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Hockey is heating up in Philly

Over 475 of hockey's elite young players head to the Philadelphia area on May 2, 2017 as they prepare for puck drop of the World Selects Invitational '02 Tournament.

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The top players from the 2002 birth year were selected to have the unique opportunity compete on 28 of the strongest Elite Select Teams from around the globe, showcased in front of North America's top college recruiters, prep schools, executives, coaches and scouts from USA Hockey, Hockey Canada, the CHL, OHL, USHL, NAHL, plus European and NHL scouts – all looking for that something special at the World Selects Invitational. Organized by LEGACY Global Sports, WSI will see 20 North American teams and 8 elite European teams compete over five days in the Philadelphia/Voorhees area.

Hall of Famer Mark Howe and OHL Owner Rocco Tullio to Speak, Kerry Fraser to Ref at WSI

This year's WSI will include high profile speakers from the hockey world, highlighted by Hockey Hall of Famer Mark Howe, Director of Scouting for the Detroit Red Wings, Oshawa Generals owner Rocco Tullio, plus Director of Player Development & Recruitment of the USHL, Doug Christiansen. Christiansen, Howe and Tullio will be part of the WSI Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Address on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6pm. In addition, legendary NHL Senior Referee Kerry Fraser will referee the tournament's All-Star Game on Saturday, May 6.

LEGACY Hockey U powered by Bauer showcases a variety of speakers, including a speaker from College Hockey Inc. in addition to those listed above. Throughout the tournament, players and their families will hear from hockey experts in scouting, representation, education, finance and nutrition, and will take part in the Bauer sponsored WSI Hockey U Performance Combine. New this year is an immersive experience with Bauer, where participants will learn about the innovative technologies and be given a hands-on tutorial of their latest hockey products.

"It's an exciting stage for these elite athletes to show their talents," said Director of Brand Ventures for LEGACY Global Sports, Brad Robins. "We look forward to seeing the players learn more both on and off the ice at WSI so they and their families can prepare for the next step in their hockey careers."

About WSI & LEGACY Global Sports

LEGACY's WSI program has grown over the last 9 years to be the best of breed in international elite youth hockey, with annual tournaments in the USA, Finland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Italy. WSI alumni include an array of current NHL players, including Robby Fabbri, Gabriel Landeskog, Aaron Ekblad, and Brandon Saad. A total of 43 players from the 2016 NHL entry draft are World Selects alumni.

LEGACY Global Sports hosts over 1,000,000 youth athletes and their families at over 350 elite youth sports events, tournaments and tours across North America and Europe every year – from AAA hockey to top level soccer, lacrosse football and golf and is a partner in the spectacular new Pro-Football Hall of Fame Youth Sports Complex in Canton.

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