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UTAH WINS 2012 USA HOCKEY HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BID

Event will Feature the Finest High School Players in the Country

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - Utah has been awarded the 2012 USA Hockey High School National Championship Tournament. The March 21-25, 2012 event, will take place just one month after the 10th anniversary of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City and is the highest profile hockey tournament in Utah since the Olympics. Athletes from around the country will have the opportunity to compete in the same venues that hosted Olympians vying for the gold ten years prior.

The top high school hockey teams from around the country will travel to Utah to compete for the national championship. The tournament has been held in Chicago the past two years. "This is a great opportunity for Utah hockey fans to see the finest high school hockey players in the country during the five-day tournament," said Utah High School Hockey president Pete Bratsos. "We will be working closely with the Utah Sports Commission, the Utah Grizzlies Professional Hockey Club and the local chambers of commerce and visitors bureaus to make sure that all of the players, coaches and their fans from as far away as Florida and New York enjoy the same great experience as our guests had during the 2002 Olympics."

The Utah Sports Commission is excited to partner with USA Hockey, Utah High School Hockey and our venue partners to host approximately 1,100 players, coaches, referees, tournament officials and fans," said Jeff Robbins, president and CEO of the Utah Sports Commission. "This event brings economic benefit to Utah and adds to Utah's diverse sports portfolio".

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