



ICE HOCKEY



Origin

Ice Hockey developed in the late 1700's and 1800's, when British garrisons stationed in Canada at various times took rules from soccer, field hockey, Scandinavian bandy, Irish "hurling" or Canadian native lacrosse and adapted them for play on snow or ice. The first set of rules specifying a puck, a flat piece of wood, were written in 1837. The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) has been created in 1908, and today has 63 affiliated national federations.

At the Olympic Games

The only team sport at the Olympic Winter Games, ice hockey actually

made its first Olympic appearance at the Games of the VII Olympiad in Antwerp in 1920, four years before the first winter Games were held. Women's hockey made its debut at the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano in 1998. It should also be noted that in Nagano, for the first time ever the NHL season was stopped so many of the world's top ranked players were able to compete for their national teams.

Salt Lake City Olympic venue

The 55 ice hockey games will be spread out over two venues - The Peaks Ice Arena and the E Centre. With a capacity of 6,300 spectators, the Peaks Ice Arena is located in Provo, about 69 km (43 miles) south of downtown Salt Lake City. Located in West Valley City, about 14 km (9 miles) from Salt Lake City, the E Center is home to the Utah Grizzlies, an American Hockey League team, and has a capacity of 8,400.



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The E Center in West Valley City.