



4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
LABATT BLUE USA HOCKEY  
POND HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
(GET BACK TO YOUR HOCKEY ROOTS)



FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
On Dollar Lake in Eagle River, Wisconsin  
PART OF HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

USA Hockey and Labatt Blue invite you, your teammates and families to enjoy the experience at this year's 4 on 4 Pond Hockey Championships. We aim for a quality hockey and social event.

**TOURNAMENT AND ENTRY DETAILS:**

- **Team Entry Fee is \$395.** Entire Team Entry Fee must be paid at time of registration.
- Host Hotel will be the Chanticleer Inn, 1458 E. Dollar Lake Rd., Eagle River, WI 54521, (800) 752-9193.
- All tournament participants receive a Labatt Blue/USA Hockey commemorative jersey and post-game refreshments. A participant meet and greet will take place Friday night at the Chanticleer Inn, and a tournament reception/raffle will be Saturday night at the Derby Track.
- Prizing will be awarded to the Championship and Runner-Up teams from each division.
- All players must be 21 years of age by the start date of the tournament (2/13/09); a picture ID will be required at check-in and will be checked throughout the event.
- Each team is guaranteed three games during round robin play. Teams can expect one or two game(s) Friday and one or two on Saturday. Games will begin on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:00am. Please make travel plans accordingly; ***no schedule requests will be accepted.***
- The game schedule will be posted on the USA Hockey website at [www.usahockey.com/adult](http://www.usahockey.com/adult), and will be sent via e-mail to the team contacts no later than one week prior to the event.
- Entry deadline is **Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.** However, many divisions could be closed before this date depending on overall registration in the event. ***ENTRY IS FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED!***
- To reserve a spot in this tournament please mail, fax or email the **Official Registration and Roster Form** with full payment of **\$395 by Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009** to USA Hockey, Attn: Adult Hockey Department, 1775 Bob Johnson Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Fax #719-538-1160. [adulthockey@usahockey.org](mailto:adulthockey@usahockey.org).  
**Registration will not be confirmed until payment is received.**

**TWELVE NON-CHECK DIVISIONS**

USA Hockey reserves the right to place any team in the proper division.

**Gold** – Team is comprised primarily of Advanced to Elite level players 21 years and older. These players are former professional (any level and Europe), NCAA Division I and III College, Major Jr. or Junior A.

**Silver 21 & Older** - Team is comprised primarily of intermediate to advanced level players 21 years and older. This player may have played no higher than the following levels: Junior B, Non-Varsity College (ACHA), Midget AAA, Prep School or Varsity H.S.

**Silver 30 & Older** – Team is comprised primarily of intermediate to advanced level players 30 years and older. This player may have played no higher than the following levels: Junior B, Non-Varsity College (ACHA), Midget AAA, Prep School or Varsity H.S.

**Intermediate 21 & Older** – Team is comprised primarily of Bronze level players with at least one or more experienced recreational to intermediate level players 21 years and older. These experienced recreational to intermediate players may have played at the Junior C, Competitive Midget, or Varsity and J.V. High School levels. No Gold level players are permitted at this level.

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**Bronze 21 & Older** – Team is comprised of less experienced recreational level players 21 years and older. This player may have played some organized youth hockey up to the Bantam level. No gold or silver level players are permitted in this division.

**Bronze 30 & Older** – Team is comprised of less experienced recreational level players that are 30 years and older. This player may have some youth playing experience up through the bantam level.

**Novice** – Team is comprised of beginner level players 21 years and older. This player began playing the game as an adult, and has 1-5 years of playing experience.

**40 & Older Open** – Team is comprised of players from all levels that are 40 years and older.

**50 & Older Open** – Team is comprised of players from all levels that are 50 years and older; teams are allowed two players between the ages of 45-49.

**Women's Open** – Team is comprised of players of all skill levels 21 years of age and older.

**Women's Bronze** – Team is comprised of all beginner to novice skill level players 21 years of age and older.



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**OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND ROSTER FORM**

*DIVISION PREFERRED (CIRCLE ONE)*

GOLD      SILVER 21+      SILVER 30+      INTERMEDIATE 21+      INTERMEDIATE 30+      BRONZE 21+  
BRONZE 30+      40+ OPEN      50+ OPEN      NOVICE      WOMEN'S OPEN      WOMEN'S BRONZE

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOURNAMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$395 TEAM ENTRY FEE – First Come, First Served – No Deposits – No refunds for cancellations after entry deadline (1/23/09).**

Payment Method: (check one)    Check \_\_\_\_\_    Money Order \_\_\_\_\_    Visa \_\_\_\_\_    MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGHEST LEVEL PLAYED**

1. Professional (All levels and Europe) / NCAA Division I-III College / Major Jr. / Junior A
2. Junior B / Non-Varsity College (ACHA) / Midget AAA / Prep School
3. Junior C / High School / Competitive Midget
4. Bantam / Pee wee / Squirt / Some Competitive Youth
5. Very little Youth Hockey Experience
6. Didn't play as a youth (If a 6, please put how many years individual has been playing).

**PLAYERS NAME - (Print Clearly)**

Example: John Smith

**DATE OF BIRTH**

1/7/78

**HIGHEST LEVEL**

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**HOME STATE**

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1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____

**\*Minimum of four players and maximum of six players per team roster.**

I, the team contact, acknowledge that the above roster information is accurate. I also understand that inaccurate roster information may result in tournament disqualification.

Team Contact Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form only, with non-refundable payment to USA Hockey, Attn: Adult Hockey Dept., 1775 Bob Johnson Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Fax: (719) 538-1160. [adulthockey@usahockey.org](mailto:adulthockey@usahockey.org)  
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**TOURNAMENT RULES AND FORMAT**



- All players are required to follow USA Hockey equipment recommendations; helmets need to be HECC approved.
- All players must be 21 years of age by the start date of the tournament. Teams must also follow the additional age requirements for their respective division. Photo ID's are required at check-in and will be checked throughout the event. Players unable to produce a photo ID, at any point, cannot participate until the ID is provided to a tournament director.
- Players may only play on one team. Players cannot play for multiple teams in multiple divisions.
- All teams must have home (white or light) and away (dark) jerseys.
- Minimum number of players on a team is 4, maximum is 6. Teams must have 4 players at the start of each game.
- Teams need to be ready to play at their designated start time; if a team does not have four (4) players ready to play, they will be penalized 1 goal for every 2 minutes the game starts late.
- All goals must be scored from the attacking side of center ice.
- There will be no offside or icing.
- One referee will be used for each game and penalties will be enforced. Any minor penalty called such as tripping or slashing will result in a goal for the non-offending team plus change of puck possession.
- Any major infractions called will result in ejection from the tournament with no replacement.
- Fighting is strictly prohibited. Any player that fights will be ejected from the tournament with no replacement.
- There will be no checking or body contact. A minor or major penalty will result if the referee deems it serious enough.
- There will be no slap shots. If the stick comes above the knee in a slap shot motion it will be deemed a slap shot and result in a goal for the non-offending team plus change of puck possession.
- There will be no raising the puck above the knees; pucks that are intentionally raised above the knees will result in a change of puck possession.
- Making contact with the puck using your stick above the waist will result in a change of puck possession.
- There will be no goalies or use of goaltending equipment.
- A player may not lay his/her stick, drop to their knees or lay on the ice to protect the goal. Players must remain on their skates in front of goal. No more than one player can occupy the space in front of the net. A goal for the non-offending team and change of puck possession will result.
- If the puck goes out of the playing area the referee will determine who sent it out and give possession to the non-offending team at the point where the puck went out. The defending team must provide two stick lengths to their opponent upon re-entry and play must start immediately on the referee's command (whistle).
- There will be a center ice face-off to start the game and the second half. Otherwise, teams will be required to wait on their side of the red line for goals scored and penalties. Defensive teams can engage the offensive teams once the play starts moving up ice. The offensive team must move the puck up ice quickly on the referees command (whistle).
- Prior to every game, each team will designate players to scrape the rink.
- **Illegal players and teams:**
  - If the tournament director(s) determine that an illegal player has participated in the tournament: (1) the player(s) shall be immediately removed from the tournament. (2) The team using the ineligible player(s) will receive a 0-1 forfeit loss in each of the games played with the illegal player(s). Illegal players are any participants that violate the minimum age requirement for their division or play in a division below their skill level.
  - If it is determined by the tournament director(s) at any point during the preliminary round games that a team (Silver division and below) as a whole are far above their competition, that team will be permitted to play the three game guarantee, but will receive a 1-0 forfeit loss for those games and will not be permitted to advance.

**FORMAT:**

- This tournament is a 4 on 4 round robin event. Rink dimensions are approximately 150' X 75'.
- Each team will play three round robin games within their division.
- Teams receive: Regulation Win = 3 pts, Overtime Win = 2 pts, Overtime Loss = 1 pt, Regulation Loss = 0 pts.
- Each division will have a championship game and semi-finals\* if necessary (\*eight teams or more in a division).
- All games are 30 minutes in length consisting of two 15 minute run time halves with a 2 minute warm-up before each game.
- Round robin games that end in a tie will result in a 3-minute run time overtime period. The team that scores the most goals during that period wins. If still tied, there will be an additional sudden-death overtime where the first team to score wins.
- Playoff round games (semi-finals and championships) that end in a tie will be decided by a 5-minute run time overtime period. The team that scores the most goals during that time will be the winner. If still tied, 5-minute run time periods will continue, where the team that scores the most goals during that period wins; until a winner is determined with one minute breaks in between each period.
- A minimum of four teams is required to run a division. The maximum number of teams per division will be determined by the number of teams entered in the overall event.

**\*THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR(S) RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS REGARDING TOURNAMENT RULES, FORMAT, ETC. FOR THE OVERALL GOOD OF THE EVENT.**