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1982, 1983, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1997,
2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006,
2011

Men's Member Teams

University of Alabama in Huntsville

University of Alaska Anchorage

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Bemidji State University

Bowling Green State University

Ferris State University

Lake Superior State University

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2014 WCHA Final Five

March 21-22 • Van Andel Arena
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2014 WCHA Final Five Ticket Packages On Sale December 8

Playoff Championship Set for March 21-22 at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids; Celebrate the Tournament at the Festive WCHA Kick-Off Event Thursday, March 20; Exercise Your Pipes at the WCHA The Voice Contest and Earn a Chance to Sing Live at the Final Five; Championship Saturday Events to Include Pre-Game 'Sports Madness' Tailgate Party at the B.O.B., USA Hockey Coaching Workshop, WCHA Youth Hockey Shootout Competition; Free Shuttles Available from Fan Hotels to Van Andel Arena

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) and Van Andel Arena announced today that three-game, all tournament packages for the 2014 WCHA Final Five championship, to be held March 21-22 at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich., will go on sale beginning Sunday, December 8 at 10:00 am ET.

All tournament ticket packages are \$95 and \$50 and can be purchased beginning Dec. 8 at the Van Andel Arena® and DeVos Place® Convention Center box offices, online at www.ticketmaster.com, at Ticketmaster outlets – including D&W stores and select Family Fare and Walmart locations, or can be charged by phone at 1.800.745.3000. Final Five ticket packages are specially priced at just \$80 and \$35 between Dec. 8 and through Dec. 19. Groups of 10+, who save \$5 per ticket, can reserve tickets by phoning Rebecca Chesnut at 616.742.6185 or via e-mail to: groupsales@smggr.com.

Single game tickets, if available, will go on sale March 10. Ticket prices for individual games are: Semifinal Game 1 – \$35 and \$18; Semifinal Game 2: \$35 and \$18; Championship Game 3: \$40 and \$25.

The schedule for the 2014 WCHA Final Five includes two semi-final match ups on Friday, March 21 at 2:07 pm and 7:07 pm ET, followed by the Broadmoor Trophy championship game on Saturday, March 22 at 7:07 pm ET. The field for the Final Five will consist of the four winning teams from the first round of WCHA Playoffs. The Final Five winner receives the Broadmoor Trophy and the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Men's Div. 1 Ice Hockey Championship tournament.

The WCHA, marking its 62nd season of men's competition and home to a record 37 national championship teams, a record 16 Hobey Baker Memorial Award winners and more than 350 All-Americans and 450 National Hockey League alums, is staging its annual flagship event – the WCHA Final Five – in Grand Rapids for the first time. WCHA men's member teams are the Alabama Huntsville Chargers, Alaska Anchorage Seawolves, Alaska Nanooks, Bemidji State Beavers, Bowling Green Falcons, Ferris State Bulldogs, Lake Superior State Lakers, Michigan Tech Huskies, Minnesota State Mavericks and Northern Michigan Wildcats.

Join Us on Thursday (March 20) for the WCHA Kick-Off Event and WCHA The Voice; Bring Family and Friends for an Evening of Fun, Food, Music and Games! Free Shuttles Available from Fan Hotels

Fans are encouraged to arrive in town on Thursday and celebrate the 2014 WCHA Final Five and college hockey with music, interactive games, food, beverages and more at the WCHA

Kick-Off Event on March 20 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Deltaplex Arena & Convention Center, 2500 Turner Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49544. The WCHA Kick-Off Event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by The Deltaplex Arena, Holiday Inn Express North, Riverfront Hotel, SpringHill Suites North, Hampton Inn North and Experience Grand Rapids. There will also be free shuttles available from fan hotels to take folks to and from the Kick-Off Event.

The WCHA Kick-Off event will include the WCHA The Voice contest, where fans can exercise their pipes and where the winner will get a chance to sing live at the Final Five at Van Andel Arena, food trucks, live music, beverages and award-winning craft beer from locally-owned breweries, a man cave area for all to relax and watch live sporting events, the historic Broadmoor Trophy, awarded to the Final Five champion, and local celebrities.

Final Five Championship Saturday Includes Pre-Game 'Sports Madness' Tailgate Party at the Renowned B.O.B., USA Hockey Coaching Workshop, WCHA Youth Hockey Shootout Competition; Free Shuttles Available from Fan Hotels to Van Andel Arena

On Saturday (March 22) at the Final Five, fans and visitors can also take part in a host of fun activities centered around the championship and located in the Van Andel Arena area. Free shuttles will be available on Saturday to take folks from fan hotels to the arena.

From 2:00 to 6:00 pm, everyone is invited to a pre-championship 'Sports Madness' indoor tailgating event at the renowned B.O.B. (Big Old Building) in downtown Grand Rapids, located directly across the street from Van Andel Arena. A landmark destination, the 70,000-square-foot, four-story, red brick building includes numerous restaurants, shops and a comedy club. 'Sports Madness' will feature tailgating food, games, beverages and Michigan-based beer, prizes and more. We'll also have live sporting events running on multiple big-screen TVs and pool and foosball tournaments.

There will be a WCHA Youth Hockey Shootout Competition held on Saturday afternoon at the Final Five, with full details on the event coming soon.

And on Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, USA Hockey will host a High Performance Workshop for youth coaches in the Kent Room (second floor) of the Marriott Courtyard Downtown, 11 Monroe Avenue, Grand Rapids 49503. The workshop will feature specific player and coach development subjects and an on-ice simulated practice to highlight effective organization and teaching methods. Interested coaches may enroll on the USA Hockey web site at: <http://www.usahockey.com>.

For more information please visit:

Western Collegiate Hockey Association and WCHA Final Five: <http://wcha.com>; WCHARoadtoVanAndelArena.com

Download the 2014 WCHA Final Five Fan Guide: <http://wcha.com/men/tourney/index.php>

Van Andel Arena: <http://vanandelarena.com>

City of Grand Rapids: <http://www.experiencegr.com>. Site includes information on hotels, things to do, events, restaurants, about Grand Rapids, social Lounge, etc.

Deltaplex Arena (site of March 20 WCHA Kick-Off event): <http://deltaplex.com>

Grand Rapids Area Hotel Reservations: <https://aws.passkey.com/g/20157200>

The B.O.B.: <http://www.thebob.com>