



2026 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

2026 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | MEMBERTOU AND SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA | JAN. 10, 2026

USA (0-0-0-0) VS. SLOVAKIA (0-0-0-0) • SPORT AND WELLNESS CENTRE • PRELIMINARY ROUND • 10:00 A.M. AT

TONIGHT'S GAME

IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLDS • SPORT AND WELLNESS CENTRE



🕒: 10 a.m. AT

📺: NHL Network

🇺🇸: Blue Jerseys

🗣️: Kenzie Lalonde, Cheryl Pounder

2026 IIHF UNDER-18 WWC SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
WED., JAN. 7 <i>Pre-Tournament Game</i>	CZECHIA <i>RBC Centre</i>	4:40 P.M./3:40 P.M.
SAT., JAN. 10 <i>Preliminary Round</i>	SLOVAKIA <i>Sport and Wellness Centre</i>	10 A.M./9 A.M. <i>NHL Network</i>
SUN., JAN. 11 <i>Preliminary Round</i>	CZECHIA <i>Sport and Wellness Centre</i>	6 P.M./5 P.M. <i>NHL Network</i>
TUES., JAN. 13 <i>Preliminary Round</i>	FINLAND <i>Sport and Wellness Centre</i>	1:30 P.M./12:30 P.M. <i>NHL Network</i>
THURS., JAN. 15	QUARTERFINALS <i>Centre 200</i>	TBD <i>NHL Network</i>
SAT., JAN. 17	SEMIFINALS <i>Centre 200</i>	TBD <i>NHL Network</i>
SUN., JAN. 15	BRONZE MEDAL <i>Centre 200</i>	3:30 P.M./2:30 P.M. <i>NHL Network</i>
SUN., JAN. 15	GOLD MEDAL <i>Centre 200</i>	7:30 P.M./6:30 P.M. <i>NHL Network</i>

2026 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U.S. U18 Women's World Championship Team is one of eight teams competing at the International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship from January 10-18, 2026 in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

The tournament features eight teams divided in two groups of four. Team USA is competing in Group B alongside, host Finland, Czechia and Slovakia. Group A includes Canada, Hungary, Sweden and Switzerland. Each group will play a single round-robin series before the playoff round.

All eight teams advance to the playoff rounds, with the teams being seeded in four quarterfinal games. The winners of the quarterfinals move to the semifinals. The two semifinal winners will play in the gold medal game, while the two semifinal losers will play for bronze.

MEDIA ACCESS

Team USA players and head coach Courtney Kennedy will be available for interviews in the mixed zone following games and non-gameday practices. The locker room is closed. All interviews must be coordinated through Melissa Katz of USA Hockey.

Information, including team bios, schedule, news and team history is available online at teamusa.usahockey.com.

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LAST TIME OUT

QUICK SHOTS

TODAY'S MATCH UP

Today marks the opening game of the 2026 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship and the first of three preliminary round games for Team USA. Following today's game, the U.S. will face Czechia tomorrow (Jan. 11) and Finland on Tuesday (Jan. 13) to round out the preliminary round.

ALL-TIME AGAINST SLOVAKIA

Today's game marks just the third time the U.S. and Slovakia are meeting in U18 Women's Worlds play. Team USA holds a 2-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) advantage and has outscored Slovakia, 16-2 in those contests.

Jan. 9, 2025	Quarterfinals	W, 9-1
Jan. 4, 2024	Preliminary	W, 7-1

LAST TIME AGAINST SLOVAKIA

The U.S. last played Slovakia in the quarterfinals of the 2025 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, winning 9-1. Team USA tallied three power play goals, while **Morgan Stickney** stopped 13 shots in net for the win.

IN OPENING GAMES

The U.S. has never lost an opening preliminary-round game in the history of this tournament, holding a 15-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record through the last 17 championships staged.

TEN RETURNERS FROM 2025

The roster features 10 returners from the 2025 team that took silver at the world championship in Finland, including **Kylie Amelkovich**, **Maggie Averill**, **Haley Box**, **Jane Daley**, **Sloane Hartmetz**, **Maddy Kimbrel**, **Annabelle Lovell**, **Christina Scalsese**, **Morgan Stickney** and **Chyna Taylor**.

TWO RETURNERS FROM GOLDEN 2024

Two players from the gold medal-winning 2024 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team return to the world stage in Nova Scotia in **Maggie Averill** and **Haley Box**.

OLYMPIANS BEHIND THE BENCH

Team USA has a variety of Olympic experience behind the bench, with three members of its coaching staff having represented the U.S. on the biggest stage. Head coach **Courtney Kennedy**, a two-time Olympian in 2002 and 2006, while assistant coach **Chris Bailey** played in 1998 and 2002. **Shelly Picard** took the ice as an Olympian in 2014.

HOW WE GOT HERE

The 25-player U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team was selected in early November following a three-day selection camp held at the SuperRink in Blaine, Minnesota.

TEAM USA AT A GLANCE

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team features 26 players - 14 forwards, eight defenders and three goaltenders, and returns 10 players from the 2025 team that took home silver at U18 Women's Worlds.

LEADERSHIP CORE NAMED

Defender **Maggie Averill** (Wayland, Mass.) has been named the captain of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the 2026 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Forwards **Kylie Amelkovich** (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) and **Maddy Kimbrel** (Mound, Minn.) will serve as alternate captains.

BEHIND THE BENCH

Courtney Kennedy is the head coach of the 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team. **Chris Bailey**, **Greg 'Boom' May** and **Shelly Picard** are the assistant coaches, while **Mackenzie Bruch** is the goaltending coach.



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2026 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM (LEAGUE)
GOALTENDERS (3)							
30	Morgan Stickney	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	01/18/08	L	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
31	Bianca Birrittieri	5-7 (170)	138 (63)	03/25/08	L	Flower Mound, Texas	Pittsburgh Penguins Elite
35	Cecilia Wielenberg	5-9 (175)	135 (61)	03/6/09	L	Downers Grove, Ill.	Team Illinois
DEFENSE (8)							
2	Maggie Averill	5-11 (180)	187 (85)	09/9/08	R	Wayland, Mass.	Assabet Valley
3	Mia Miller	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	04/3/08	R	Dundas, Minn.	Northfield High School
4	Ava Decourcey	5-7 (170)	140 (64)	07/24/08	R	Rockland, Mass.	Assabet Valley
5	Kateryna Sander	5-8 (173)	160 (73)	03/4/08	L	Chanhassen, Minn.	Holy Family Catholic
6	Sloane Hartmetz	5-3 (160)	122 (55)	02/8/08	R	Phoenixville, Pa.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
9	Chyna Taylor	5-6 (168)	130 (59)	07/10/09	L	Louisville, Ky.	Lovell Academy
28	Taylee Manion	5-4 (163)	136 (62)	11/12/09	R	Hermantown, Minn.	Proctor/Hermantown High School
37	Addison McLay	5-4 (163)	125 (57)	06/9/08	L	Hastings, Minn.	Hill-Murray School
FORWARDS (14)							
7	Emily Pohl	5-7 (170)	145 (66)	06/7/08	L	Woodbury, Minn.	Hill-Murray School
10	Jane Daley	5-5 (165)	127 (58)	03/21/09	L	Medfield, Mass.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
11	Kylie Amelkovich	5-8 (173)	155 (70)	04/29/08	L	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
14	Talla Hansen	5-5 (165)	140 (64)	11/22/08	R	Wayzata, Minn.	Benilde-St. Margaret's
17	Maddy Kimbrel	5-4 (163)	125 (57)	05/5/08	R	Mound, Minn.	Holy Family Catholic
18	Lily Bromley	5-6 (168)	170 (77)	02/2/09	L	Carlisle, Mass.	Noble & Greenough
20	Alaina Gnetz	5-5 (165)	135 (61)	01/25/08	L	Woodbury, Minn.	Woodbury High School
22	Christina Scalese	5-3 (160)	130 (59)	01/17/08	R	West Boylston, Mass.	Assabet Valley
24	Catherine McCool	5-6 (168)	145 (66)	10/2/09	L	Boston, Mass.	Boch Blazers
25	Annabelle Lovell	5-3 (160)	110 (50)	02/25/09	R	Hingham, Mass.	Lovell Academy
27	Haley Box	5-4 (163)	140 (64)	03/10/08	R	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Etobicoke Dolphins
29	Lindsay Stepnowski	5-6 (168)	143 (65)	01/28/08	L	South Glastonbury, Ct.	Loomis Chaffee School
38	Bailey Rupp	5-8 (173)	155 (70)	08/22/08	L	Bemidji, Minn.	Bemidji High School
78	Jillian McLaughlin	5-6 (168)	140 (64)	03/2/08	L	Oceanside, Calif.	Rink Hockey Academy

BY THE NUMBERS

TALLEST Averill (5ft. 11 in.)
SHORTEST Lovell/Scalese/Hartmetz (5ft. 3 in.)

SHOOT/CATCH Left: 15 Right: 10

YOUNGEST Manion (16)
OLDEST Stickney (17)

HOME STATES (9)

California	2
Connecticut	1
Illinois	2
Kentucky	1
Massachusetts	5
Minnesota	11
Pennsylvania	1
Texas	1
Wyoming	1

YOUTH PROGRAMS (16)

Assabet Valley	3
Bemidji High School	1
Benilde-St. Margaret's	1
Boch Blazers	1
Etobicoke Dolphins	1
Hill-Murray School	2
Holy Family Catholic	2
Loomis Chaffee School	1
Lovell Academy	2
Northfield High School	1
Pittsburgh Penguins Elite	1
Proctor/Hermantown High School	1
Rink Hockey Academy	1
Shattuck-St. Mary's	4
Team Illinois	1
Woodbury High School	1

ROSTER (25)

Amelkovich, Kylie
 Averill, Maggie
 Birrittieri, Bianca
 Box, Haley
 Bromley, Lily
 Daley, Jane
 Decourcey, Ava
 Gnetz, Alaina
 Hansen, Talla
 Hartmetz, Sloane
 Kimbrel, Madelyn
 Manion, Taylee
 McCool, Catherine
 McLaughlin, Jillian
 McLay, Addison
 Miller, Mia
 Lovell, Annabelle
 Pohl, Emily
 Rupp, Bailey
 Sander, Kateryna
 Scalese, Christina
 Stepnowski, Lindsay
 Stickney, Morgan
 Taylor, Chyna
 Wielenberg, Cecilia

COACHING STAFF

Kennedy, Courtney
 Bailey, Chris
 May, Greg
 Picard, Shelly
 Bruch, Mackenzie

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

KAI-lee ah-MEL-koh-vich
 MAHG-ee AY-ver-ill
 bee-AHN-kuh beer-ih-TEER-ee
 HAY-lee BOX
 LIL-ee BROM-lee
 JAYN DAY-lee
 AY-vuh duh-KOR-see
 uh-LAY-nuh guh-NETS
 TAL-uh HAN-suhn
 SLOHN HART-metz
 MAD-uh-lin KIM-brel
 TAY-lee MAN-yuhn
 KATH-er-in muh-KOOL
 JIL-ee-uhn muh-KLOK-lin
 AD-uh-suhn muh-KLAY
 MEE-uh MIL-er
 AN-uh-bel LUV-ul
 EM-uh-lee POHL
 BAY-lee ROOP
 kah-teh-REE-nuh SAN-der
 kris-TEE-nuh skuh-LEESE
 LINZ-ee step-NOW-skee
 MOR-guhn STIK-nee
 CHAI-nuh TAY-lur
 suh-SIL-yuh WEE-len-berg

KORT-nee KEN-uh-dee
 KRIS BAY-lee
 GREG MAY
 SHEL-ee PEH-kard
 muh-KEN-zee BRUCK



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NO	NAME	POS.	SVK 10 AM AT 1/10	CZE 6 PM AT 1/11	FIN 1:30 PM AT 1/13	QF TBD 1/15	SF TBD 1/17	MEDAL TBD 1/18	U18WWC TOTAL
2	Maggie Averill	D							0-0 (0)
3	Mia Miller	D							0-0 (0)
4	Ava Decourcey	D							0-0 (0)
5	Kateryna Sander	D							0-0 (0)
6	Sloane Hartmetz	D							0-0 (0)
7	Emily Pohl	F							0-0 (0)
9	Chyna Taylor	D							0-0 (0)
10	Jane Daley	F							0-0 (0)
11	Kylie Amelkovich	F							0-0 (0)
14	Talla Hansen	F							0-0 (0)
17	Maddy Kimbrel	F							0-0 (0)
18	Lily Bromley	F							0-0 (0)
20	Alaina Gnetz	F							0-0 (0)
22	Christina Scalse	F							0-0 (0)
24	Catherine McCool	F							0-0 (0)
25	Annabelle Lovell	F							0-0 (0)
27	Haley Box	F							0-0 (0)
28	Taylee Manion	D							0-0 (0)
29	Lindsay Stepnowski	F							0-0 (0)
37	Addison McLay	D							0-0 (0)
38	Bailey Rupp	F							0-0 (0)
78	Jillian McLaughlin	F							0-0 (0)
30	Morgan Stickney	G							0-0
									0.00 GAA
31	Bianca Birrittieri	G							0-0
									0.00 GAA
35	Cecilia Wielenberg	G							0-0
									0.00 GAA

KEY

G - GOAL
A* - ASSIST ON GWG

A - ASSIST
P - POWER-PLAY GOAL

W - GAME-WINNING GOAL
S - SHORTHANDED GOAL

P* - PENALTY SHOT GOAL
DND - DID NOT DRESS

U - UNASSISTED GOAL
W* - SHOOTOUT GWG

TEAM USA WHEN...

OVERALL RECORD	0-0-0-0	SCORING FIRST	0-0-0-0
		OPPONENT SCORING FIRST	0-0-0-0
WEARING WHITE	0-0-0-0	LEADING AFTER 1 PERIOD	0-0-0-0
WEARING BLUE	0-0-0-0	TRAILING AFTER 1 PERIOD	0-0-0-0
WEARING ROYAL BLUE	0-0-0-0	TIED AFTER 1 PERIOD	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY ONE GOAL	0-0-0-0	LEADING AFTER 2 PERIODS	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 2 GOALS	0-0-0-0	TRAILING AFTER 2 PERIODS	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 3 GOALS	0-0-0-0	TIED AFTER 2 PERIODS	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 4 GOALS	0-0-0-0	OT RECORD	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 5 GOALS	0-0-0-0	SHOOTOUT RECORD	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 6+ GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 10-19 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 5+ GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 20-29 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 4 GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 30-39 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 3 GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 40-49 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 2 GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 50+ SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 1 GOAL	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 0-9 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 1 OR FEWER	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 10-19 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 2 GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 20-29 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 3 GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 30-39 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 4 GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 40-49 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 5+ GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 50+ SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING A POWER-PLAY GOAL	0-0-0-0	OUTSHOOTING OPPONENT	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING A POWER-PLAY GOAL	0-0-0-0	OUTSHOT BY OPPONENT	0-0-0-0
SCORING A SHORTHANDED GOAL	0-0-0-0		
ALLOWING A SHORTHANDED GOAL	0-0-0-0		



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ALL-TIME AGAINST SLOVAKIA

DATE	ROUND	LOCATION	RESULT
Jan. 9, 2025	QF	Vantaa, Finland	W, 9-1
Jan. 4, 2024	Prelims	Zug, Switzerland	W, 7-1

TEAM USA U18WWC STATISTICS

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT U18WWC

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2025	Silver	Liz Keady Norton	L, 0-3	CAN
2024	Gold	Liz Keady Norton	W, 5-1	CZE
2023	Bronze	Katie Lachapelle	W, 5-0	FIN
2022	Silver	Katie Lachapelle	L, 2-3	CAN
2020	Gold	Maura Crowell	OTW, 2-1	CAN
2019	Silver	Maura Crowell	OTL, 2-3	CAN
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 9-3	SWE
2017	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 3-1	CAN
2016	Gold	Joel Johnson	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2015	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 3-2	CAN
2014	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	L, 1-5	CAN
2013	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	OTL, 1-2	CAN
2012	Silver	Heather Linstad	L, 0-3	CAN
2011	Gold	Jodi McKenna	W, 5-2	CAN
2010	Silver	Katie King	L, 4-5	CAN
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	W, 3-2	CAN
2008	Gold	Michele Amidon	W, 5-2	CAN

2026 UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM - STATISTICAL LEADERS

POINTS

RK	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
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GOALS

RK	NAME	GP	G
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ASSISTS

RK	NAME	GP	A
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SV %

RK	NAME	GAA	%
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ALL-TIME RECORD AT U18WWCs

Year	Finish	Coach	Record*
2025	Silver	Liz Keady Norton	5-0-0-1
2024	Gold	Liz Keady Norton	6-0-0-0
2023	Bronze	Katie Lachapelle	3-0-0-2
2022	Silver	Katie Lachapelle	4-0-0-1
2020	Gold	Maura Crowell	3-1-0-1
2019	Silver	Maura Crowell	4-0-1-0
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0
2017	Gold	Joel Johnson	4-0-1-0
2016	Gold	Joel Johnson	4-1-0-0
2015	Gold	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0
2014	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-0-1
2013	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-1-0
2012	Silver	Heather Linstad	4-0-0-1
2011	Gold	Jodi McKenna	5-0-0-0
2010	Silver	Katie King	4-0-1-0
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	4-1-0-0
2008	Gold	Michele Amidon	5-0-0-0

*W-OTW-OTL-L

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	23	8-5-4-6	62	50
Czech Republic	13	13-0-0-0	121	4
Finland	8	8-0-0-0	43	5
Germany	3	3-0-0-0	22	1
Hungary	1	1-0-0-0	7	0
Japan	3	3-0-0-0	24	2
Russia	13	13-0-0-0	86	8
Slovakia	2	2-0-0-0-0	16	2
Sweden	19	17-1-0-1	98	17
Switzerland	2	2-0-0-0	19	1
TOTAL	87	70-6-4-7	499	90

*W-OTW-OTL-L

UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - TEAM USA RECORD BOOK

CAREER POINTS

RK	NAME	YRS	PTS
1.	Kendall Coyne	2008-10	33
2.	Amanda Kessel	2008-09	30
T3.	Alex Carpenter	2010-12	28
	Haley Skarupa	2010-12	28

CAREER GOALS

RK	NAME	YRS	G
1.	Kendall Coyne	2008-10	22
2.	Alex Carpenter	2010-12	18
3.	Haley Skarupa	2010-12	17

CAREER ASSISTS

RK	NAME	YRS	A
1.	Amanda Kessel	2008-09	20
2.	Amanda Pelkey	2009-11	16

CAREER WINS

RK	NAME	YRS	W
T1.	Kaitlin Burt	2014-15	6
	Laila Hemp	2023-24	6

SINGLE TOURNAMENT POINTS

RK	NAME	YRS	PTS
1.	Amanda Kessel	2009	19
2.	Kendall Coyne	2009	15
3.	Katherine Schipper	2013	13

SINGLE TOURNAMENT GOALS

RK	NAME	YRS	G
1.	Haley Skarupa	2012	11
2.	Kendall Coyne	2010	10
3.	Three Tied At		8

SINGLE TOURNAMENT ASSISTS

RK	NAME	YRS	PTS
1.	Amanda Kessel	2009	13
2.	Katherine Schipper	2013	8
3.	Seven Tied At		7

ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	QF	SF	BM	GM
Canada	N/A	1-0	N/A	7-7
Czech Republic	N/A	6-0	N/A	1-0
Finland	N/A	2-0	1-0	N/A
Germany	1-0	1-0	N/A	N/A
Russia	N/A	2-0	N/A	N/A
Slovakia	1-0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sweden	N/A	4-1	N/A	1-0
Total	2-0	16-1	1-0	9-7



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COURTNEY KENNEDY, HEAD COACH

Kennedy assumes the head coaching role after serving as an assistant coach for the 2025 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team that took home silver.

She is no stranger to international hockey after serving as an assistant coach for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team that captured silver in Beijing and also as an assistant coach with the 2021 U.S. Women's National Team and for three U.S. Under-18 Women's National Teams (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018).

Kennedy recently finished her first season as the skills coach of the PWHL's Boston Fleet. She spent 17 seasons as part of Boston College women's ice hockey coaching staff, including as associate head coach from 2012 until her departure in 2024.

As a player, Kennedy helped Team USA to a silver medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and bronze at the 2006 Games. She also was a member of the 2005 U.S. Women's National Team that took home the country's first-ever gold medal at the IIHF Women's World Championship.

The Woburn, Mass., native was a two-time All-American at the University of Minnesota, leading the Gophers to a national title in 2000.

ASSISTANT COACHES

CHRIS BAILEY, ASSISTANT COACH

Bailey is in her first season on the international stage as an assistant coach for the 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team.

She is a two-time Olympian, helping the U.S. to its first-ever Olympic gold medal in 1998, along with a silver medal in 2002. In addition, Bailey is a five-time women's worlds medalist, with silver medals in 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

She has experience in the coaching ranks with Providence College, where she skated for four seasons (1990-94). While at Providence, she helped lead the team to three consecutive ECAC championships (1992, 1993, 1994) and was named ECAC Rookie of the Year in 1991, and an All-ECAC honoree in 1992 and 1994.

SHELLY PICARD, ASSISTANT COACH

Picard, who was an intern coach for Team USA at the 2025 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, will serve as an assistant coach for the 2026 team.

She is in her third season overall, but first season back, as assistant coach for Princeton University after spending a few seasons in the same role for the Long Island University women's ice hockey team. Prior to LIU, Picard spent two seasons behind the bench as an assistant coach for the Princeton University women's ice hockey team.

On the ice, Picard helped Team USA to a silver medal at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, and skated at five IIHF Women's World Championships, winning gold four times (2019, 2016, 2015, 2013) and silver once (2012).

GREG 'BOOM' MAY, ASSISTANT COACH

May is making his debut on the international stage as an assistant coach for the 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team.

He spent the last three seasons as associate head coach for the University of Minnesota women's hockey team after serving for two seasons as the head coach of the Augsburg University men's hockey team and two years as the director of operations for the University of Minnesota men's hockey team.

May played collegiately at Augsburg and was a MIAC all-conference honoree.

MACKENZIE BRUCH, GOALTENDING COACH

Bruch resumes her role as goaltending coach for the 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team after serving in the same capacity in 2025. She also held the role for the U.S. Collegiate Women's Select Team in both 2023 and 2022.

Bruch is in her second season as an assistant coach for the Minnesota State University women's ice hockey program. Before the Mavericks, she served as a volunteer goaltending coach for Yale University.

A former Bemidji State University goalie, Bruch graduated from BSU in 2017 and returned for the 2017-18 season as the director of hockey and video operations for the women's ice hockey program.

TEAM SUPPORT STAFF

GENERAL MANAGER:

Katie Million

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Kristen Sagaert

OPERATIONS MANAGER:

Doug Ferry

VIDEO COACH:

Bryce Aldrich

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING:

Jess Burlingame

TEAM PHYSICIAN:

Dr. Jill Moschelli

ATHLETIC TRAINER:

Kevin Lennon

SPORTS DIETITIAN:

Amanda Feldman

EQUIPMENT AND LOGISTICS MANAGER:

Jeff Mobley

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER:

Melissa Katz

CONTENT COORDINATOR:

Charles Crowell V



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