Championship took place April 18-21, 2024, at the Ice Line Arena in West Chester, Pa.

Over 1,080 players across 60 teams from around the country competed for national championship honors in nine different tiers, including six adult and three youth classifications.

#### CHIPOTLE-USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A total of 23 champions were crowned from late March to mid-April at the 2024 Chipotle-USA Hockey Girls and Youth National Championships at 10 different host sites across the country. Champions hail from 14 different states.

As part of USA Hockey Girls and Youth Nationals, some 7,000 players have competed for American hockey top honors at various host sites across the United States, culminating into national champions.