
HOCKEY EASTERN ONTARIO

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To: District Chairs, MHA Presidents, Junior Leagues, Junior Teams, SHEO, Special Hockey

CC: HEO Board of Directors, HEO Staff

From: Debbie Rambeau, Executive Director HEO

Date: April 1, 2021

Re: **ESSO Medals of Achievement Program Virtual Celebration**

Good Day Everyone!

Esso will be hosting a virtual ceremony to commemorate this season and has created an interactive experience in lieu of year-end celebrations.

Event Details

Date: April 10th, 2021

Time: 5 - 6 P.M. EST

Registration Links: <https://www.essomedals.com/rsvp/>

The 60-minute ceremony will feature the following special guests:

- Josh Anderson, Montreal Canadiens Forward, Canada's National Junior Team (alumnus and past Esso Medal of Achievement participant).
- Brianne Jenner, Olympic Gold Medallist, alternate captain with Canada's National Women's Team and a two-time recipient of an Esso Medal of Achievement.
- Jeremy Rupke, Dad, Coach, YouTuber and Founder of How To Hockey, which provides training, advice and drills for hockey players.
- And Brendan Shanahan, President of the Toronto Maple Leafs, a 3-time Stanley Cup Champion, 7-time All Star, and Olympic Gold Medalist.

Attendees will have the opportunity to win:

- If consumers signed up/RSVP for the event between March 22 and April 9, they were automatically entered into an Esso/Hockey Canada grand prize. This grand prize includes;
- (4) Hockey Canada toques
- (4) Hockey Canada custom jerseys (winner picks the numbers & names on the back)
- (1) Fuel For A Year (\$4,000 value)

Attendees are asked to RSVP to the virtual hockey event by April 9.

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Re: **Schedule unveiled for 2021 IIHF Women’s World Championship**

CALGARY, Alta. – Canada’s National Women’s Team will begin its quest for a gold medal at the 2021 IIHF Women’s World Championship in Nova Scotia with a match-up against Finland on May 6, highlighting the opening-day schedule.

Hockey Canada and the host organizing committee, on behalf of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), unveiled the full tournament schedule Thursday. The 31-game schedule will be played at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax and Rath Eastlink Community Centre in Truro, May 6-16.

As the situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic evolves in Nova Scotia, Hockey Canada continues to have regular discussions with the provincial government and Nova Scotia Public Health. The health and safety of all participants remains a priority, and Hockey Canada will continue to explore the opportunity to have a limited number of fans in attendance at both venues.

“The excitement around the IIHF Women’s World Championship has been building in the Province of Nova Scotia for nearly two-and-a-half years, and the release of the schedule provides fans and athletes alike with another reason to get excited for the top hockey players in the world to face off on the East Coast,” said Grant MacDonald, general manager of the 2021 IIHF Women’s World Championship. “It has been 17 years since Nova Scotia last hosted the women’s worlds, and we are thrilled to be back in Halifax and Truro. As the participating teams begin to unveil their rosters over the coming weeks, we know the excitement will continue to build as we look to host a safe and successful world championship.”

The 10-team tournament features Canada in Group A with Finland, Russia, Switzerland and the United States, while Group B is comprised of the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary and Japan.

In addition to Canada’s opening-day game against Finland, it will also play Russia on May 8 and Switzerland on May 9 before closing out the preliminary round against its cross-border rival, the United States, on May 11. All four of Canada’s preliminary-round games will take place at 7:30 p.m. AT.

TSN and RDS, the official broadcast partners of Hockey Canada, will carry extensive game coverage and analysis throughout the IIHF Women’s World Championship, and will broadcast all preliminary-round games, quarterfinals, semifinals and medal games in Halifax.

Canada has captured 10 gold medals at the IIHF Women’s World Championship (1990, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2012), in addition to eight silver (2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017) and one bronze (2019).

For more information from the IIHF, please visit the official tournament website <https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2021/ww>

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Re: 25 players selected to represent Canada at the IIHF U18 World Championship

CALGARY, Alta. – Hockey Canada has unveiled the 25 players named to Canada’s National Men’s Under-18 Team for the 2021 IIHF U18 World Championship, April 26-May 6 in Frisco and Plano, Texas.

The full roster can be seen here: <https://hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/team-canada/men/under-18/2020-21>

Three goaltenders, eight defencemen and 14 forwards were selected by **Alan Millar (Tottenham, Ont.)**, director of player personnel, and **Benoit Roy (Sudbury, Ont.)**, manager of national teams.

The roster features 23 players who played for Team Canada Black, Team Canada Red or Team Canada White at the 2019 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Medicine Hat, Alta., and Swift Current, Sask.

In addition, **Dave Barr (Toronto, Ont.)** has been named head coach, while **Gordie Dwyer (Dalhousie, N.B.)** and **Mike Stothers (Toronto, Ont.)** will serve as assistant coaches.

“We are excited to announce the 25 players that have been selected to wear the Maple Leaf at the 2021 IIHF U18 World Championship. Despite a difficult year for our players and staff, we are confident this group will represent our country with pride while giving us a chance to compete for a gold medal in Texas,” said Millar. “We are also pleased to have Dave, Mike and Gordie as a part of our coaching staff, and to welcome a number of excellent support staff who bring unique skills to our team. We know the extensive experience of our coaching staff and the dedication of our support staff will greatly benefit our team at the world championship.”

Barr most recently served as an assistant coach with the San Jose Sharks (2017-19). Prior to joining the Sharks, he was an associate coach with the Florida Panthers (2016-17), as well as an assistant coach with the Buffalo Sabres (2015-16), New Jersey Devils (2011-15), Minnesota Wild (2009-11) and Colorado Avalanche (2008-09). Barr spent five seasons (2003-08) as the general manager and head coach of the Guelph Storm of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), leading the Storm to an OHL championship in 2004. He also held various positions with the Houston Aeros of the American Hockey League (AHL) and International Hockey League (IHL) from 1997-2003, including assistant coach, head coach, director of hockey operations, vice-president, general manager and president. He has represented Canada once as a head coach, leading Canada’s National Men’s Summer Under-18 Team to a gold medal at the 2008 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament.

Dwyer was the head coach of the Shawinigan Cataractes of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) last season. Prior to joining the Cataractes, he spent two seasons as head coach of Dinamo Minsk (2017-19) and two seasons as head coach of Medvescak Zagreb (2015-17) of the Kontinental Hockey League (KHL), as well as part of one season as head coach of HC Ambri-Piotta (2016-17) of National League A (NLA). Dwyer also served two seasons as head coach of the Charlottetown Islanders (2013-15) and two seasons as head coach of the Prince Edward Island Rocket (2011-13) of the QMJHL, as well as two seasons as head coach and director of player personnel with the Summerside Western Capitals of the Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL). He won bronze medals as the head coach

of Team Canada at the 2020 Youth Olympic Games and as an assistant coach at the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship and was an assistant coach at two Spengler Cups (2016, 2018).

Stothers most recently served as head coach of the Ontario Reign of the American Hockey League (AHL) for five seasons (2015-20). He has held various coaching positions in the NHL, AHL, OHL and Western Hockey League (WHL), including one season as an assistant coach with the NHL's Atlanta Thrashers (2010-11) and two seasons as an assistant with the Philadelphia Flyers (2000-02). Stothers was also the head coach of the AHL's Manchester Monarchs (2014-15), winning a Calder Cup and Louis A.R. Pieri Memorial Award as AHL coach of the year, as well as the Grand Rapids Griffins (2007-08). He also served as an assistant coach with the Philadelphia Phantoms (1996-2000) and Hershey Bears (1991-96). His Canadian Hockey League (CHL) experience includes three seasons as head coach of the WHL's Moose Jaw Warriors (2011-14) and five seasons as head coach of the OHL's Owen Sound Attack (2002-07). Stothers had a 10-year professional playing career in the NHL and AHL, winning the Calder Cup with the Maine Mariners in 1984.

The support staff that will work with Team Canada at the IIHF U18 World Championship includes:

- Senior vice-president of national teams **Scott Salmond (Creston, B.C.)**
- Video coach **Travis Crickard (St. John's, N.L.)**
- Goaltending coach **Matt Weninger (Lethbridge, Alta./Moose Jaw, WHL)**
- Athletic therapists **Kevin Elliott (Charlottetown, P.E.I./Charlottetown, QMJHL)** and **Doug Stacey (London, Ont./Western University, OUA)**
- Equipment manager **A.J. Murley (Beaumont, Alta.)**
- Mental performance consultant **Ashwin Patel (Guelph, Ont./Guelph, OHL)**
- Team physician **Dr. Ben Cameron (Summerside, P.E.I./Lethbridge, WHL)**
- Education consultant **Dave Tennant (Kitchener, Ont./Kitchener, OHL)**
- Coordinator of national teams **Kurt Keats (Winnipeg, Man.)**

Prior to travelling to Frisco on April 17, players and staff will self-isolate at home starting April 12 and will be tested for COVID-19 three times. Upon arrival in Texas, all team personnel will enter a four-day quarantine at the hotel before starting a pre-tournament camp on April 21. The team will take on Finland in its lone pre-tournament game on April 24 at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT.

Canada will open the 2021 IIHF U18 World Championship against Sweden on April 26 at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT, and will also take on Latvia, Switzerland and Belarus in preliminary-round action. TSN and RDS, the official broadcast partners of Hockey Canada, will broadcast select games throughout the tournament and will announce details at a later date.

Since 2002, Canada has won three gold medals at the IIHF U18 World Championship (2003, 2008, 2013), in addition to one silver (2005) and three bronze (2012, 2014, 2015).