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2024 Hockey East Women's Tournament Pairings Set

UConn Claims First Regular Season Title; 22nd Tournament Begins Wednesday

AMESBURY, Mass. - The Hockey East Association announced today the tournament seeding and pairings for the 2024 Hockey East Women's Tournament. The postseason will once again feature all 10 programs competing in a single-elimination format with all games played on campus sites at the arena of the higher seed. Tickets are available via the host institution for each game and television information will be announced in the coming days.

The Opening Round of the league's 22nd postseason begins February 28 with two games to determine the quarterfinal pairings on Saturday, March 2. #10 Holy Cross (7-23-3/4-20-3 HE) travels to #7 Boston University (14-17-2/12-14-1 HE) in search of the Crusaders first-ever postseason win since joining Hockey East in 2018-19. It marks the first postseason meeting of the two teams. Holy Cross was 2-1-0 against BU in the regular season.

#9 Merrimack (10-21-3/7-17-3 HE) will travel to #8 Maine (15-17-2/11-14-2 HE) for their first clash in the Hockey East Tournament. It is Maine's first appearance in the Opening Round and earned home ice on the final day of the regular season, while Merrimack is a perfect 2-0 on the road in the Opening Round. The Warriors were 2-0-1 against the Black Bears this season.

Two quarterfinal match ups are already known, as #3 New Hampshire (17-15-2/14-11-2 HE) has earned the right to host a quarterfinal for the first time since 2013. A win on home ice would give the Wildcats their first semifinal appearance since 2020 as they seek their fifth Bertagna Trophy in program history and first since 2009. They host #6 Vermont (13-16-5/11-12-3 HE), which owns a 1-0 postseason record over UNH after a 2-1 overtime win in the 2023 quarterfinals. The Catamounts went 2-1-0 against UNH during the regular season.

#4 Boston College (14-13-7/13-9-5 HE) has earned a top-four seed in each tournament since 2010, the longest such streak in league history. The Eagles will host #5 Providence (13-16-5/12-10-5 HE) in a quarterfinal match up on Friday, March 1 at 6:00pm. Boston College owns an all-time postseason mark of 4-2 against Providence, last meeting in 2015, while the teams went 1-1-1 against each other this season.

#1 UConn (22-7-5/19-4-4 HE) claimed the top seed and first regular season crown in program history to earn home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs. The Huskies are seeking their first Bertagna Trophy as Hockey East Tournament champions and have advanced to the title game in three of the last six years. UConn will welcome the lowest remaining seed from the Opening Round. The other Wednesday winner will travel Matthews Arena to face off with #2 Northeastern (23-10-3/16-8-3 HE), which finished second in the Army ROTC Hockey East Standings. The Huskies will host at 7:30pm on Saturday, March 2 in a game that will air on NESN+.

The 2023 Hockey East Women's Tournament Championship will be played Saturday, March 9 at 12:00pm. The game will be broadcast live nationally on ESPNU.

Hockey East Women's Tournament Schedule

Day	Date	Away	Home	Time
Wed.	Feb. 28	#10 Holy Cross	#7 Boston University	6:00pm
Wed.	Feb. 28	#9 Merrimack	#8 Maine	6:00pm
Fri.	March 1	#5 Providence	#4 Boston College	6:00pm
Sat.	March 2	TBD	#1 UConn	1:00pm
Sat.	March 2	#6 Vermont	#3 New Hampshire	6:00pm
Sat.	March 2	TBD	#2 Northeastern	7:30pm
Wed.	March 6	Hockey East Semifinal #1		
Wed.	March 6	Hockey East Semifinal #2		
Sat.	March 9	Hockey East Championship		12:00pm

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