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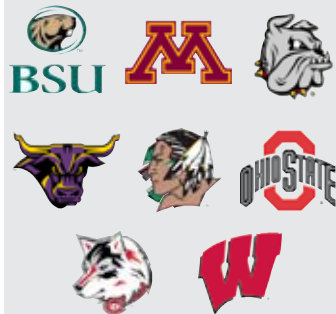
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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES 2008 WCHA CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE HELD AT DECC IN DULUTH TICKETS FOR MARCH 8-9 TOURNAMENT TO GO ON SALE NOVEMBER 5

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association and Associate Commissioner Sara R. Martin today announced (June 20) that the 2008 WCHA Championship will be held March 8-9 at the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center in Duluth, Minn. It will be the first appearance at the DECC (5,294) for the league's post-season championship.

"The WCHA is excited to hold its premier women's event at the DECC," said Martin. "The University of Minnesota Duluth and the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center did an outstanding job of hosting the 2003 NCAA Women's Frozen Four and we look forward to working with them on our championship tournament," commented Martin.

Tickets for the 2008 WCHA Playoff Championship will go on sale Nov. 5, 2007 at 10:00 am CT at the University of Minnesota Duluth Ticket Office. Three-game season tickets for the women's championship tournament will be available in three prices: \$20 for a reserved seat, \$18 for general admission, and \$15 for seniors and youth (age 18 and under). Beginning Nov. 5, tickets may be purchased by calling the University of Minnesota Duluth Athletic Ticket Office at 218 726-8595.

Single session tickets, priced at \$15, \$12 and \$8, will be available on the days of the semifinals and championship game. The two semifinal games will be played on Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 pm CT and 4:00 pm CT. The WCHA Championship game is set for Sunday, March 9 at 1:00 pm CT.

The WCHA Championship on March 8-9 in Duluth will feature the four winning teams from the opening round of the WCHA Playoffs. The first round will be held the weekend of Feb. 29-March 2 and will feature all eight conference-member teams in a best-of-three series format.

Information on the 2008 WCHA Championship will also be available via the WCHA's official web site at: www.wcha.com and via the University of Minnesota Duluth athletic web site at: www.umdbulldogs.com.

Home of a record eight consecutive national championship teams, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association has held a post-season championship tournament every season since the women's league was founded in 1999-2000. The inaugural and 2000 WCHA Championship was held at Bloomington (Minn.) Ice Gardens, the 2001 WCHA Championship was held at Rochester (Minn.) Recreation Center, the 2002 WCHA Championship was held at Fogerty Arena in Blaine, Minn., the 2003 WCHA Championship was held at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks, N.D., and the 2004, 2005 and 2006 WCHA Championships were all held at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis, Minn.

WCHA Tournament Champions by Year: 2000 - Minnesota Duluth; 2001 - Minnesota Duluth; 2002 - Minnesota; 2003 - Minnesota Duluth; 2004 - Minnesota; 2005 - Minnesota; 2006 - Wisconsin; 2007 - Wisconsin.

Martin also added that the conference has awarded the 2009 WCHA Championship to Ridder Arena in Minneapolis, Minn.