

Hagerstown Ice and Sports Complex to Host Delaware Valley Collegiate Women's Hockey Playoffs Feb. 19-21

(HAGERSTOWN, Md.) – The Delaware Valley Collegiate Women's Hockey Division I. and II. Playoffs are being held February 19-21 at the Hagerstown Ice & Sports Complex. Over 100 women's hockey players on 10 teams will participate in the games. The first game begins at 8:00 p.m. on Friday night and the final game for the Division I. Championship will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The Hagerstown Ice & Sports Complex, located at Fairgrounds Park in Hagerstown, is a 40,500 square-foot facility with an NHL-size rink. The playoff games are free and open to the public. The teams participating in the 8th Women's Championship are: Rutgers University; University of Delaware; Drexel University; California University of Pennsylvania; Villanova University; American University; University of Virginia; U.S. Naval Academy; West Chester University; and Slippery Rock University.

Regularly scheduled weekend activities at the Hagerstown Ice & Sports Complex will be cancelled because of the playoff games. However, there are two special fan skate sessions with the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHC) players on Saturday from 8:00 p.m. - 9:50 p.m. and on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

The women's hockey players will be staying at Dual Highway hotels in Hagerstown. The Hagerstown-Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau provided convention services for the weekend sporting event, and assisted with the event.

In 2000, The American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), a league of approximately 150 men's teams across the U.S., announced the creation of the first national organization for women's collegiate non-varsity ice hockey. Fourteen clubs signed up and after the 2000-2001 seasons' success, the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHC) took notice. Founded in 1971, the DVCHC is a well-respected regional hockey league with a tradition of only admitting teams that were members of the ACHA. In 2002 the DVCHC's newly formed Women's DII division played its first full season, tournament and an All-Star game. The DVCHC Women's DII has continued its tradition of fast-paced, competitive hockey, growing to two divisions, 11 colleges and 195 female athletes -- the largest ACHA division in the US. The ACHA women's division has also grown to two divisions and boasts a current registration of 46 teams nationwide. For more information, visit www.dvchcwomenshockey.org.

The Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization whose mission is to help attract visitors to Hagerstown and Washington County. The CVB helps to create vibrant growth for the local economy by promoting, developing, and expanding the local visitor industry. For more information about Hagerstown-Washington County, see: www.marylandmemories.com.

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