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RIVALRY SERIES SCHEDULE UNVEILED FOR 2023-24 SEASON

Seven-game series includes Canadian stops in Kitchener, Sarnia, Saskatoon, Regina

REGINA, SK – The Regina Exhibition Association Limited (REAL) is pleased to share the following from Hockey Canada:

CALGARY, AB – Hockey Canada, in partnership with USA Hockey, has announced the return of the Rivalry Series between Canada's National Women's Team and the United States for the 2023-24 season.

"We are excited to once again work with USA Hockey to showcase the talent and elite level of competition that has been on display at the Rivalry Series since 2018, and to bring games to fans in four great Canadian cities," said Hockey Canada president and chief executive officer **Katherine Henderson (Thunder Bay, ON)**. "The Rivalry Series is a marquee event on the Hockey Canada calendar not only for the incredible on-ice performances, but for the impact the games and our athletes leave on communities, and we look forward to hosting games and leaving a legacy in Ontario and Saskatchewan this season."

The 2023-24 Rivalry Series will feature seven games, with Canada set to play host in Ontario and Saskatchewan in December and February, respectively. The first Canadian stop will see the cross-border rivals face off at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium in Kitchener, ON, home of the Kitchener Rangers of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. ET. Both teams will travel to Sarnia, ON, to play at Progressive Auto Sales Arena, home of the OHL's Sarnia Sting, on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. ET.

"The return of the Rivalry Series this season marks another important step in the growth of our sport, and we are thrilled about the opportunity to play in two great cities in Ontario this season," said **Renata Fast (Burlington, ON/Toronto, PWHL)**. "Kitchener and Sarnia have proven to be amazing hockey cities, and we look forward to playing in front of passionate fans when we take on the Americans this December."

The series will head west to Saskatchewan in February, with the teams meeting at the SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon, SK, home of the Saskatoon Blades of the Western Hockey League (WHL), on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. CT. The Canadian portion of the Rivalry Series wraps up in Regina, with the teams clashing at the Brandt Centre, home of the WHL's Regina Pats, on Friday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. CT.





"I am excited for my hometown and province to have the opportunity to host two Rivalry Series games this season, and I know the crowds in Regina and Saskatoon will be incredible," said **Emily Clark** (Saskatoon, SK/Ottawa, PWHL). "Getting to watch Canada and the United States play live would have been a dream come true for me when I was younger. I am so happy that young players throughout Saskatchewan will have that opportunity, and I know these two games will inspire a lot of people."

Tickets for all four Canadian games will be available to the general public at <u>HockeyCanada.ca/Tickets</u> starting Oct. 6, and can be purchased for as low as \$30. Tickets for the game in Saskatoon will be available at a later date.

Hockey Canada and its Members will announce grassroots initiatives that will take place leading up to the Rivalry Series games in each Canadian community at a later date, ensuring the next generation of the game can engage with Canada's National Women's Team.

The Rivalry Series will also include stops at Mullet Arena in Tempe, AZ, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, CA, on Saturday, Nov. 11 and the Xcel Energy Centre in Saint Paul, MN, on Sunday, Feb. 11.

TSN and RDS, the official broadcast partners of Hockey Canada, will broadcast all seven Rivalry Series games; please check local listings for details.

Last year's Rivalry Series ended in thrilling fashion, with Canada's National Women's Team winning fourstraight games to win the series after dropping the opening three games. The Canadian games welcomed an average attendance of approximately 5,000 fans per game in Kelowna, Kamloops, Trois-Rivières and Laval, including sell-outs in Kelowna and Trois-Rivières. Ottawa and Kingston also hosted Rivalry Series games in November 2021 that featured sold-out crowds.

For more information on Hockey Canada and Canada's National Women's Team, please visit <u>HockeyCanada.ca</u>

The Regina game is sponsored by Tourism Saskatchewan, Regina Hotel Association and the City of Regina.

For more information about the Regina game and dame day festivities please visit: realdistrict.ca

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