



# WCHA PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS

Season	Playoff Champion(s)	Coach	Season	Playoff Champion(s)	Coach
1959-60	Denver * Michigan Tech *	Murray Armstrong John MacInnes	1981-82	Wisconsin	Bob Johnson
1960-61	Denver * Minnesota*	Murray Armstrong John Mariucci	1982-83	Wisconsin	Jeff Sauer
1961-62	Michigan Tech	John MacInnes	1983-84	Minnesota Duluth	Mike Sertich
1962-63	Denver	John MacInnes	1984-85	Minnesota Duluth	Mike Sertich
1963-64	Denver	Murray Armstrong	1985-86	Denver	Ralph Backstrom
1964-65	Michigan Tech	Murray Armstrong	1986-87	North Dakota	Gino Gasparini
1965-66	Denver • Michigan State •	John MacInnes Amo Bessone	1987-88	Wisconsin	Jeff Sauer
1966-67	Michigan State • North Dakota •	Amo Bessone Bill Selman	1988-89	Northern Michigan	Rick Comley
1967-68	Denver • North Dakota •	Murray Armstrong Bill Selman	1989-90	Wisconsin	Jeff Sauer
1968-69	Denver + Michigan Tech +	Murray Armstrong John MacInnes	1990-91	Northern Michigan	Rick Comley
1969-70	Michigan Tech + Wisconsin +	John MacInnes Bob Johnson	1991-92	Northern Michigan	Rick Comley
1970-71	Denver + Minnesota +	Murray Armstrong Herb Brooks	1992-93	Minnesota	Doug Woog
1971-72	Denver • Wisconsin •	Murray Armstrong Bob Johnson	1993-94	Minnesota	Doug Woog
1972-73	Denver • Wisconsin •	Murray Armstrong Bob Johnson	1994-95	Wisconsin	Jeff Sauer
1973-74	Michigan Tech • Minnesota •	John MacInnes Herb Brooks	1995-96	Minnesota	Doug Woog
1974-75	Michigan Tech • Minnesota •	John MacInnes Herb Brooks	1996-97	North Dakota	Dean Blais
1975-76	Michigan Tech • Minnesota •	John MacInnes Herb Brooks	1997-98	Wisconsin	Jeff Sauer
1976-77	Wisconsin	Bob Johnson	1998-99	Denver	George Gwozdecky
1977-78	Colorado College • Wisconsin •	Jeff Sauer Bob Johnson	1999-00	North Dakota	Dean Blais
1978-79	Minnesota • North Dakota •	Herb Brooks Gino Gasparini	2000-01	St. Cloud State	Craig Dahl
1979-80	Minnesota • North Dakota •	Herb Brooks Gino Gasparini	2001-02	Denver	George Gwozdecky
1980-81	Michigan Tech • Minnesota •	John MacInnes Brad Buetow	2002-03	Minnesota	Don Lucia
			2003-04	Minnesota	Don Lucia
			2004-05	Denver	George Gwozdecky
			2005-06	North Dakota	Dave Hakstol
			2006-07	Minnesota	Don Lucia
			2007-08	Denver	George Gwozdecky
			2008-09	Minnesota Duluth	Scott Sandelin
			2009-10	North Dakota	Dave Hakstol
			2010-11	North Dakota	Dave Hakstol
			2011-12	North Dakota	Dave Hakstol
			2012-13	Wisconsin	Mike Eaves
			2013-14	Minnesota State	Mike Hastings
			2014-15	Minnesota State	Mike Hastings

\* first round playoff winners; • second round playoff winners;  
+ East and West Regional playoff winner



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## PLAYOFF CHAMPIONSHIPS WON BY TEAM

Titles	Team (Playoff Championship Seasons)
15	Denver (1960*, 1961*, 1963, 1964, 1966*, 1968*, 1969+, 1971+, 1972*, 1973*, 1986, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008)
14	Minnesota (1961*, 1971+, 1974*, 1975*, 1976*, 1979*, 1980*, 1981*, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2003, 2004, 2007)
12	Wisconsin (1970+, 1972*, 1973*, 1977, 1978*, 1982, 1983, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1998, 2013)
11	North Dakota (1967*, 1968*, 1979*, 1980*, 1987, 1997, 2000, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012)
9	Michigan Tech (1960*, 1962, 1965, 1969+, 1970+, 1974*, 1975*, 1976*, 1981*)
3	Northern Michigan (1989, 1991, 1992) Minnesota Duluth (1984, 1985, 2009)
2	Michigan State (1966*, 1967*) Minnesota State (2014, 2015)
1	Colorado College (1978*) St. Cloud State (2001)

\* 1st round playoff winner; • 2nd round playoff winner;  
+ East & West Regional playoff winners

## PLAYOFF CHAMPIONSHIPS WON BY COACH

Titles	Coach, Team (Championship Seasons)
10	Murray Armstrong, Denver (1960*, 1961*, 1963, 1964, 1966*, 1968*, 1969+, 1971+, 1972*, 1973*)
9	John MacInnes, Michigan Tech (1960*, 1962, 1965, 1969+, 1970+, 1974*, 1975*, 1976*, 1981*)
6	Bob Johnson, Wisconsin (1970+, 1972*, 1973*, 1977, 1978*, 1982) Herb Brooks, Minnesota (1971+, 1974*, 1975*, 1976*, 1979*, 1980*) Jeff Sauer, Colorado College/Wisconsin (1978*, 1983, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1998)
4	George Gwozdecky, Denver (1999, 2002, 2005, 2008) Dave Hakstol, North Dakota (2006, 2010, 2011, 2012)
3	Gino Gasparini, North Dakota (1979*, 1980*, 1987) Rick Comley, Northern Michigan (1989, 1991, 1992) Doug Woog, Minnesota (1993, 1994, 1996) Don Lucia, Minnesota (2003, 2004, 2007)
2	Amo Bessone, Michigan State (1966*, 1967*) Bill Selman, North Dakota (1967*, 1968*) Mike Sertich, Minnesota Duluth (1984, 1985) Dean Blais, North Dakota (1997, 2000) Mike Hastings, Minnesota State (2014, 2015)
1	John Mariucci, Minnesota (1961*) Brad Buetow, Minnesota (1981*) Ralph Backstrom, Denver (1986) Craig Dahl, St. Cloud State (2001) Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth (2009) Mike Eaves, Wisconsin (2013)

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+ East and West Regional playoff winner

## TEAM APPEARANCES IN WCHA FINAL FIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

### MODERN ERA • SINCE 1987

Following, by member team, are appearances in the modern-era WCHA Playoff Championship, also known as the WCHA Final Five. Beginning with the 1987-88 season and on through the 1991-92 season, the WCHA Playoff Championship consisted of four first round playoff winners advancing to a single site championship. Beginning in 1992-93, the league playoff championship became known as the WCHA Final Five, with five first round playoff winners advancing to a single site championship. Since 2013-14, the WCHA Final Five field has consisted of four first round playoff winners.

No.	Team	Championship Appearances
23	Minnesota <sup>^</sup>	1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993*, 1994*, 1995, 1996*, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003*, 2004*, 2005, 2006, 2007*, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013
20	North Dakota <sup>^</sup>	1988, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1997*, 1998, 1999, 2000*, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006*, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010*, 2011*, 2012*, 2013
19	Wisconsin <sup>^</sup>	1988*, 1989, 1990*, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995*, 1996, 1998*, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2013*
15	St. Cloud State <sup>^</sup>	1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001*, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013
14	Colorado College <sup>^</sup>	1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2013
11	Denver <sup>^</sup>	1989, 1995, 1997, 1999*, 2002*, 2005*, 2008*, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
10	Minnesota Duluth <sup>^</sup>	1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2009*, 2010, 2011, 2012
6	Michigan Tech	1993, 1994, 1996, 2007, 2012, 2015
	Northern Michigan	1989*, 1990, 1991*, 1992*, 1993, 1994
5	Minnesota State	2000, 2003, 2013, 2014*, 2015*
3	Alaska Anchorage	2004, 2011, 2014
2	Bowling Green	2014, 2015
	Ferris State	2014, 2015
1	Bemidji State	2011

\* indicates playoff champion  
<sup>^</sup> left WCHA after 2012-13 season