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## LIGHTNING AND PWHPA PARTNER TO HOST 2022-23 SECRET® DREAM GAP TOUR

**TAMPA BAY** – The Tampa Bay Lightning and the Professional Women’s Hockey Players Association (PWHPA) are partnering to host four games of the 2022-23 Secret® Dream Gap Tour from February 24-26, 2023, at AdventHealth Center Ice in Wesley Chapel, Florida. Additionally, the Lightning Hockey Development Department and the PWHPA will host two hockey clinics and a Try Hockey for Free event for local girls ages 5-16. The clinic will feature instruction from two-time Team USA World Champion Kelley Steadman, PWHPA athletes and coaches and the Lightning Hockey Development staff.

Two games will be played Saturday, February 25 at 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. with the final two games taking place on Sunday, February 26 at 11:00 am and 2:00 p.m. The complete schedule can be found below.

“Partnering with the Tampa Bay Lightning is exciting for multiple reasons,” said Jayna Hefford, PWHPA Operations Consultant. “They’re a winning organization who have experienced tremendous success in a growing hockey market, which demonstrates both on-ice and off-ice accomplishments— something we highly respect. It’s been great to work with the Lightning and AdventHealth Center Ice teams, both of whom are committed to making this an exceptional event for players and fans.”

The on-ice clinic for girls aged 7-11 will take place on February 24 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. followed by the clinic for girls aged 12-16 at 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Pricing for the clinics will be \$65 and will include one ticket per participant to a select PWHPA game of their choice. The Try Hockey for Free clinic will be open to players ages 5-10 and will take place on February 25 from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. All clinics will take place at Advent Health Center Ice in Wesley Chapel, Florida.

“AdventHealth Center Ice is excited to partner with the PWHPA and Tampa Bay Lightning to host this event and is proud to promote women’s hockey in the greater Tampa Bay area,” said John Drysdale, Hockey Director at AdventHealth Center Ice.

### PWHPA Weekend Schedule

- Game 1 – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm – Team adidas vs Scotiabank
- Game 2 – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm – Team Sonnet vs Team Harvey’s
- Game 3 – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – Team Harvey’s vs Team Scotiabank
- Game 4 – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm – Team adidas vs Team Sonnet

### About the PWHPA

Professional Women’s Hockey Players Association’s (PWHPA) mission is to promote, advance and support a single, viable professional women’s ice hockey league in North America that showcases the greatest product of women’s professional ice hockey in the world. The organization aims to provide a united voice to players advocating for the creation of a sustainable professional league. PWHPA is working to accomplish its mission by coordinating training needs and programming opportunities and collaborating with like-minded organizations to make hockey more inclusive for women and future generations. To learn more about PWHPA and the Secret Dream Gap Tour, visit [pwHPA.com](http://pwHPA.com).

### About AdventHealth Center Ice

AdventHealth Center Ice is the largest Ice Sports complex south of New York and east of Dallas, conveniently located at the intersection of I-75 and State Road 56, 21 miles north of downtown Tampa. With over 150,000 square feet, our five-rink complex includes three NHL ice rinks, one Olympic/International standard ice rink, and one mini-rink. Each of the NHL rinks can be converted to a dry floor for event or exhibit space. We host some of the region's largest sporting events and offer our community a variety of programs that suit all ages. Programs range from ice hockey and figure skating to curling and private events. We are home to the University of South Florida hockey team, two USPHL hockey teams, 15 youth travel hockey teams, 6 high school teams, 25 rec-level teams, over 100 adult rec hockey teams, the largest learn-to-skate program in the state and a host of freestyle figure skaters at various skill levels.

AdventHealth Center Ice also offers sports performance and recovery services, and a wide range of amenities and services, including a pro shop, full-service restaurant/bar, concession stand, skate center (rentals & repair), fitness center, indoor sprint track, event and party rooms, and offices.

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