

Hail To The Hosts
State Rinks Ready To Roll Out The Red Carpet For Tournament Teams

This year's New York State Tournament will feature a number of familiar venues in addition to several new ones that will host the state's best and brightest as they compete for state bragging rights and in many cases look to punch their ticket to a USA Hockey National Championship tournament. Here's a stick tap to all those whose tireless efforts create pristine sheets of ice where some of the state's top players will showcase their talents.

SUNY Broome Community College Ice Center, Binghamton



For the second year, the SUNY Broome Community College Ice Center will host the high school tournament, which will kick off another slate of exciting games across the state. This year's competition once again features eight of the top high school teams from around the state facing off in a round-robin competition that gets under way on Feb. 27 and wraps up with the championship game on March 1.

Northtown Center, Amherst



For the 22nd year the Northtown Center in Amherst will serve as host for state tournament games. Over the course of three weekends, starting Feb. 27 and running through March 22, players and their families will converge on the Buffalo suburb to battle it out for state supremacy on the ice. Over the course of three weekends, the Northtown Center is scheduled to host 161 games.

Cornerstone CFCU Arena, Lockport



With its two NHL-sized rinks and seating for more than 600, the Cornerstone Arena in historic Lockport has been a perfect host for state tournament games since 2018. With great sight lines and fantastic amenities that cater to parents and players, the facility has been a terrific host since the puck dropped on the first state tournament game. A total of 50 games, including several semifinal contests, will take place on Cornerstone ice.

Dwyer Arena, Niagara University



With a field of 56 boys' teams competing in the Tier I and Tier II divisions, the need for extra ice to accommodate all the action has pressed Dwyer Arena on the campus of Niagara University into service. The state-of-the-art two-sheet facility offers participants and their families a chance to experience life at a Div. I hockey program. The Purple Eagles compete in the American Hockey Association.

Utica University Nexus Center, Utica



The Utica University Nexus Center is a state-of-the-art sports and events facility located in downtown Utica. Since it opened its doors in 2022, the three-sheet facility and the adjoining Adirondack Bank Center has hosted USA Hockey National Championship tournaments, the 2024 IIHF Women's World Championship and the 2024 and 2025 Eastern Regional Development Camps. The Nexus Center will host a total of 45 games at the Girls' Tier II 14U, 16U and 19U divisions.

Rochester Ice Arena, Rochester



Rochester Ice Center, located in nearby Fairport, is a dual sheet facility that is home to the NAHL's Rochester Jr. Americans and the Jr. Americans youth program, which has long been a powerhouse in the state. After undergoing an extensive renovation in September 2025, the facility is ready to roll out the red carpet and host 19 games at the Girls' Tier I 14U and 16U divisions.