

**2024**



**WOMEN'S HOCKEY**

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**INFORMATION BULLETIN #2**



# SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

## 1. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Address: 87 Campus Drive, Saskatoon SK, S7N 5B2

Website: [www.huskies.usask.ca](http://www.huskies.usask.ca)

POSITION	NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL
Championship Convenor Event Operations	Samantha Erhardt	306-966-1034	samantha.erhardt@usask.ca
Chief Athletics Officer	Shannon Chinn		shannon.chinn@usask.ca
Organizing Committee Chair	EJ Babey	306-230-2868	ejbabey@connectenergy.ca
Sponsorship	Michael Jenkins	306-966-1108	michael.jenkins@usask.ca
Marketing & Communications Social Media	Nicole Betker	306-717-3398	nbetker@sasksport.ca
Media Webcast & Digital All-Canadian Awards	Adrienne Healey	306-381-8357	Adrienne.healey@usask.ca
Ticketing	Sean Gilchrist	306-966-1025	sean.gilchrist@usask.ca
Accommodations & Transportation	Nicole Orr	306-966-1591	nicole.orr@usask.ca
Medical	Jessica Pawlik	306-966-1026	jessica.pawlik@usask.ca



## 2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**\*\*Note: All times listed are local times**

### Wednesday, March 12

6:00 PM	VIP Reception @ Remail Modern
6:45 PM	Teams arrive for Awards Reception @ Remail Modern
7:30 PM	U SPORTS All-Canadian/Major Awards Celebration @ Remail Modern
9:00 PM	Coaches Technical Meeting @ Delta Downtown immediately after Awards complete

## 3. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

**\*\*Note: All games are held at Merlis Belsher Place. All times listed are local times.**

### Thursday, March 14

1:00 PM	<b>Game 1:</b> Quarter-Final 1
7:00 PM	<b>Game 2:</b> Quarter-Final 2

### Friday, March 15

1:00 PM	<b>Game 3:</b> Quarter-Final 3
7:00 PM	<b>Game 4:</b> Quarter-Final 4

### Saturday, March 16

10:00 AM	<b>Game 5:</b> Consolation Semi-Final 1
1:00 PM	<b>Game 6:</b> Consolation Semi-Final 2
4:00 PM	<b>Game 7:</b> Semi-Final 1
7:00 PM	<b>Game 8:</b> Semi-Final 2

### Sunday, March 17

10:00 AM	<b>Game 9:</b> Consolation Final
2:00 PM	<b>Game 10:</b> Bronze Medal
6:00 PM	<b>Game 11:</b> Gold Medal

**\*\*Games will start 7 minutes after the posted time to accommodate broadcast requirements. Full details will be provided in the run of show.**





### 4. PRACTICE SCHEDULE & PROCESS

**\*\*Note: All games are held at Merlis Belsher Place. All times listed are local times.**

Official tournament practices begin on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Practice times will be available on the Monday and Tuesday before competition, however rental fees and transportation will be the responsibility of the teams.

DATE	SPECTATOR RINK	TEAM	COMMUNITY RINK	TEAM
<b>Monday, March 11</b>	N/A	Ice/Rink Board Prep	9:00am-4:00pm	Open Ice – Subject to Availability
<b>Tuesday, March 12</b>	9:30-10:30am		10:00-11:00am	
	10:45-11:45am		11:15am-12:15pm	
	12:00-1:00pm		12:30-1:30pm	
	1:15-2:15pm		1:45-2:45pm	
	2:30-3:30pm	U of S	3:00-4:00pm	
	3:45-4:45pm	U of S	4:15-5:15pm	
	5:00-6:00pm		5:30-6:30pm	
	6:15-7:15pm			

To book practice times on Monday and Tuesday please call or email Alyssa Fortugno at 306-385-3201 or [Alyssa.fortugno@merlisbelsherplace.ca](mailto:Alyssa.fortugno@merlisbelsherplace.ca).

DATE	SPECTATOR RINK	TEAM	COMMUNITY RINK	TEAM
<b>Wednesday, March 13</b>	8:30-9:30am		9:00-10:00am	
	9:45-10:45am		10:15-11:15am	
	11:00am-12:00pm		11:30am-12:30pm	
	12:15-1:15pm		12:45-1:45pm	
	1:30-2:30pm		2:00-3:00pm	
	2:45-3:45pm		3:15-4:15pm	
	4:00-5:00pm			

Practices on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> will be given preference based on seeding.





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DATE	SPECTATOR RINK	TEAM	COMMUNITY RINK	TEAM
<b>Thursday, March 14</b>	8:30-9:30am	Quarter Final 1 Top Seed	8:00-9:00am	Quarter Final 1 Lower Seed
	9:45-10:45am	Quarter Final 2 Top Seed	9:15-10:15am	Quarter Final 2 Lower Seed
	11:00am-1:00pm	Ice Prep	10:30-11:30am	
	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Quarter Final 1</b>		
			2:30-3:30pm	
			3:45-4:45pm	
	4:00-7:00pm	Ice Prep	5:00-6:00pm	
	7:00pm	<b>Quarter Final 2</b>		

Remaining open ice times on the community rink will be given preference based on seeding.

DATE	SPECTATOR RINK	TEAM	COMMUNITY RINK	TEAM
<b>Friday, March 15</b>	8:30-9:30am	Quarter Final 3 Top Seed	8:00-9:00am	Quarter Final 3 Lower Seed
	9:45-10:45am	Quarter Final 4 Top Seed	9:15-10:15am	Quarter Final 4 Lower Seed
	11:00am-1:00pm	Ice Prep	10:30-11:30am	
	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Quarter Final 3</b>		
			2:30-3:30pm	
			3:45-4:45pm	
	4:00-7:00pm	Ice Prep	5:00-6:00pm	
	7:00pm	<b>Quarter Final 4</b>		

Remaining open ice times on the community rink will be given preference based on seeding.

DATE	SPECTATOR RINK	TEAM	COMMUNITY RINK	TEAM
	8:00-10:00am	Ice Prep	8:00-9:00am	
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Cons. Semi Final 1</b>	9:15-10:15am	
	12:00-1:00pm	Ice Prep	10:30-11:30am	



<b>Saturday, March 16</b>			11:45am-12:45pm	
	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Cons. Semi Final 2</b>	1:00-2:30pm	Coaching Clinic
	3:00-4:00pm	Ice Prep	2:45-3:45pm	Alumni Game
	4:00pm	<b>Semi Final 1</b>		
	6:00-7:00pm	Ice Prep		
	7:00pm	<b>Semi Final 2</b>		

Saturday practice times on the community rink will be given preference based on seeding.

DATE	SPECTATOR RINK	TEAM	COMMUNITY RINK	TEAM
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	8:00-10:00am	Ice Prep	8:00-9:00am	
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Consolation Final</b>	9:15-10:15am	
	12:30-2:00pm	Ice Prep	10:30-11:30am	
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Bronze Medal Game</b>	11:45am-12:45pm	
	4:00-6:00pm	Ice Prep		
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Gold Medal Game</b>		

Sunday practice times on the community rink will be given preference based on seeding.





# SECTION 2 PARTICIPATING TEAMS INFORMATION

## 1. ANCILLARY EVENTS

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### A. ALL CANADIAN AWARDS CEREMONY

**Date:** Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

**Site:** [Remai Modern](#)

**Cost:** \$50.00

**Schedule:**

Doors: 6:45pm

Program: 7:30pm

**Dress Code:** Semi-Formal

**Additional Tickets:** \$90.00

**Distance from Hotel:**

Delta Downtown: 700m

Delta Bessborough: 1.5km

Sheraton Cavalier: 1.2 km

Staybridge Inn & Suites:

All teams will receive up to 36 tickets at the cost of \$50.00. Any additional tickets can be purchased for **\$90.00**. Upon qualification, teams will be provided with a registration form to request ticket needs and purchase options.

Non-participating nominees and coaches will get a complimentary ticket to the event, RSVP [adrienne.healey@usask.ca](mailto:adrienne.healey@usask.ca)

Questions pertaining to banquet tickets can be directed to Adrienne Healey at [adrienne.healey@usask.ca](mailto:adrienne.healey@usask.ca).



## 2. MEETINGS

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### A. TECHNICAL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, March 13

**Time:** 9:00pm, immediately following the awards

**Location:** Delta Downtown

**Room:** TBD

**Attendance:** Participating Head Coaches, U SPORTS Technical Delegate, Organizing Committee Members

## 3. MEDIA INFORMATION

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### A. MEDIA CONFERENCE

There will be no formal media conference, however the Host Committee will work with teams to coordinate media availability on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> around practice schedules.

### B. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Members of the media wishing to access any portion of the championship or any championship facility MUST be accredited. To request accreditation, members of the media must complete the 2024 U SPORTS Women's Hockey Championship Media Accreditation Request Form linked below. The deadline to complete this form is Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 5pm (local time).

[2024 U SPORTS WHKY - Media Accreditation \(google.com\)](#)

Members of the media seeking accreditation will be required to review and accept the "Media/Digital Content Creators Expectations" as outlined in the application process. Alternate forms of accreditation will NOT be accepted. Please contact [adrienne.healey@usask.ca](mailto:adrienne.healey@usask.ca) for more information.

Note: The organizing committee reserves the right to withdraw accreditation of any person who violates the rules and expectations of the championship, U SPORTS, University of Saskatchewan and all its partners in terms of good conduct and ethics.

### C. MEDIA SERVICES

There will be a designated media work station in-arena in addition to a designated work space in-venue.







### 4. CHAMPIONSHIP HOTEL

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#### **U SPORTS policy 20.40.3.4.1:**

All participating teams and team personnel attending a U SPORTS Championship requiring accommodation must stay at the U SPORTS Championship designated host hotel.

Host hotel assignments are outlined below and have been made based on when conference schedules are completed. Hotel assignments will not be based on seeding. Hotel assignments for each conference are as follows:

<a href="#">Sheraton Cavalier:</a>	Canada West RSEQ
<a href="#">Delta Bessborough:</a>	Atlantic University Sport
<a href="#">Delta Downtown:</a>	Ontario University Athletics

#### **RSEQ & CW TEAMS HOST HOTEL: Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon**

612 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon SK, S7K 3G9

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yxesi-sheraton-cavalier-saskatoon-hotel/overview/>

#### **Reservation:**

Contact Person: Lynsey Belitsky

Phone: 1-306-667-0160

Email: [lynseyb@sheratonsaskatoon.com](mailto:lynseyb@sheratonsaskatoon.com)

**\*\*Note: rooming lists are due by February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - ensure to mention you are attending the U SPORTS National Championships at University of Saskatchewan.**

**Rate:** \$164.00+tax

**Room Types:** Traditional Two Queen and Suite One Bedroom Queen

**Meeting/Meal rooms:** Provided for teams on behalf of USask Host Committee

**Hot Buffet Breakfast:** Will be provided on behalf of the USask Host Committee each day for teams

**Amenities:** Waterpark with pool and hot tub, fitness room.

Ideally situated downtown overlooking the stunning South Saskatchewan River. Walking and bike paths to enjoy are across the street, support local dining that downtown has to offer. There are a variety of restaurants in the hotel, Scarlet Craft Kitchen, Carvers Steakhouse and Lounge, Express Stop Grab & Go.

**Distance from Competition Site:** 3.1km



### **AUS TEAMS HOST HOTEL: Delta Bessborough Saskatoon**

601 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon SK, S7K 3G8

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yxedb-delta-hotels-bessborough/overview/>

#### **Reservation:**

Contact Person: Macy Sargeant

Phone: 306-244-5521

Email: [macy.sargeant@deltahotels.com](mailto:macy.sargeant@deltahotels.com)

**\*\*Note: rooming lists are due by March 10, 2024 - ensure to mention you are attending the U SPORTS National Championships at University of Saskatchewan.**

**Rate:** \$169.00+tax

**Room Types:** Two Queen and One Bedroom King

**Meeting/Meal rooms:** Provided for teams on behalf of USask Host Committee

**Hot Buffet Breakfast:** Will be provided on behalf of the USask Host Committee each day for teams. Meals will be organized through the event manager at the contact below.

Contact: Rosemarie Eaton

Phone: 1-306-683-6945

Email: [rosemarie.eaton@deltahotels.com](mailto:rosemarie.eaton@deltahotels.com)

**Amenities:** Pool and hot tub, fitness room.

Immerse yourself in an unparalleled perspective of Saskatoon – the city of bridges. Situated on the shores of the South Saskatchewan River. Two dining outlets are in the hotel.

**Distance from Competition Site:** 3.2km

### **OUA TEAMS HOST HOTEL: Delta Downtown Saskatoon**

405 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Saskatoon, SK S7K 6X6

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yxeds-delta-hotels-saskatoon-downtown/overview/>

#### **Reservation:**

Contact Person: Macy Sargeant

Phone: 306-244-5521

Email: [macy.sargeant@deltahotels.com](mailto:macy.sargeant@deltahotels.com)

**Note: rooming lists are due by March 10, 2024 - ensure to mention you are**





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***attending the U SPORTS National Championships at University of Saskatchewan.***

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**Room Types:** Two Queen and Corner Queen

**Meeting/Meal rooms:** Provided for teams on behalf of USask Host Committee

**Hot Buffet Breakfast:** Will be provided on behalf of the USask Host Committee each day for teams

Contact: Rosemarie Eaton

Phone: 1-306-683-6945

Email: [rosemarie.eaton@deltahotels.com](mailto:rosemarie.eaton@deltahotels.com)

**Amenities:** Indoor Waterpark with 2 pools and hot tub, fitness room. Elevate your experience in the city of bridges, located steps from the all-season walking path along the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. Aroma restaurant and The Grind Coffee Bar on site.

**Distance from Competition Site:** 3.5km

**OFFICIALS HOST HOTEL: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Saskatoon East**

1838 College Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7N 2Z8

<https://www.ihg.com/staybridge/hotels/us/en/saskatoon/yxesb/hoteldetail>:

**Reservation:**

Contact Person: Antonia Kozak

Phone: 306-954-1250

Email: [salescq@prhotels.ca](mailto:salescq@prhotels.ca)

**Rate – Two Queens:** \$159.00+tax

**Rate – One King:** \$169.00+tax

**Amenities:** Pool and hot tub, fitness room. Within walking distance to competition site

**Distance from Competition Site:** 0.5km



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45 Vogell Road, 701, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada L4B 3P6

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## 5. TRANSPORTATION

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### A. TRAVEL TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

We would appreciate advance communication once you have qualified and know your travel plans. Please include all travel plans on the Team Registration form.

### B. ON-SITE TRANSPORTATION

Teams will be responsible for securing their own transportation during the championship. Charter bus or rental car options are available.

#### **Charter Bus with PA Northern**

Contact Stacey at 306-961-4305 or [panbus@sasktel.net](mailto:panbus@sasktel.net) to arrange transportation.

#### **Rental Vehicles**

Numerous rental car companies service from the Saskatoon Airport (YXE), please use their website to book: Enterprise, Avis, National, Dollar Car, Thrifty, Budget, Hertz

#### **Bus Parking**

Designated bus parking is available on the west side of Merlis Belsher Place.

## 6. TEAM REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

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### A. TEAM ACCREDITATIONS

Upon qualification, teams will be provided with a registration form to complete.

Teams will receive up to **36 Team/Officials Passes** as part of their accreditation package. All schools will receive **2 complimentary VIP Passes**. Accreditation requests will be communicated through the team registration form.

Additional VIP passes can be purchased at a cost of \$80.00 and must be requested in advance of the championship by purchasing them through the ticketing site. Information on how to purchase will be included in the team registration form.

Deadline for purchase is Friday, March 8 at 12:00 pm.

Team packages will be available at their Host Hotel upon arrival. Included will be the number of accreditation passes that were provided on the Team Form. All other





accreditation will be available for pick up at the Merlis Belsher Place will-call in the box office.

### **D. ACCREDITATION PICK-UP**

All non-team accreditation will be available for pick up at the Merlis Belsher Place box office.

Accreditation passes will also be provided to the following groups:

- Non participating USPORTS Institution Athletic Directors
- Non participating USPORTS Women's Hockey Head Coaches
- Non participating USPORTS Institution Presidents

Any additional accreditation passes must be requested in advance of the championship. Additional passes will cost \$80.00 and can be requested here on the Team Registration Form.

## **7. TEAM SERVICES**

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### **A. TEAM HOST**

Each team will be assigned a team host from the time of their arrival until their departure from the Championship. The host team will be responsible for answering any questions the teams may have, and will support them in their planning of travel, choice of restaurants or activities to do in Saskatoon.

Team hosts will serve as the main link between the team and the organizing committee for all requests other than medical needs.

Team host information will be communicated to teams upon qualification.

### **B. TEAM MEETING ROOM**

Each team will have a meeting room at their host hotel. See Championship Hotel section for more information.

## **8. SPONSORSHIP**

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### **A. LOCAL SPONSORS**

*Green for Life – Title Sponsor*  
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## 9. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### A. VENUE

#### **Merlis Belsher Place**

2010 College Drive, Saskatoon SK, S7N 0W1

<https://merlisbelsherplace.ca/>

Merlis Belsher Place is a multi-sport facility located on the University of Saskatchewan campus, just south of the Field House at 2010 College Drive. We are the new home of the University of Saskatchewan Huskie hockey, basketball and Campus Rec leagues as well as the Midget AAA Contacts and Midget AAA Stars of the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association. The new state of the art facility is spacious and designed to provide excellent user and spectator experiences.

#### Merlis Belsher Place—Facility

- 2700 seat spectator ice rink (200' x 90')
- Community NHL size ice rink (200' x 85')
- Ron and Jane Graham Gymnasiums—2 NBA sized gymnasiums
- Event Centre with capacity of up to 3700 with floor seating
- This is a two level, 120,000 sq. ft facility

#### **Merlis Belsher Place Specs:**

**Playing Dimensions:** 200' x 90'

**Lighting:** LED

**Scoreboard:** Centre Hung & Wall Mounted Scoreboards

**Floor/Field:** Ice

**Seating Capacity:** 2890





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**Team Rooms:** 12

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**Videoboard:** Centre Hung Scoreclock

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**Parking:** Free for patrons on evenings and weekends

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### **B. EQUIPMENT**

Pucks: Available upon request to Team Services

Pylons: Available upon request to Team Services

Trainer/Physiotherapy Table: Available outside of dressing rooms

### **C. UNIFORM LAUNDRY**

Host Team Services will coordinate directly with the teams to provide uniform laundry services.

### **D. LOCKER ROOMS**

Teams will be assigned dressing rooms for the duration of the championship, with bathrooms, showers, benches, and hooks. Dressing room keys will be managed through the Customer Service Desk at Merlis Belsher Place. Teams will have access to their rooms through the duration of the tournament.

### **E. TRAINING ROOM ACCESS**

Teams will have **shared access** to the gymnasium located in Merlis Belsher Place for warm up and cool down space throughout the tournament. It will be available 2 hours prior to game time for participating teams.

### **F. MEDAL CEREMONIES**

The Golden Path, tournament award winners, championship banner and gold and silver medals will be handed out following the conclusion of the gold medal game on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Bronze medals will be handed out upon the conclusion of the bronze medal game on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## **10. MEDICAL SERVICES**

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**Clinic Services:** Huskie Health Physiotherapy Clinic (Merlis Belsher Place) is available to licensed / certified professionals traveling with a team. Please contact the Head Therapist to arrange prior to your arrival.



**Medical Services:** Visiting teams to provide their own medical representative. May contact Host Head Therapist for list of external contractors to secure coverage in the absence of a travelling team medical personnel. On-site physician at games.

On-site therapist throughout the tournament to assist team therapists (first aid, emergency response, coordination of emergency services, etc.)

**Ice:** Available in dressing room hallway/through Team Services

**Heat Packs:** Participating teams to bring their own.

**Taping Supplies:** Available for purchase at Huskie Health Physiotherapy Clinic

**Treatment Tables:** Available to teams during practice and games

**Emergency Action Plan:** Will be provided to participating teams upon arrival

**Medical Facilities:**

- Royal University Hospital, 103 Hospital Dr. (6 minute drive) from Merlis Belsher Place
- Lakeside Medical Clinic, 215 Joseph Okenasis Dr, (306) 374-6884 (6 minute drive)
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**Therapy/Medical Contact Information:**

Jessica Pawlik

Cell. 306-361-3655

[Jessica.pawlik@usask.ca](mailto:Jessica.pawlik@usask.ca)

**Medical Services Meeting:** Meeting with the therapists of each team before the games to review the emergency protocols.

**Location:** TBD





# SECTION 3

## THE FANS CORNER

### 1. FAMILY & FRIENDS ACCOMMODATIONS

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**FAMILY & FRIENDS HOTEL: Hilton Garden Inn and Suites**

90 22<sup>nd</sup> Street East, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3X6

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/yxesdgi-hilton-garden-inn-saskatoon-downtown/>

**Reservation:**

Phone: 306-954-1250

Email: [hgisaskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:hgisaskatoon@gmail.com)

Group Code: **USWH24**

**\*\*Block held until March 1, 2024**

**Rate:** \$139.00+tax

**Room Type:** One King or 2 Queen

**Parking:** \$15.95+tax

**Amenities:** Pool, fitness room, on-site restaurant, wifi

**Distance from Competition Site:** 3.7km

### 2. TICKETING INFORMATION

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Single game tickets and tournament packages are currently on sale. Pricing and more information can be found [here](#).



#### **4. ON-SITE FAN INFORMATION**

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##### **A. ACCESS & PARKING**

Free parking is available at Merlis Belsher Place for those attending the championship tournament games.

##### **B. SERVICES**

Merlis Belsher Place features a Subway and full concession.

