

## **NCAA Announces UNH and Verizon Wireless Arena as Hosts of 2017 Men's Hockey Northeast Regional**

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee announced that the University of New Hampshire in conjunction with the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, N.H. will host the 2017 Division I Men's Ice Hockey Northeast Regional March 25-26.

"We are excited to once again be able to play host to the NCAA hockey regionals in Manchester," said **Marty Scarano**, UNH Director of Athletics. "Tim Bechert and his staff at SMG are tremendous partners, the Verizon Wireless Arena is a first-class venue, and our goal remains to give our fans the chance to see the Wildcats compete right here in New Hampshire for a spot in the Frozen Four."

The 2017 season will mark the seventh time UNH hosts a men's ice hockey regional at the Verizon Wireless Arena. The event was previously held there in 2004, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015 with the men's hockey team advancing to the Northeast Regional at the Verizon Wireless Arena five of the six years.

"We're excited to have the regionals back in Manchester," UNH Head Coach **Dick Umile** said. "I believe the NCAA recognized the hard work that UNH, Verizon Wireless Arena and the city of Manchester put into the previous six regionals when awarded this one. We strive to qualify and compete in the NCAA tournament every year and it's tremendous for us to be able to play in front of our loyal fan base."

"On behalf of SMG and the entire Verizon Wireless Arena staff we look forward to continuing the fantastic relationship with UNH athletics and the NCAA. The opportunity to showcase our facility, our city and the enthusiasm which surrounds hockey in the state is something we take great pride in and look forward to," said **Tim Bechert**, Senior General Manager of the Verizon Wireless Arena.

In addition to the 2017 Northeast Regional, the East Regional will be held at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I. with Brown University as host. The Midwest Regional will be hosted by Miami (Ohio) at the U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati while the West Regional will be hosted

by the University of North Dakota at Scheels Arena in Fargo, N.D. Ticket information about the event will be announced at a later date.

The Wildcats open the regular season on Saturday, Oct. 10 as they host American International College at 7 p.m. The state-of-the-art videoboard installed in September at the Whittemore Center is fully operational and ready to provide fans with pure HD content, including instant replay, interviews and much more. Limited tickets are available. To get yours, visit [www.UNHWildcats.com](http://www.UNHWildcats.com) or contact the Whittemore Center Ticket Office at (603) 862-4000.

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