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## **HOCKEY EAST AND TD GARDEN AWARDED 2015 NCAA FROZEN FOUR**

**WAKEFIELD, MASS.** - The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced on Wednesday that Boston was selected as the site of the 2015 Frozen Four, hosted by the Hockey East Association and the TD Garden.

The NCAA semifinals will take place on Thursday, April 9th, while the NCAA Championship Game will be played on Saturday, April 11th.

"This is a great day for hockey in New England," said Hockey East commissioner Joe Bertagna. "The region's hockey fans support the college game week after week, season after season. This will allow them the opportunity to come and enjoy the season's biggest games and enjoy much of what the TD Garden and the City of Boston have to offer. All of us in Hockey East look forward to delivering a memorable championship for participants and fans alike."

"We are thrilled with today's announcement that the TD Garden is to host the NCAA Division I Men's 2015 Frozen Four," said Amy Latimer, President of TD Garden. "The TD Garden is an established Hub of Hockey, home of the Boston Bruins, and the annual college hockey Beanpot tournament and Hockey East Championships. Coupled with the region's love for hockey, Boston is an ideal host for this elite event. Our great partnerships with the Boston Bruins, Hockey East, the Massachusetts Sports Partnership and the backing of the City and the Commonwealth are credited with helping us attract these huge national events to Boston."

The TD Garden previously hosted the Frozen Four in 1998 and 2004, while Boston has served as host on four other occasions, including three straight years at the old Boston Garden from 1972 to 1974, while the Boston Arena (now Northeastern University's Matthews Arena) hosted Boston's first Frozen Four back in 1960.

The Hockey East Association is an 11-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 eight NCAA championships in the past 21 years. Since 1999, Hockey East has won six NCAA Championships with 13 NCAA Championship Game appearances, while placing 21 teams in the Frozen Four and 52 teams in the NCAA Tournament during that time.

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