



COLUMBUS TO HOST 2017 AMERICAN COLLEGIATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS AT OHIOHEALTH CHILLERS AND ICE HAUS

*First-Time Event Featuring Top Intercollegiate ACHA Hockey Teams from Across the Country;
Discounted Tournament All-Access Passes for Adults; Free Admission for Kids 18 and Under*

Columbus (February 23, 2017) – The American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), a member of USA Hockey and one of the fastest growing collegiate hockey associations in the world with nearly 500 college and university-affiliated programs, announced its tournament ticket prices, including special youth discounts in addition to Single Game Passes and discounted Tournament All-Access Passes for those attending the soon-to-be historic **2017 ACHA National Championships, which will be held March 9-19.**

For the first time in ACHA history, all five of their divisions, Men's Divisions 1, 2 and 3 and Women's Divisions 1 and 2, will compete together in Columbus. The national championships will feature **more than 70 teams and over 1,600 players competing in over 100 games** at the OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks (Dublin, Easton, North) and the OhioHealth Ice Haus at Nationwide Arena. The event is expected to generate an **estimated 3,000 hotel room nights** for the city.

A Single Game Pass (SGP), which grants the passholder admission to a single day's games in any of the four OhioHealth Chiller Arenas, is priced at \$25.00. During all semi-final and championship games played at the OhioHealth IceHaus, the price of the SGP will increase to \$30.00. Each SGP is valid only for games played on the date specified on the pass.

For fans wishing to attend games over several days, an economical Tournament All-Access Pass (TAP) is on sale at \$60.00. The TAP is valid for the entire 11-day tournament, and every TAP passholder will be admitted to any of the more than 100 tournament games, including games from every division and at all four OhioHealth Chiller Arenas. The TAP includes admission to all semi-final and championship games to be played at the OhioHealth Ice Haus.

Single Game Passes and Tournament All-Access Passes are non-transferable and admission to all games is subject to availability. Passes may be purchased in advance at Customer Service Kiosks of 26 participating Giant Eagle Supermarkets, or on game day at each of the four OhioHealth Chiller locations. It is recommended that fans purchasing passes at the Chiller venues arrive early to avoid long lines and ensure ticket availability.

Highlighting the youth discounts, the ACHA will offer children age 12 and under free admission when attending with a parent or adult guardian at any of the four venues, including the OhioHealth Ice Haus. Youth hockey players who are older than 12, including members of varsity and junior varsity high school programs, are encouraged to wear their youth hockey or local high school hockey jerseys to also gain free entry to all games.



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“The ACHA mission is to support the growth and development of college hockey programs nationwide,” said **Mike Walley, Executive Director of the ACHA**. “These youth discounts will help provide an historical experience while enabling tomorrow’s hockey stars the vision of them playing in the big game.”

The ACHA National Championships will make history when all five of ACHA’s divisions (Men’s Divisions I, II and III and Women’s Divisions I and II) host their national championships together. Presented by the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, Columbus Blue Jackets, OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks at the OhioHealth Ice Haus, Marathon Petroleum and Dispatch Media Group, the ACHA National Championships will feature more than 1,600 players from 80 of the nation’s best men’s and women’s college hockey club teams. More than 100 games will be played across Columbus at the OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks (Dublin, Easton and North) and the OhioHealth Ice Haus at Nationwide Arena, home of the NHL’s Columbus Blue Jackets.

The three men’s and two women’s divisions will be in action as follows:

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>OPENS</u>	<u>CHAMPIONSHIP</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Men’s D1	Thursday, March 9	Tuesday, March 14	OhioHealth Ice Haus at Nationwide Arena
Women’s D1	Wednesday, March 15	Sunday, March 19	OhioHealth Chiller Easton*
Women’s D2	Wednesday, March 15	Sunday, March 19	OhioHealth Chiller Easton
Men’s D2	Wednesday, March 15	Sunday, March 19	OhioHealth Chiller Dublin**
Men’s D3	Tuesday, March 14	Saturday, March 18	OhioHealth Chiller North**

****WD1 Chamionship Game will be played at the OhioHealth Ice Haus***

*****MD2 & 3 Semi-Final and Championship Games will be played at the OhioHealth Ice Haus***

Please visit **achanationals.com** for comprehensive National Championship information, including venues and starting times for all tournament games, discounted hotel rates, and more.

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The American Collegiate Hockey Association

The ACHA is a recognized 501(c)3 organization of more than 500 college and university-affiliated programs which provides structure, regulates operations, and promotes the quality of collegiate ice hockey throughout the United States. Headquartered in Troy, Michigan, the ACHA's primary mission is to support the growth and development of college hockey programs nationwide. The ACHA identifies standards which serve to unite and regulate teams at the collegiate level and entered its 26th season in September 2016. For more information, visit www.achahockey.org.

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