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# ***WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY***

- Women's Frozen Four
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- Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship
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# ***CHAMPIONSHIP DATES***

- Women's Frozen Four:
  - March 16 & 18, 2029
  - March 22 & 24, 2030
  - March 21 & 23, 2031
- Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship:
  - March 23 & 25, 2029
  - March 22 & 24, 2030
  - March 28 & 30, 2031





# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL BID***

- Location
- Premium lodging options (full-service hotels for teams)
- First-class ice hockey facilities
- Community support
- Focus on student-athlete experience
- Focus on fan experience

# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR ATTENDANCE ON THE RISE***

Two sessions total, with Semifinals on Friday and Championship on Sunday

Total attendance the past four years

- 2022, Penn State, Total Tickets: 3,663
- 2023, University of Minnesota-Duluth: 7,290
- 2024, University of New Hampshire: 7,774
- 2025, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities: 4,943\*
  - \*Sold out two weeks in advance of championship, prior to teams advancing







# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR BROADCAST INFORMATION***

- Championship Game on ESPNU
- Semifinals on ESPN+
- Review minimum broadcast requirements in bid.
- \*All networks and game times are subject to change annually\*

# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR LODGING INFORMATION***

- Four separate team hotels preferred
- Each team hotel should have TWO meeting spaces per team
- 30 room nights PER team Wednesday through Saturday/Sunday of Championship week.
- Full-service hotels requested.
- New in 2025 and moving forward, Student-athlete lounges at team hotel
- Lounge Information- dedicated budget should be included, plus capacity at host staff to fully activate lounge for entertainment
- Normal meeting space still required for film/meals
- Band hotel holds will be requested (18 rooms per band from Thursday through Sunday)
- Additional hotels required for Headquarters (staff, committee, officials, VIP and Media)
  - Average of 50 plus room nights from Wednesday through Sunday



# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR ANCILLARY EVENTS***

- Currently no banquet/reception
- Partnership with USA Hockey and the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award
  - Separate venue with broadcasting capabilities near the facility
  - Live event broadcast on NHL Network (national exposure)
  - USA Hockey funded event, on the day of rest between Semifinals and Final, free and open to the public
- Student-athlete hotel lounge

# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR FACILITY NEEDS***

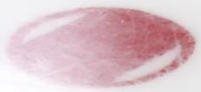
- **Minimum** seating capacity of 3,500
- Facility should be available from Monday prior through Championship Sunday
- Two ice machines
- Ice-art and dasher installation required
- Protective netting behind each goal
- Overhead cameras for replay plus ability to work with NCAA replay provider for additional camera opportunities and technology
- Four team locker rooms are equal size and amenities
- Additional locker rooms for officials
- Meeting space for coaches
- Athletic training space inside the venue

# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR FACILITY NEEDS***

- Space for press conferences that can fit a minimum of 50 people
- Space for photographer/videographers that can fit a minimum of 25 people
- Media seating in the venue separate from public seating
- Suite opportunities, preferred
- Videoboard/LED opportunities
- Game environment enhancement opportunities
- Broadcast requirement minimums



RIDDER ARENA  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN



# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE***

- Hotel lounges
- Red carpet arrivals
- Locker rooms
- Branding opportunities (in-venue and outside)
- Game presentation
- Police escorts
- Fans

# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR FAN EXPERIENCE***

- Concourse activations
- Exterior signage
- Exterior activation opportunities
- Patty Kaz partnership

# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR EVENT SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE***

- Saturday/Sunday/Monday:
  - Venue load-in, Ice installation, signage installation
- Tuesday:
  - NCAA staff arrival, hotel lounge activated
- Wednesday:
  - Team arrival
  - NCAA committee walkthrough
- Thursday:
  - Team practices and content (9 a.m.- 5 p.m.)
    - Each team will have a 75-minute practice, a 20-minute press conference, and an hour dedicated to team content (ESPN, video board, and NCAA social media.)



# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR EVENT SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE***

- Friday:
  - Game day ice skates- (4) teams, 60 minutes each
  - Semifinal one: 4 p.m.
  - Semifinal two: 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday
  - Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award- 12:30- 1 p.m. Eastern
  - Advancing team practice opportunities and press conference
- Sunday:
  - Game day ice skates (2) teams, 60 minutes each
  - NCAA awards walkthrough
  - Championship game- 4 p.m. eastern (currently)

# ***WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR FINANCIALS***

| Expenditures Three-Year Average |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Expenses                  | \$105,000 |
| Promotion                       | \$10,000  |
| Tickets                         | \$5,000   |
| Facility                        | \$19,000  |
| Personnel                       | \$27,000  |
| Entertainment                   | \$27,000  |
| Equipment                       | \$4,000   |
| Officiating Expenses            | \$10,000  |

# ***DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY FACILITY NEEDS***

- **Minimum** seating capacity of 1,000. <1,000 can be discussed with NCAA
- Facility should be available from Monday prior through Championship Sunday
- One ice machine, but the facility must have a plan for a backup
- Skate sharpener and contact information to a local skate repair shop
- Ice-art and dasher installation required
- Above-goal cameras for replay plus ability to work with NCAA replay provider for additional camera opportunities and technology
- Four team locker rooms are equal size and amenities
- Meeting space for coaches
- Additional locker rooms for officials (two preferred if mixed gender crews)
- Athletic training space inside the venue

# ***DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY FACILITY NEEDS***

- Space for press conferences that can fit a minimum of 30 people
- Space for photographer/videographers that can fit a minimum of 25 people
- Media seating in the venue separate from public seating
- Videoboard/LED opportunities
- Game environment enhancement opportunities
- Broadcast requirement minimums





# ***DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY BROADCAST INFORMATION***

- Semifinals and Championship game streamed on [ncaa.com](http://ncaa.com)
- Review minimum broadcast requirements in bid.
- \*All networks and game times are subject to change annually\*

# ***DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY***

## ***LODGING INFORMATION***

- Four separate team hotels preferred
- Each team hotel should have a private meeting space per team
- 20 room nights PER team Wednesday through Saturday/Sunday of Championship week.
- Full-service hotels requested.
- Normal meeting space still required for film/meals
- Additional hotels required for Headquarters (staff, committee, officials, VIP and Media) - Approximately 22 room nights



# ***DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY***

## ***ANCILLARY EVENTS***

- Student-athlete reception to be held the evening of the first practice day (Thursday) either on or off-campus
  - 160 people
  - Buffet-style meal
  - Slide show presentation
  - AHCA awards
  - NCAA Elite Scholar-Athlete Award
  - Photo opportunities

\*A room fitting 20 people should be reserved to host a coaches meeting prior to the start of the banquet. The room should be at the banquet site when possible.\*

- Community service activities with Special Olympics



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**THANK YOU  
FOR ATTENDING**





# ***DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY***

## ***STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE***

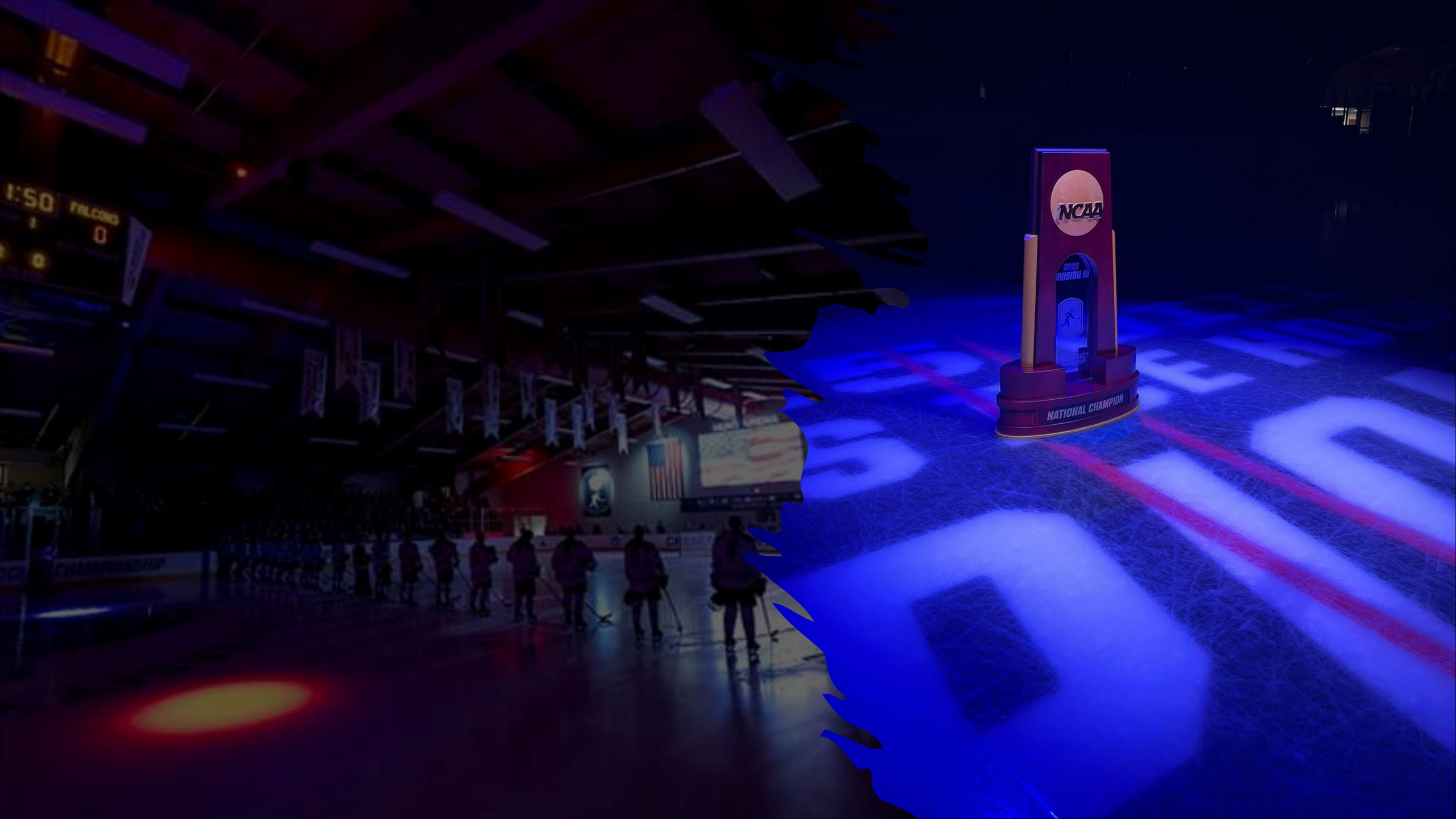
- Quality hotels
- Red carpet arrivals
- Locker rooms
- Branding opportunities (in-venue and outside)
- Game presentation
- Fans

# ***DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY EVENT SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE***

- Saturday/Sunday/Monday:
  - Venue load-in, Ice installation, signage installation
- Tuesday:
  - NCAA staff arrival
- Wednesday:
  - Team arrival
  - NCAA committee walkthrough
- Thursday:
  - Team practices (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)
    - Each team will have a 90-minute practice
  - Coaches Meeting and Student-Athlete Banquet (6-8 p.m.)

# ***DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY EVENT SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE***

- Friday:
  - Game day ice skates (optional)- (4) teams, 60 minutes each
  - Semifinal one: 3 p.m.
  - Semifinal two: 7 p.m.
- Saturday – Day of Rest
  - Team practices (10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)
- Sunday:
  - Game day ice skates (optional)- (2) teams, 60 minutes each
  - NCAA awards walkthrough
  - Championship game- 3 p.m. eastern (currently)





# ***DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY FINANCIALS***

The chart below contains the three-year average of expenditures for the championships.

| <b>Expenditures Three-Year Average</b> |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Expenses                         | \$40,000.00 |
| Promotion                              | \$0.00      |
| Tickets                                | \$0.00      |
| Facility                               | \$4,000.00  |
| Personnel                              | \$18,000.00 |
| Entertainment                          | \$11,000.00 |
| Equipment                              | \$1,000.00  |
| Officiating Expenses                   | \$6,000.00  |

# ***WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY***

## ***FINAL REMINDERS***

- Confirm venue availability
- Focus on student-athlete experience
- Note any exceptions
- Ensure budget is accurate, reimbursed NCAA Championship.
- Attendance is on the rise, and the sport's national exposure continues to grow tremendously!

# Women's Ice Hockey

## Thank you and questions

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