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## **HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES 2011-2012 MEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE**

**Wakefield, Mass.** - Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna announced the 2011-2012 men's composite schedule for the league's upcoming 28th season of play on Thursday afternoon. The schedule features a 27-game league slate for each of the 10 member schools in addition to several highlighted non-conference matchups during the season.

The 2011-12 Hockey East season commences with four exhibition games next weekend, beginning on October 1.

The conference officially opens regular-season play on Friday, October 7 with two league games as Massachusetts travels to Northeastern and Maine hosts Merrimack at Alfond Arena. Boston College will head west to begin the year and compete in the Ice Breaker Tournament at the University of North Dakota opening with CCHA foe Michigan State. Boston University will host UNH the next night at Agganis Arena on Saturday, Oct. 8th in the season opener for both clubs.

Providence College will open its season the next weekend on Oct. 14, hosting the Terriers at Schneider Arena, while Massachusetts will host Bentley on Friday as well to open its schedule. UMass-Lowell kicks off its season on October 14 with a two-game set at Minnesota State. The Vermont Catamounts will be the last Hockey East team to officially start the year, as they head to the University of Minnesota for a two-game series, beginning on October 21, at Mariucci Arena.

The schedule will also be highlighted by Frozen Fenway, as Fenway Park hosts another Hockey East doubleheader on Saturday, January 7th, as UMass faces Vermont (4pm) and Maine squares off against UNH (7:30pm).

The regular-season schedule will determine the eight teams that qualify for the Hockey East Championship Tournament, which begins with the best-of-three quarterfinal round on the campuses of the four high seeds on the weekend of March 9-11, 2012. The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the TD Garden in Boston for the semifinals and Championship Game on Friday, March 16 (5/8 p.m.) and Saturday, March 17 (8 p.m.). Tickets for the Hockey East Championship at the TD Garden will go on sale in early December and can be purchased by calling 800-745-3000 or visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team Division I college men's hockey conference founded in 1984 and an eight-team Division I women's league which began play in 2002-03. The men's league has won seven NCAA championships in the past 19 years.

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**2011-2012 HOCKEY EAST MEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE****\* DENOTES HOCKEY EAST GAME - ALL TIMES EASTERN (EST) AND 7PM UNLESS NOTED - UPDATED 9/21/11****OCTOBER**

Saturday, October 1

New Brunswick at UNH (Exh, 4pm)  
St. Francis Xavier at Boston U. (Exh)

Sunday, October 2

New Brunswick at Maine (Exh, 4pm)  
St. Francis Xavier at Northeastern (Exh)

Friday, October 7

Massachusetts at Northeastern \*  
Merrimack at Maine \*  
Ice Breaker Tournament  
Michigan State vs. Boston College (5pm)

Saturday, October 8

UNH at Boston U. \* (8pm)  
Ice Breaker Tournament  
Air Force/N. Dakota vs. Boston College (TBA)  
New Brunswick at UMass-Lowell (Exh)

Sunday, October 9

Northeastern at Maine \* (1pm)

Friday, October 14

UNH at Northeastern \*  
Boston U. at Providence \*  
Denver at Boston College (7:30pm)  
Bentley at Massachusetts  
Maine at North Dakota (8:30pm)  
UMass-Lowell at Minnesota State (8pm)  
U.S. Under-18 Team at Vermont (Exh, 8pm)

Saturday, October 15

Boston College at UNH \*  
Massachusetts at Providence \*  
Denver at Boston University  
Maine at North Dakota (8pm)  
UMass-Lowell at Minnesota State (8pm)  
Army at Merrimack

Tuesday, October 18

Connecticut at UMass-Lowell  
(Conway Arena, Nashua, NH)

Friday, October 21

Massachusetts at Boston College \*  
Northeastern at Merrimack \*  
Minnesota-Duluth at Providence  
UNH at St. Cloud State  
Vermont at Minnesota

Saturday, October 22

Boston College at Northeastern \*  
Holy Cross at Boston U.  
Connecticut at Merrimack  
Minnesota-Duluth at Providence  
UNH at St. Cloud State

Sunday, October 23

Niagara at UMass-Lowell  
Vermont at Minnesota

Friday, October 28

Providence at Maine \*  
Boston U. at Massachusetts \*  
Boston College at UMass-Lowell \*  
Merrimack at Vermont \*  
Union at UNH

Saturday, October 29

UMass-Lowell at Boston College \*  
Massachusetts at Boston U. \*  
Providence at Maine \*  
Northeastern at UNH \*  
Merrimack at Vermont \***NOVEMBER**

Friday, November 4

Maine at Boston College \*  
Northeastern at Merrimack \*  
Massachusetts at UNH \*  
Vermont at Providence \*

Saturday, November 5

Boston College at Massachusetts \*  
Boston U. at UMass-Lowell \*  
Maine at UNH \*  
Merrimack at Northeastern \*  
Vermont at Providence \*

Friday, November 11

Northeastern at Boston College \*  
Merrimack at Boston U. \*  
UMass-Lowell at Maine \*  
Holy Cross at Massachusetts  
Alabama-Huntsville at Providence

Saturday, November 12

UMass-Lowell at Maine \*  
Northeastern at Massachusetts \*  
UNH at Vermont \*  
Alabama-Huntsville at Providence

Sunday, November 13

Boston U. at Boston College \* (4pm)

Friday, November 18

Vermont at Boston U. \*  
Maine at Massachusetts \*  
UMass-Lowell at UNH \*  
Northeastern at Providence \*  
Boston College at Notre Dame (7:30pm)

Saturday, November 19

UNH at Boston U. \*  
Massachusetts at UMass-Lowell \*  
Vermont at Northeastern \*

Tuesday, November 22

Massachusetts at Vermont \*  
UNH at Harvard

Wednesday, November 23

Alabama-Huntsville at Merrimack (7pm)  
U.S. Under-18 Team at Maine

Friday, November 25

Alabama-Huntsville at UMass-Lowell (4pm)  
Colgate at Vermont  
Northeastern at Michigan  
Denver Cup Classic  
Miami vs. Providence (6:30)

Saturday, November 26

Clarkson at Maine (at CCCC)  
Alabama-Huntsville at UNH  
Cornell vs. Boston U. (8pm at MSG, NY)  
Boston College at Yale (4pm)

Massachusetts at Quinnipiac

Denver Cup Classic  
Princeton vs. Providence (6pm)

Sunday, November 27

Dartmouth at Vermont (4pm)

**DECEMBER**

Friday, December 2

Boston U. at Boston College \* (7:30pm)  
UNH at UMass-Lowell \*  
Merrimack at Providence \*  
Maine at Vermont \*  
Harvard at Massachusetts  
Northeastern at Notre Dame

Saturday, December 3

Boston College at Boston U.  
Providence at Merrimack \*  
UMass-Lowell at UNH \*  
Maine at Vermont \*  
Northeastern at Notre Dame

Tuesday, December 6

Providence at Boston College \*

Wednesday, December 7

Vermont at Merrimack \*  
Yale at Massachusetts

Thursday, December 8

Boston U. at UNH \*

Friday, December 9

Boston College at UMass-Lowell \*

Saturday, December 10

Boston U. at Maine \* (7:30pm)  
UNH at Providence \*  
Merrimack at Colgate

Sunday, December 11

UMass-Lowell at Northeastern \*

Saturday, December 17

Union at Merrimack (4pm)  
St. Lawrence at Vermont

Tuesday, December 27

Russian All-Stars at Vermont (Exh)

Thursday, December 29

Catamount Cup  
Lake Superior State at Vermont  
Great Lakes Invitational  
Michigan vs. Boston College TBA  
Florida College Classic (at Germain Arena)  
Clarkson vs. Maine (TBA)  
Cornell vs. Massachusetts (TBA)  
UConn Tournament  
Rensselaer vs. UMass-Lowell (4pm)

Friday, December 30

Catamount Cup  
Ferris State at Vermont  
Brown at UNH  
Great Lakes Invitational  
Michigan St./Mich. Tech vs. BC (TBA)  
Florida College Classic (at Germain Arena)

Maine vs. Massachusetts/Cornell (TBA)  
Massachusetts vs. Clarkson/Maine (TBA)  
UConn Tournament  
Army/UConn vs. UMass-Lowell (4/7pm)  
Dartmouth Tournament  
St. Lawrence vs. Merrimack (4pm)  
Mariucci Classic (at Mariucci Arena)  
Princeton vs. Northeastern (5pm)

Saturday, December 31  
Boston U. at Notre Dame (TBA)  
Dartmouth Tournament  
Dartmouth/Holy Cross vs. Merrimack (4/7pm)  
Mariucci Classic (at Mariucci Arena)  
Niagara/Minnesota vs. Northeastern (4/7pm)

## **JANUARY**

Sunday, January 1  
Brown at Providence (4pm)

Wednesday, January 4  
Vermont at Maine \*

Thursday, January 5  
Massachusetts at Providence \*  
Russian Red Stars at UMass-Lowell (Exh)

Friday, January 6  
Merrimack at Boston U.

Saturday, January 7  
Vermont vs. Massachusetts \* (4pm)  
UNH vs. Maine \* (7:30pm)  
(at Fenway Park, Boston, Mass.)  
U.S. Under-18 Team at Northeastern (Exh)

Sunday, January 8  
Merrimack at Boston College \* (1pm)  
U.S. Under-18 Team at Boston U. (Exh)

Friday, January 13  
Boston College at Massachusetts \*  
Maine at Merrimack \*  
Boston U. at Northeastern \* (7:30pm)  
UMass-Lowell at Vermont \*

Saturday, January 14  
Northeastern at Boston College \*  
Maine at Merrimack \*  
Dartmouth vs. UNH (at Verizon Wireless Arena)  
Boston U. at Harvard

Sunday, January 15  
Providence at Vermont \* (4pm)

Friday, January 20  
Providence at Boston U. \* (7:30pm)  
Boston College at Maine \*  
Vermont at Massachusetts \*  
Northeastern at UMass-Lowell \*  
UNH at Merrimack \*

Saturday, January 21  
Boston College at Maine \* (4pm)  
Merrimack at UNH \*  
UMass-Lowell at Northeastern \*  
Boston U. at Providence \*

Tuesday, January 24  
UMass-Lowell at Providence \*

Friday, January 27  
UNH at Boston College \* (7:30pm)  
Maine at Boston U. \*  
UMass-Lowell at Massachusetts \*  
Northeastern at Vermont \*

Saturday, January 28  
Maine at Boston U. \* (7:30pm)  
Massachusetts at UMass-Lowell \*  
Boston College at UNH \*  
Northeastern at Vermont \*

Sunday, January 29  
Providence at Merrimack \* (4pm)

## **FEBRUARY**

Friday, February 3  
Vermont at UMass-Lowell \*  
Boston U. at Merrimack \*  
Providence at UNH \* (7:30pm)  
Massachusetts at Northeastern \*  
Alabama-Huntsville at Maine

Saturday, February 4  
Merrimack at Massachusetts \*  
Vermont at UMass-Lowell \*  
UNH at Providence \*  
Alabama-Huntsville at Maine

Monday, February 6  
60th annual Beanpot Tournament  
Northeastern vs. Boston College (TBA)  
Harvard vs. Boston U. (TBA)

Friday, February 10  
Massachusetts at Boston U. \*  
Merrimack at UMass-Lowell \*  
Northeastern at UNH \*  
Maine at Providence \*  
Boston College at Vermont \* (7:30pm,)

Saturday, February 11  
Providence at Massachusetts \*  
Maine at UMass-Lowell \*  
UNH at Merrimack \*

Monday, February 13  
60th annual Beanpot Tournament  
Consolation Game (4:30pm)  
Championship Game (7:30pm)

Friday, February 17  
Merrimack at Boston College \*  
Massachusetts at Maine \*  
Boston U. at UMass-Lowell \*  
Vermont at UNH \*  
Providence at Northeastern \*

Saturday, February 18  
UMass-Lowell at Boston U. \*  
Massachusetts at Maine \*  
Boston College at Merrimack \*  
Vermont at UNH \*  
Providence at Northeastern \*

Friday, February 24  
UNH at Massachusetts \*  
UMass-Lowell at Merrimack \*  
Maine at Northeastern \*  
Boston College at Providence \*  
Boston U. at Vermont \* (7:30pm)

Saturday, February 25  
Providence at Boston College \*  
UNH at Massachusetts \*  
Merrimack at UMass-Lowell \*  
Maine at Northeastern \*  
Boston U. at Vermont \*

## **MARCH**

Friday, March 2  
Vermont at Boston College \* (7:30pm)  
Northeastern at Boston U. \*  
Merrimack at Massachusetts \*  
UMass-Lowell at Providence \*

Saturday, March 3  
Vermont at Boston College \*  
UNH at Maine \*  
Providence at UMass-Lowell \*  
Massachusetts at Merrimack \*  
Boston U. at Northeastern \*

## **HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT**

Friday, March 9 - Sunday, March 11  
Hockey East Quarterfinals Game #1-3  
(campus site of higher seed)

Friday, March 16  
Hockey East Semifinals (5/8pm,  
at TD Garden, Boston, Mass.)

Saturday, March 17  
Hockey East Championship Game (8pm)  
(at TD Garden, Boston, Mass.)

## **NCAA TOURNAMENT**

Friday, March 23  
East Regional Semifinals  
(at Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport, Conn.)  
Midwest Regional Semifinals  
(at Resch Center, Green Bay, Wis.)

Saturday, March 24  
West Regional Semifinals  
(at XCel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn.)  
Northeastern Regional Semifinals  
(at DCU Center, Worcester, Mass.)  
East Regional Final  
(at Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport, Conn.)  
Midwest Regional Final  
(at Resch Center, Green Bay, Wis.)

Sunday, March 25  
West Regional Final  
(at XCel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn.)  
Northeastern Regional Final (at DCU Center,  
Worcester, Mass.)

## **FROZEN FOUR**

Thursday, April 5  
NCAA Semifinals  
(at St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa, Fla.)

Saturday, April 7  
NCAA Championship Game  
(at St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa, Fla.)