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Their Time To Shine

PWHL Players Poised To Move Women's Hockey Forward



When New York natives Olivia Zafuto and Abbey Levy step on the ice in Toronto on New Year's Day to play their first game of the inaugural Professional Women's Hockey League, they will be focused on more than just the task at hand. They will also be thinking about the past as well as the future of the sport.

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One Day At A Time

Even with a bright future ahead of him, Hauppauge native James Hagens is keeping his sights set on what he can do today to become a better player and person.

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Getting Everyone On The Same Page

In an effort to bolster the quantity and quality of the girls' programs around the state, NYSAHA launches a monthly conference call.

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Kicking Growth Into High Gear

NYSAHA's equipment trailer program helping local associations grow the game in their area by taking the show on the road.

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Bears In The Air

The Long Island University Sharks held its inaugural Teddy Bear Toss during its game on Dec. 16 against the University of Vermont at the Northwell Health Ice Center. Generous fans tossed stuffed toys onto the ice in support of Cohen's

LIU Sharks captain Jack Quinn helps gather tossed Teddy Bears.

Children's Medical Center.

December Deadlines

Before the calendar flips to 2024, USA Hockey wants to remind all registered coaches that the deadline to be properly certified to coach during the 2023-24 season is Dec. 31. A complete list of coaching requirements can be found at [USAHockey.com/coaching](https://www.usahockey.com/coaching).



In addition, Dec. 31 is the deadline to make any player changes to the official roster for Youth Tier I and Tier II and Girls Tier I and Tier II national tournament-bound teams.

Bob Allen Scholarship Program

Attention high school and prep school seniors.

The New York State Amateur Hockey Association has opened the application process for the Bob Allen Scholarship Program, which will award four scholarships to youth hockey players from around the state to help with their education costs.

The scholarship program was established in honor of long-time NYSAHA President and Director Emeritus Bob Allen.

Each of the four \$2,000 scholarships is awarded to a high school or prep school senior who is going on to college, vocational or trade school. Scholarships are awarded based on an individual's participation at school, within their community and involvement in youth sports.

Winners will be announced at the NYSAHA Annual Meeting in June.

The deadline to apply is April 1, 2024.

If you have further questions, contact NYSAHA Director Emeritus Doug Ackley at doug.ackley@nysaha.com.

Click Here To Learn More And Apply



Junior Achievement For N.Y. Pair

Congratulations to Drew Fortescue (Pearl River) and Carey Terrance (Akwesasne) for being named to the U.S. National Junior Team that will compete at the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship in Gothenburg, Sweden, Dec. 26 to Jan. 5. The pair was chosen for the 25-man roster following a training camp at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich. Fortescue (above left) is a freshman defenseman at Boston College, while Terrance (above right) is a forward with the OHL's Erie Otters.

OCHC Fights Cancer At The Local Level

When Whitestown Youth Hockey and New Hartford Youth Hockey teamed up to form the Oneida County Hockey Club, their battle cry became “One Name. One Community. One Mission.”

Part of that mission is to support all those who are battling cancer by having its players tape their sticks in lavender tape for the month of November. OCHC has also set up a donation website with Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, which has ties with Oneida Health Cancer Care in Central New York. Learn how you can join in this team effort to fight cancer at <https://give.roswellpark.org/site/TR/TeamRoswell/General>



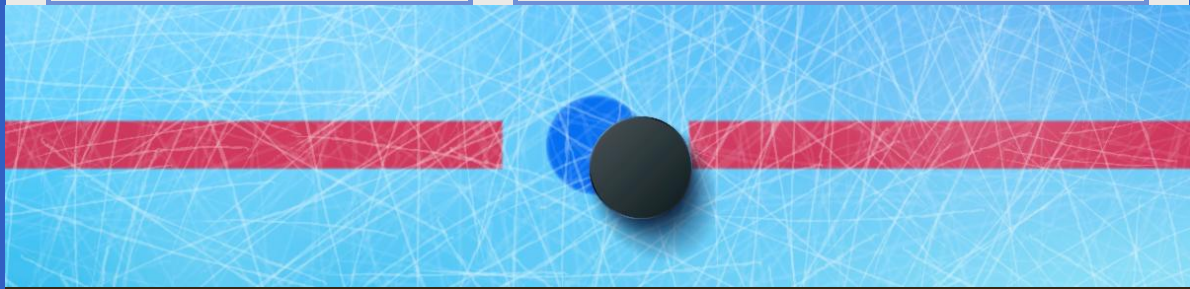
Let Us Tell Your Story

NYSAHA wants to hear from you. We want to know what's happening with your favorite player, team, league or association. We have created this newsletter and revamped our social media presence to give you a voice this season. We want to share your stories and successes with the rest of the N.Y. hockey community. Send your story ideas

A promotional poster for the 2024 IIHF Women's World Championship. The poster features a female hockey player in a white USA jersey with the number 2, holding a hockey stick. The text on the poster includes "EXCLUSIVE ACCESS", "2024 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP UNITED STATES Utica, NY", "31 GAME TICKET PACKAGE FOR NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS", "PACKAGES INCLUDE ALL USA AND CANADA GAMES, PLUS BRONZE AND GOLD MEDAL GAMES", "100 LEVEL - \$500 | 200 LEVEL - \$400", "EMPIRESTATETIX.COM", "BOX OFFICE - 315-790-9070", "PROMO CODE: USA", and "VALID 8/21 - 9/12".

The 2024 IIHF Women's World Championship is coming to Utica and now is the time to pick out your prime seats to see the best women's players in the world battle it out. All-session ticket packages are now on sale for all 31 games at [Empirestatetix.com](https://empirestatetix.com).

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