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HOME OF A RECORD 36 MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS SINCE 1951

1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958,
1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964,
1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1974,
1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981,
1982, 1983, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1997,
2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

HOME OF A RECORD 11 CONSECUTIVE WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS SINCE 1999

2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

MEN'S WCHA MEMBERS

University of Alaska Anchorage

Bemidji State University

Colorado College

University of Denver

Michigan Tech University

University of Minnesota

University of Minnesota Duluth

Minnesota State University

University of Nebraska Omaha

University of North Dakota

St. Cloud State University

University of Wisconsin

WOMEN'S WCHA MEMBERS

Bemidji State University

University of Minnesota

University of Minnesota Duluth

Minnesota State University

University of North Dakota

Ohio State University

St. Cloud State University

University of Wisconsin

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WCHA EXTENDS BEST WISHES TO PENN STATE ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW DIVISION 1 MEN'S & WOMEN'S HOCKEY PROGRAMS

MADISON, Wis. – The Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), founded in 1951 and long a leader in promoting the growth and well-being of collegiate ice hockey, extends its best wishes to Penn State University following today's (Sept. 17, 2010) announcement on that institution's formation of new Division 1 men's and women's ice hockey programs. The WCHA owns a record 36 men's national championships and a record 11 consecutive women's national titles.

"Anytime we receive news like this we are all excited," said Commissioner Bruce M. McLeod, "and on behalf of the entire membership of the WCHA, we welcome Penn State to the world of college hockey and wish them all the best.

"It is an affirmation of the strength of our game that such a prestigious institution would choose to add a program at this time and it is indeed a great day for hockey. The institutions that make up the WCHA are committed to the future of college hockey and the addition of Penn State is another positive step in that direction."

The WCHA, marking it's 59th season of competition in 2010-11, also ushers in a new era with the addition of new league members Bemidji State University and University of Nebraska Omaha as well as a new six-team, five-game format for it's highly-successful Red Baron WCHA Final Five playoff championship, set for March 17-19 at Xcel Energy Center in Saint Paul, Minn. The WCHA's women's playoff championship, the 2011 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF, will be held March 4-5 at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis, Minn. In addition, Bemidji State and Minnesota Duluth are both unveiling new arenas this season, Michigan Tech will serve as the host school for both the 2011 and 2012 NCAA Midwest Regionals in Green Bay and Minnesota will be the host of the 2011 NCAA Men's Frozen Four at Xcel Energy Center. Bemidji State will open the Robert H. Peters Rink at the Bemidji Regional Event Center on Oct. 15 vs North Dakota while Minnesota Duluth will open the new Amsoil Arena in Duluth against the Sioux on Dec. 30 in the non-conference U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game.

The 12-team men's WCHA consists of member institutions University of Alaska Anchorage, Bemidji State University, Colorado College, University of Denver, Michigan Technological University, University of Minnesota, University of Minnesota Duluth, Minnesota State University, University of Nebraska Omaha, University of North Dakota, St. Cloud State University and University of Wisconsin.

The eight-team women's WCHA consists of member institutions Bemidji State University, University of Minnesota, University of Minnesota Duluth, Minnesota State University, University of North Dakota, Ohio State University, St. Cloud State University and University of Wisconsin.

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