



**US Field Hockey Association**  
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **US Field Hockey's National Futures Tournament Media Opportunities**

**VIRGINIA BEACH** - The 512 athletes at US Field Hockey's National Futures Tournament will get their hockey-filled holiday underway, July 4-7 at the U.S. Field Hockey National Training Center in Virginia Beach. The event, which serves as a selection opportunity to additional Olympic development programs, features the nation's top young athletes from U.S. Field Hockey's Futures Program.

The tournament for the 32 Under-16 and Under-19 teams begins on Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

Other events on the weekend include a welcome from Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf and an opportunity to mix with members of the World Cup-bound **U.S. Women's National Team** during the **Friends of Field Hockey Dinner**, 6 p.m. Friday, July 5 at the Founders Inn, 5641 Indian River Rd., Virginia Beach.

In addition, Olympians and all-Americans will collide during the semifinals and final of the United Airlines Field Hockey League, at 6:30 p.m., July 5 and 6 at the U.S. Field Hockey National Training Center. The games conclude the 7-team league's summer season and feature #1 Southern Charm vs. #4 Tidewater Tempest in one semifinal and #2 Midwest Cyclones and #3 Metro Rush in the other semifinal.

**Local Talent:** The National Futures Tournament features athletes from 23 states including 35 athletes from the state of Virginia (21 from Virginia Beach).

The United Airlines Field Hockey League includes an Old Dominion-laden Tidewater Tempest squad under the direction of ODU head coach Beth Anders. U.S. Field Hockey National Team stars and Virginia Beach residents Tara Jelley and Jill Reeve are expected to take the field for the Southern Charm, while former ODU All-America selection Adrienne Yoder will play for the Metro Rush.

Additional information is available by contacting Howard Thomas at 440-260-0152 or (as of Wednesday evening 06/03, at the Founders Inn)

Founders Inn  
5641 Indian River Road  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23464  
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Results, schedules and rosters are available on the US Field Hockey Festival website at [www.usfieldhockey.com/futures](http://www.usfieldhockey.com/futures)

**The Event:** US Field Hockey National Futures Tournament  
July 4-7, 2002  
US Field Hockey National Training Center at Virginia Beach  
2181 Landstown Road, Virginia Beach, Va.

**Time:** Games run continuously Thursday, July 4 through Sunday July 7  
Thurs., July 4, 6:30 a.m. with final game 7:00 p.m.  
Fri., July 5, 6:30 a.m. with final game at 4:35 p.m. (United League semifinals follow)  
Sat., July 6, 6:30 a.m. with final game at 4:35 p.m. (United championship follows)  
Sun, July 7, 7:00 a.m. with U16 and U19 championship games at 12:30 & 1:25 p.m.

**Overview:** 512 of the nation's most promising young field hockey players from 23 states will gather in Virginia Beach in the culminating event of U.S. Field Hockey's Futures Talent Identification Program. Placed on regional teams in under-16 and under-19 age groups, the athletes will be vying for selection to higher levels of U.S. Field Hockey's Olympic Development Pipeline including invitations to B Camp, the AAU Junior Olympic Games (for U16 players) and the Futures Elite program. All games are open to the public and there is no cost for admission.

### **Media Opportunities**

- **Friends of Field Hockey Dinner Sponsored by the Founders Inn**  
6 p.m. Friday, July 5 at the Founders Inn, 5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach

**Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf** will welcome the athletes and their families to Virginia Beach. Making its first since public appearance since earning a qualifying spot in the World Cup on June 25, the **U.S. Women's National Team** will great and address the young athletes.

The dinner will also feature a silent auction to include a 2002 Pontiac Sunbird and 2002 Pontiac Trans Am from Hall Automotive of Virginia Beach, golf and hotel packages from Benchmark Hospitality, Virginia Beach Fitness Memberships and U.S. Field Hockey gear.

- **United Field Hockey League Semifinals and Championship Game**  
6:30 p.m., July 5 & 6 at the US Field Hockey National Training Center

The conclusion of US Field Hockey's summer elite season, the United League semifinals feature the three-time defending champion and #1 seed Southern Charm against #4 seed Tidewater Tempest and #2 Midwest Cyclones vs. #3 Metro Rush.

The teams feature all-star line-ups of Olympians, U.S. junior national team players and collegiate and high school All-Americans. Athletes expected to appear included Olympians Sheryl Johnson ('80, '84, '88, Cyclones), Marcia Pankratz ('88, '96, Cyclones), Liz Tchou ('96, Charm), Cindy Werley ('96, Charm).

Old Dominion head coach and two-time Olympian Beth Anders ('80, '84) serves as head coach of the Tidewater Tempest.

**Results** Results, rosters & information available at [www.usfieldhockey.com/futures](http://www.usfieldhockey.com/futures)  
**Contact:** Howard Thomas (440) 260-0152 or at 757-424-5511 as of July 3.