



SNY ANNOUNCES CONNECTICUT ICE AT WEBSTER BANK ARENA

*Connecticut's four NCAA Division I men's college hockey teams
to square off in tournament for the first time*

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (March 25, 2019) – SNY and Webster Bank Arena announced today their plans for a first-of-its-kind weekend hockey festival, **Connecticut Ice**. The inaugural three-day festival celebrating youth, amateur and collegiate hockey in the state of Connecticut will take place **Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26, 2020** in Bridgeport.

The multi-day festival will include a Mites Cross-Ice Jamboree for 6-8-year old's, youth tournaments of which the championship games in three divisions (Boys 12U and 10U and Girls 12U) will take place on the Webster Bank Arena ice, and high school and prep school rivalry games. The festival will also include on-ice clinics and off-ice seminars for youth players and their families in conjunction with USA Hockey. All of this hockey activity will surround the first-ever tournament pitting Connecticut's four NCAA Division I Men's Collegiate hockey teams against each other. **Quinnipiac University, Sacred Heart University, University of Connecticut** and **Yale University** will square off in a two-round, four game-tournament with all games broadcast **LIVE on SNY**.

“We are very pleased to announce Connecticut Ice and to bring this festival to the City of Bridgeport,” said Steve Raab, President, SNY. “Connecticut’s love for hockey is tremendous and the opportunity for it to be a catalyst for us to make a major, positive impact in the state is exciting. This annual festival would not be possible without the enthusiastic support already pledged by every part of the state’s hockey community.”

“The Connecticut Hockey Conference is excited to play an integral part in Connecticut Ice. Whether it’s the youth clinics and tournaments being offered or the Connecticut Division I College Tournament, there’s something for every one of the 13,000 Connecticut Hockey Conference players and their families. This is a tremendous opportunity to celebrate and showcase the Connecticut Hockey Community,” added Chuck Wilkerson, President of the Connecticut Hockey Conference.

In addition to the collegiate tournament, SNY will produce exclusive content about all elements of the festival that will be featured on SNY, SNY.TV and SNY’s social media pages.

Festival Weekend Schedule (Tentative):

Friday, January 24, 2020

1:00 – 4:00pm – Mites Cross Ice Jamboree

4:30 – 6:00pm – Girls U12 Championship

6:30 – 8:00pm – Connecticut Prep School Championship

8:30 – 10:00pm – Connecticut High School Championship

Saturday, January 25, 2020

11:30am – 1:00pm – Squirts Boys Championship

1:30 – 3:00pm – USA Hockey On-Ice Clinic – U12-U14 (Skills, Checking, Goaltending)

4:00 – 6:30pm – SNY COLLEGE TOURNAMENT GAME 1

7:30 – 10:00pm – SNY COLLEGE TOURNAMENT GAME 2

Sunday, January 26, 2020

11:30am – 1:00pm – Pee wee Boys Championship

1:30 – 2:30pm – USA Hockey On-Ice Clinic – Girls

3:30 – 6:00pm – COLLEGE TOURNAMENT CONSOLATION – TBD v. TBD

7:00 – 9:30pm – COLLEGE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP – TBD v. TBD

Tickets for the inaugural Connecticut Ice Festival are on sale now via: sny.tv/CTice

Discounted ticket packages are available for all Connecticut Youth Hockey League families, as well as for students from the four participating colleges. Group ticket rates are also available for groups of 15 or more. Regular price two-day passes for Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25 are \$35.00 for kids (18 & under) and \$70.00 for adults. General admission tickets for Friday night's high school rivalry games will be available at the Webster Bank Arena Box Office.

For more information on **Connecticut Ice** please go to: www.SNY.tv/CTice

About Webster Bank Arena:

Webster Bank Arena has been a staple of the Bridgeport community since it opened in 2001, hosting nearly 150 events each year, including sporting events, family shows, concerts by world-famous musicians and much more. It features nearly 10,000 seats as well as 68 suites of varying sizes, three large hospitality areas, and a state of the art, 30x16 ft., high-definition video board. Webster Bank Arena has been home to the New York Islanders' American Hockey League affiliate, the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, since the team's inception in 2001 and also hosts home games for Sacred Heart University's men's hockey program and Fairfield University's men's basketball team. The Arena's success has a dramatic impact on the economic status of downtown Bridgeport. More information is available by visiting www.websterbankarena.com or the Arena's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

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