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BOYS & GIRLS HOCKEY TEAMS COMPETE FOR STATE TITLES

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
Hockey Championships
Thursday-Saturday, March 3-5, 2011
Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Madison, Wis.**

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 41st Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Hockey State Championships and the 10th Girls Hockey State Championships will take place Thursday-Saturday, March 3-5, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices for the tourney are \$8 per session.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AND PAIRINGS: The single elimination boys tournament features eight teams. The girls tournament features four teams. There were 92 boys teams and 32 girls teams at the beginning of the championship tournament series this year.

BOYS SCHEDULE (* approximate times):

Thursday, March 3

Game-1: Notre Dame (23-4) vs. Marquette (25-2) - Noon
Game-2: Middleton (19-4-1) vs. Cedarburg (15-10-2) - 2:15 p.m.*
Game-3: Eau Claire Memorial (28-1) vs. Wisconsin Dells/Reedsburg (21-5) - 6 p.m.
Game-4: New Richmond (21-5) vs. Wausau West (24-3) - 8:15 p.m.*

Friday, March 4

Game-5: Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2 - 6 p.m.
Game-6: Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4 - 8:15 p.m.*

Saturday, March 5

Game-7: Championship Game - 2:15 p.m.*

GIRLS SCHEDULE (* approximate times):

Friday, March 4

Game-1: River Falls Co-op (23-3-1) vs. Appleton West Co-op (15-11-1) - Noon
Game-2: Mosinee Co-op (25-1) vs. Sun Prairie Co-op (22-3-2) - 2:15 p.m.*

Saturday, March 5

Game-3: Championship Game - 12:10 p.m.

ON THE AIR: The boys and girls championship games will be televised live on WKOW Madison, WAOW Wausau, WXOW La Crosse, WQOW Eau Claire, WYOW Eagle River, WMOW Crandon, WACY Green Bay, KBJR Duluth/Superior and WMLW Milwaukee. FS Wisconsin will air the quarterfinals and semifinals taped delayed. Please visit the Media Center on the WIAA Web site and select "WIAA Programming on FS Wisconsin" link for the broadcast schedule.

LIVE STREAM OF HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS: The entire boys and girls State hockey tournament will be streamed live. The boys quarterfinals and semifinals, as well as the girls semifinals will be streamed live on foxsportswisconsin.com. The finals will be streamed live on the State Network's websites.

LAST YEAR: University School won its second boys hockey title with a 5-3 win over Wausau West in the championship game. In the girls final, the River Falls/Baldwin-Woodville/Glenwood City/St. Croix Central/Spring Valley co-op defeated the Green Bay co-op of East/Preble/Southwest/West/Ashwaubenon/Bay Port/De Pere/Notre Dame/Seymour/West De Pere by a 5-2 tally in the title tilt.

TEAM TOURNAMENT HISTORY: The first WIAA State boys hockey championship game was held in 1971. Superior won the first championship and has won 11 more since to give the Spartans a membership-leading 12 State titles. Madison Memorial has won eight titles. Hudson won the first two girls titles in 2002 and 2003, which leads all girls programs with two titles. Other schools have been a part of two championships, but were associated with different co-op arrangements.

THE BOYS FIELD: Last year's runner-up **Wausau West** will be appearing in the State Tournament for the 11th time. The Warriors also fin-

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ished runner-up in 2000. This season, they defeated Mosinee 9-2 in the sectional final held in Stevens Point to earn a berth in the tournament field. **Eau Claire Memorial** will also appear in the tournament for the 11th time and for the fourth time in the last five years. The Old Abes won the State championship in 2008. They defeated Chippewa Falls 6-2 in the sectional final to enter the final field of eight. **New Richmond** returns to State for the first time since 2003 and for the fourth time overall. The Tigers advanced to the championship final in 2003, but were denied the championship. They qualify this year after defeating perennial power Superior 4-3 in the sectional final held at New Richmond. **Middleton** will make its third appearance and its first since 2006. In both of its previous experiences, the Cardinals have lost in the quarterfinals. They earned their way into the tournament with a 3-2 win over Waunakee in the Madison Sectional final. **Marquette** will also experience the State Tournament for the third time. The first two appearances came in 1996 and 1999 when the Hilltoppers were still a member of WISAA. Through a special arrangement in hockey, they were afforded that opportunity to play in the tournament. They lost in the quarterfinals in each of the two previous appearances. They defeated Stoughton 5-2 in the final of the sectional held at Brookfield. **Notre Dame** is making its second consecutive trip to the State Tournament after making its first-ever appearance last season. The Tritons advanced to the semifinals last year before being ousted from title contention. They qualify again this season by virtue of their 4-3, three overtime victory over Ashwaubenon in the sectional final held in Appleton. **Wisconsin Dells/Reedsburg** is making its first-ever appearance in the State Tournament. The Chiefs defeated Onalaska 4-2 in the sectional final to earn their initial trip to State. **Cedarburg** is another first-time qualifier to the State Tournament after defeating the St. Mary's Springs co-op 6-3 in the Fond du Lac Sectional.

THE GIRLS FIELD: The **River Falls** co-op with Baldwin-Woodville, Glenwood City, St. Croix Central and Spring Valley qualifies to defend the title it won last year in its second State appearance. A

number of schools in a similar co-op were also qualifiers and winners of the second title in 2009. The Wildcats skated past Hayward/Spooner 5-2 in the Chippewa Falls Sectional final to earn the opportunity to return to State. The **Mosinee** co-op with D.C. Everest, Wausau East and Wausau West returns to State for the fourth straight year. The Indians won the State crown in 2008 and fell in the semifinals the last two seasons. They defeated the Marshfield co-op 4-1 in the sectional final to earn the chance to play for the State title. The **Appleton West/East/North** co-op makes its second State Tournament appearance and its first since 2007 when it won the State championship. The Terrors' berth was earned by a 3-2 triumph over the Green Bay East co-op in the Fond du Lac Sectional final. The **Sun Prairie** co-op with DeForest/Madison East/Madison La Follette/Waunakee skated to a 2-0 win over the University School co-op in the Beaver Dam Sectional final to earn its first experience in the State Tournament.

NEED CREDENTIALS?: Requesting media credentials for the 2011 WIAA Boys and Girls Championships must be done by noon, Tuesday, March 1. Complete and submit the online credential request form on the restricted area of the Media Center. Verification of approved credentials is also available on the restricted area of the Media Center on the WIAA Web site. Approved media credentials will be available at the East entrance ticket window. Parking is readily available around the Alliant Energy Center at its regular fee.

QUALIFIERS & PRACTICE TIMES: All the rosters, statistics and results of the qualifying boys and girls teams are available on the restricted area of the Media Center of the WIAA Web site. The practice times for each of the teams this week is also posted in the restricted area.

NEED RESULTS?: The quickest way to get boys State hockey results will be to access the WIAA Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=575>, and for the girls results access the appropriate results link at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=576>.