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## CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT TICKETS ON SALE Northeastern will host inaugural event on March 15 and 16

The Hockey East Association announced today that tickets for the inaugural women's championship tournament are now on sale.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults (\$4 for children and affiliated students) and can be purchased at the Matthews Arena box office. Fans can also reserve seats by calling the Northeastern University ticket office at (617) 373-4700 or by visiting the NU Athletics web site: GoNU.com. By the end of the week, fans will also be able to get tickets at any of Pure Hockey's four retail outlets:

- 44 Granite St., Braintree, Mass., (781) 794-2910
- 250 Newbury St., Danvers, Mass., (978) 750-6030
- 118 W. Boylston St., Worcester, Mass., (508) 856-9015
- 522 Amherst St., Nashua, N.H., (603) 598-9008

Pure Hockey is the official retailer of Hockey East and the presenting sponsor of the inaugural Women's Hockey East championship tournament.

The tournament format will match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed in one semifinal and the No. 2 seed vs. the No. 3 seed in the other semifinal on Saturday, March 15. Semifinal times are 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Semifinal winners will advance to the title game on Sunday, March 16, with a scheduled face-off of 2:00 p.m. The tournament winner will be crowned the first-ever champion of Hockey East's women's league.

New Hampshire and Providence have a combined 17-0-1 record in league play and are among the favorites to win the title. The two titans face-off for the first time as Hockey East rivals this weekend in a home-and-home set, Saturday afternoon at Providence and Sunday afternoon at UNH.

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