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HOCKEY

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# WHO'S NEXT!

**OVER 40 NHL DRAFT PICKS (2000-2002) & NOW NHL PLAYERS**  
**OVER 170 CHL DRAFT PICKS & NCAA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**COUNTDOWN TO PUCK DROP**  
**12 DAYS**

## WHO WILL BE THE NEXT STAR TO COME OUT OF THE PHILLY TOURNAMENT?

Elite Hockey is back in Philadelphia in 2021! Over 900 of the world's best youth hockey players will descend on the Philadelphia area starting on Saturday, June 26th, 2021 as the puck drops for the World Youth Championships (formally the World Selects Invite Philadelphia)!

The top players in the world from the 2004-2006 birth years will compete on the strongest Elite Select Teams from around the globe. Teams will be showcased in front of North America's top college recruiters, prep schools, executives, coaches and scouts from USA Hockey, Hockey Canada, the CHL, USHL, NAHL, NCAA plus NHL scout's - all looking for that something special at the World Youth Championships (WYC). Organized by Play Hockey, WYC will see elite teams from North America compete in two, five-day events in the Philadelphia, PA and Sewell, NJ area.

The 2005 WYC will take place June 26-30, 2021 and the 2006 & 2004 event will take place July 6-10, 2021. The event takes place at two premier locations; Hollydell Ice Area (Sewell, NJ) and Iceworks (Aston, PA).

Over 150 NCAA Coaches, Junior Hockey & NHL Scouts will be looking for the Next Ones. WYC is the best opportunity for the world to see the next great hockey draft prospects - truly the best of breed players at this preeminent marquee tournament. Over the next weeks, we'll be featuring key players in releases and on social media, stay tuned.

"I will never forget representing the East Coast (East Coast Selects '14-'15) in the World Selects Invitational in Philadelphia as a 15 year old. It was the first time I played in front of hundreds of scouts and alongside elite hockey players from all over the world. The team at PLAY Hockey who ran the event are world-class event operators who know how to create an incredible atmosphere while attracting the best talent. I look forward to seeing this event continue to thrive in our great hockey community in Philadelphia."

**- Joel Farabee, Philadelphia Flyers**

Mitch Larnerd, Founder of the WSI Philly said, "I am thrilled to have joined the Play Hockey team, to be able to continue operating the annual WSI Philly, now the prestigious World Youth Championship Philadelphia."

### About Play Hockey

Play Hockey is based out of Winnipeg, MB, with offices in MB (CAN), ON (CAN), MN, MI, NJ, and Europe. Play Hockey, along with Showcase Hockey, Euro Team Tours, Midwest Hockey, Team Manitoba (BRICK), our veteran team of professionals delivers camps, clinics, leagues, teams, tournaments, and international tours to markets all across North America and Europe. The greater Play Hockey portfolio services tens of thousands of athletes in youth hockey annually, providing hockey and life experiences unlike any other.

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\*Canadian scouts' and coaches' attendance are subject to border openings\*