



Chicago Mission to Host Midget USA Hockey National Championships in 2010

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Woodridge, IL – Six months ago the Chicago Mission sent three teams to USA Hockey's 2008 National Championships. The Mission U19 Girls brought home the Gold as National Champion, and the Bantam Major 93's brought home the Silver as National Runner-Up.

Now the Chicago Mission is bringing home the entire national championship tournament!

USA Hockey has selected the Chicago Mission Tier One AAA Hockey Club to host its 2010 Boys Under 16 and Boys Under 18 Midget National Championships.

"The Chicago Mission is extremely delighted for the privilege of hosting the national tournament," said Mission president Andrea Hahn. "USA Hockey has entrusted the nationals to our care, and we are confident that with the commitment of Mission personnel, the outstanding quality of our Mission Hockey Headquarters, and the support of the AHA! hockey community, we will deliver an unforgettable experience for those student-athletes who earn the right to play for a national title."

The five-day long tournament, featuring 12 of the nation's top Midget Under 16 and 12 of the top Under 18 teams, will begin April 7th and conclude April 11th, 2010. All games will be played at Seven Bridges Ice Arena in Woodridge, Illinois. The facility features amenities that will provide USAH with an outstanding venue for players and their fans.

"We are both honored and humbled to be selected as the host club for the USAH National Championship tournament," said Hockey Director Anders Sorensen. "Certainly, it would be remiss on our part if we did not acknowledge the wonderful job that our past and current players/coaches - have done the past 7 years in establishing the Chicago Mission Hockey Program. They have set the standard in gaining credibility across the country as a premier youth AAA hockey organization. At the same time, we are excited about the opportunity to put the USAH Midget Championship games on a national stage. The Tier One Midget level is made up of very talented and dedicated student-athletes along with many hard working and innovative coaches, and we are excited about helping them showcase their abilities to the entire nation. We are certainly appreciative of USAH for this wonderful opportunity, and we look forward to a great national tournament here at Seven Bridges."

Chicago Mission's Executive Director Chico Adrahtas described the opportunity to host the USAH National Championships at Seven Bridges as both "very exciting and rewarding."

"(It is) exciting because such a prestigious event is coming to Illinois where the national champion will be determined at the two Midget age levels. And it's rewarding because it's a perfect example of teamwork within a hockey club, teamwork that culminated in success when we won the national competition to host the event."

Adrahtas added, "I would also like to publicly acknowledge and thank our founder and past President – Kevin Mann – for his leadership, his vision, and his relentless work in establishing and putting the Chicago Mission in the national spotlight."