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Minnesota State University  
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Ohio State University  
St. Cloud State University  
University of Wisconsin

## HOME OF A RECORD 14 CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005,  
2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011,  
2012, 2013

## 2014 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF CHAMPIONSHIP

March 7-8, 2014  
Sanford Center • Bemidji, MN

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## 2014 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF CHAMPIONSHIP HEADED TO SANFORD CENTER IN BEMIDJI NEXT MARCH

MADISON, Wis. – The Western Collegiate Hockey Association will take one of the showcases in women's hockey to northern Minnesota next season.

The 2014 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF will be held at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, Minn. on Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8, WCHA women's commissioner Sara Martin announced today.

Bemidji will be the seventh city to host this event in the 15-year history of the WCHA playoff championships. It has been held four of the last five years at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis.

"We are happy that the WCHA will get to take the excitement of our post-season tournament to a new venue," said Martin, who added that Bemidji State University officials are helping in the planning of the event. "The Sanford Center is a beautiful facility and great spot to show off the skills of our players."

In the 13 years of NCAA-sponsored women's national championships, Western Collegiate Hockey Association-member teams have won all 13 titles – Minnesota Duluth has five while Minnesota and Wisconsin each have four. Minnesota also won the first AWCHA Women's Division 1 title in 2000.

Minnesota has won the last two WCHA playoff championships and last two NCAA titles. The Gophers beat North Dakota, 2-0, to win the 2013 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF in Minneapolis.

All eight WCHA-member teams will play best-of-three playoff series Feb. 28-March 2 at the site of the higher-seeded team. The four winners from that weekend will play for the conference playoff championship with the semifinals on Friday, March 7. Friday's two winners will then play for the tournament championship on Saturday, March 8. The winner of the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF receives the league's automatic berth into the NCAA Division 1 Women's Ice Hockey Tournament.

Ticket information for the 2014 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF will be announced at a later date.

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## ABOUT THE SANFORD CENTER

<http://www.bsubeavers.com/facilities/regionaleventscenter/>

Located on the south shore of Lake Bemidji, the Sanford Center provides the people of northern Minnesota with a signature sports and entertainment facility. The home of Bemidji State men's and women's hockey, the facility has enabled Bemidji to attract a variety of civic, convention and entertainment events and enhance its position as a regional center for northern Minnesota.

The Sanford Center encompasses approximately 185,000 square feet and include all amenities required to host concerts, family shows, trade shows and community events. It has also been designed as an elite Division 1 hockey facility, providing the BSU programs with one of the finest home venues in the nation.

The arena seats 4,373 around a 200'x85' ice sheet for hockey and can be reconfigured to accommodate approximately 6,000 guests for concerts and trade shows. Seating includes a club level and 26 luxury suites, and all areas of the arena have access to full-featured concessions areas. The building also includes convention facilities, featuring a 10,000-square-foot dividable ballroom and 4,000 square feet of meeting space. The convention and meeting facilities have been designed to accommodate future expansion to meet the expected growth of Bemidji and its surrounding area.