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National Hockey Championship Hosted by UofD March 5-9
UofD Men's Hockey Team a Strong Contender

Dover, Del. *(February 21, 2011)* – The 2011 American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Men's Division I National Championship will be held at the University of Delaware (UofD) from March 5-9, 2011. Sponsored by ING Direct and co-hosted by the Delaware Sports Commission, this five-day hockey tournament will feature 16 of the nation's top collegiate hockey teams. The UofD Men's Hockey Team, a fifth seed in the tournament, is a strong contender. UofD is slated to start this competition at 7:00 p.m. on March 5th at the Fred Rust Ice Hockey Arena against Robert Morris University.

"We are proud to partner with the University of Delaware in welcoming the nation's best collegiate hockey players and their fans to Delaware," said Matthew Sparks, Executive Director of the Delaware Sports Commission. "With ING Direct as a title sponsor and the Courtyard Marriott at the University of Delaware as the host hotel, Delaware's business community has rallied to support and contribute to the success of this event."

The ACHA national tournament is expected to generate over $500,000 of economic impact to the State through overnight accommodations, food, transportation, shopping and miscellaneous expenses.

"The University of Delaware has a history of hosting major figure skating and ice hockey tournaments, including the 1999 ACHA National Championship," stated Matthew Sparks. "Newark is an ideal location for a national sports tournament with its easy accessibility, ample parking, first-rate hotels and tax-free dining, shopping, and entertainment."

The 2011 ACHA National Tournament will be a 16-team single elimination and 19-game format. A complete schedule of events can be found online at http://delaware.goalline.ca/. Due to the popularity of this event, fans are urged to purchase tickets in advance by visiting Ticketmaster.com, http://delaware.goalline.ca/, or by calling the University of Delaware Ice Arenas at (302) 831-6038. Multiple ticket packages are available.

The Delaware Sports Commission, a not-for-profit organization, was established to attract large and small sporting events to Delaware to benefit the sports industry and community and to positively impact Delaware's economy. The Delaware Sports Commission also assists with the retention and growth of existing sports events. To date, the DSC has partnered with close to a dozen regional and national events, paving the way for larger scale future events to be held in Delaware.

The Delaware Sports Commission, 99 Kings Highway in Dover, Del., promotes and recruits single-day and multi-day regional and national events. For more information, visit the official Delaware Sports Commission website at www.delawaresports.org or call (302) 672-6832.

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