

# 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game FAQs

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

- **Why is this game being played in Las Vegas?** The 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game is being played in Las Vegas, the “Entertainment Capital of the World,” for the following reasons:
  - We seek to provide an unmatched life experience for both our student-athletes and our fans.
  - We seek to play the best opponents and our biggest rivals on the biggest stages in the biggest games of the year. Playing Minnesota in Las Vegas allows us to do that.
  - We seek to create a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for UND alumni and UND hockey fans to gather in a festive and fun environment. Las Vegas is one of the top tourist destinations in the world, has more AAA Five Diamond hotels than any other city in the world, and is a global leader in the entertainment industry. The 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game will be the biggest and best party North Dakota’s ever thrown!
  - From a recruiting standpoint, the best student-athletes want to play on the biggest stages and nothing in college hockey is as big as North Dakota and Minnesota in the “Entertainment Capital of the World.” It doesn’t get any bigger than this and the recruiting benefits associated with playing in a game like this are immeasurable.
  - Las Vegas is the home of the Engelstad family and the Engelstad Family Foundation, the benefactors who have done more for UND and UND hockey than anyone ever could have imagined. As we celebrate the 15th anniversary of Ralph Engelstad Arena, what better way to say “Thank you” than to say, “We’re coming to play the Gophers in your hometown!”

- **What is the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game?** The U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game is an exempt game, or an extra game, that is played every season in an attempt to generate much-needed revenue for the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum in Eveleth, Minn. Ralph Engelstad Arena purchased the rights to the 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game from the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum. This game provides the opportunity for UND and Minnesota to play one additional game above and beyond the NCAA maximum number of games normally allowed in a season. In essence, this is an “extra” regular season game for both UND and Minnesota during the 2018-2019 season.
- **Is this an important game? Does the game count in the national rankings?** Yes, this will be a very important game. The 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game is not an exhibition game; it is a very important regular season game that will absolutely count in the national rankings. The outcome of this game may have a significant impact on the post-season aspirations for each school. Make no bones about it: this will be a very important game for both schools and both schools will treat it as such.
- **At which arena will the game be played?** The 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game will be played at the Orleans Arena, a sports and entertainment arena connected to the Orleans Hotel and Casino. You won’t even have to go outside to get to the game if you stay on site at the Orleans Hotel and Casino, as there is an internal entry opportunity to the arena.
- **How big is the arena where the game is going to be played?** The Orleans Arena seats 7,453 fans for hockey. As the former home of the ECHL’s Las Vegas Wranglers, the Orleans Arena is a facility well versed in the game of hockey and it is going to be a great environment for the 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game.

- Why isn't the game being played at the new NHL arena that was recently opened up on the Strip?** The 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game is being played at the Orleans Arena because the Orleans Arena is the best fit for this event. We absolutely seek to sell out this event and create an electric event atmosphere for all involved. The Orleans Arena will be packed to the rafters, loud, and crazy – the exact type of event atmosphere and live experience that we seek to create. We've got a great event partner in the Orleans Hotel and Casino and the Orleans Arena provides the best balance between the event's anticipated ticket sales and the venue's capacity for a hockey game.
- When can I purchase tickets?** Tickets will be made available for sale to members of the North Dakota Champions Club beginning at 10 am Central Time on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017. The general public on-sale for those not part of the North Dakota Champions Club pre-sale will be on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 at 2 pm Central Time.
- When will detailed ticket information be released to members of the North Dakota Champions Club?** Detailed ticket information, including pre-sale passwords, will be released and forwarded to North Dakota Champions Club members in December of 2016.
- What is the cost of tickets?** All seats for the 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game will be priced at \$79, plus applicable ticketing charges. There isn't a bad seat in the house at the Orleans Arena. The hockey capacity at the Orleans Arena is 7,453 and the venue has a single level seating bowl.
- Will luxury suites be available to purchase for this event?** Yes, a limited number of luxury suites will be available for purchase at this event. Luxury suites provide the best opportunity for a class reunion, sorority or fraternity reunion, or corporate outing associated with this event. If you would like to purchase a luxury suite for this event,

you will need to contact Jody Hodgson at Ralph Engelstad Arena at [jodyh@theralph.com](mailto:jodyh@theralph.com) or (701) 777-6633.

- **Is there a limit on how many reserved seat tickets that I can buy for this event?** Yes, there will be a limit of 8 tickets per person for this event. This ticket limit is in place to provide ticket access to as many fans as possible. This will also aid us in our attempt to reduce the number of tickets purchased by scalpers. Persons who exceed the ticket limit will have their orders and tickets cancelled.
- **Will UND Athletics or the UND Alumni Association be offering any charter packages or travel packages for this event?** No, there will not be any charter packages or travel packages offered for fans through UND Athletics or the UND Alumni Association. With such a great variety of travel options to and from Las Vegas, the thought is to let each person select the travel arrangements that work best for them. With more than 149,000 hotel rooms and flights from around the world daily, there is no shortage of travel options in Las Vegas!
- **Will there be travel packages for this event?** Bon Voyage Travel Leaders in Grand Forks, N.D., will be offering packages that include air travel, ground transfers, hotel rooms, and event tickets for those who would like to purchase a package as opposed to making their own arrangements. For more information on travel packages through Bon Voyage Travel Leaders, please contact Bonnie Haley at 701.772.6313 or [bonnie@bonvoyagetravelnd.com](mailto:bonnie@bonvoyagetravelnd.com).
- **When can I purchase airline tickets?** Generally speaking, most airlines do not sell airline tickets more than 11 months in advance of anticipated travel. You will need to check with the airlines directly if you have any specific questions about when they will make airline tickets available for travel in October of 2018, but it is our belief that most airlines won't begin selling seats until about 11 months prior to the event.

- **How much will flights cost? Will flights to Las Vegas be expensive?** Generally speaking, Las Vegas is a very cost-effective travel destination; however, the price of flights will be determined solely by the airlines. Neither UND Athletics nor the event itself are involved in any manner with the pricing of airline tickets in or around the dates of this event. You will need to check with the airlines directly if you have any specific questions about airline ticket prices for travel in October of 2018.
- **When can I book hotel rooms?** Generally speaking, hotel properties in Las Vegas do not normally allow you to reserve hotel rooms more than a year in advance of your stay. This means that most hotel properties will likely begin taking room reservations for the Oct. 2018 event in October of 2017 (subject to the policies of each specific hotel property). Special arrangements have been made with, and discounted group rates have been secured from, the event host hotel, the Orleans Hotel and Casino. Beginning on Monday, January 9 with the North Dakota Champions Club pre-sale, North Dakota Champions Club members will have the exclusive opportunity to purchase event tickets, or room and ticket packages, from the Orleans Arena and the Orleans Hotel and Casino. It is believed that the room and ticket packages offered by the Orleans Hotel and Casino may be the only way to reserve a hotel room in Las Vegas for the weekend of the event prior to the 1-year mark in advance of the event. All rooms at the Orleans Hotel and Casino are subject to availability. Specific and detailed information on tickets, as well as room and ticket packages, will be forwarded to all North Dakota Champions Club members prior to the January 2017 pre-sale. Room and ticket packages at the Orleans Hotel and Casino will have a minimum requirement of 2 or 3-night stay in all cases. The 3-night room and ticket package option will likely include rooms Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the event weekend while the 2-night ticket package will likely include rooms Friday and Saturday night only. For those who would choose to make reservations for a *room only* from the host hotel – the Orleans Hotel and Casino will begin taking room only reservations only in July of 2017 (exact date to be determined).

- **What is the host hotel for this event?** The Orleans Hotel and Casino is the host hotel for the event. The Orleans Arena is connected to the Orleans Hotel and Casino and if you stay on property you'll enjoy the convenience of being on-site for all of the exciting event action, including the pre-game party Saturday afternoon.
- **How much are hotel rooms?** A room block has been established for this event that provides the opportunity to purchase discounted rooms at the Orleans Hotel and Casino. As part of the North Dakota Champions Club pre-sale in January of 2017, the Orleans Hotel and Casino will offer North Dakota Champions Club members the opportunity to purchase room and ticket packages for this event. Room rates through the fan block at the Orleans Hotel and Casino are as low as \$49 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday of the event weekend – and as low as \$115 on Friday and Saturday of the event weekend. All rooms and room rates are subject to availability. All rooms and room rates are subject to availability.
- **Is the host property on the strip?** No, the Orleans Hotel and Casino is not located in the strip. The Orleans Hotel and Casino is located about 1.5 miles west of the Las Vegas Strip and approximately 4 miles from McCarran International Airport. There is a free shuttle from the Orleans Hotel and Casino to the Strip every 30 minutes from 9:00 am to 12:30 am daily and there is no shortage of alternative transportation options in Las Vegas; including taxis, shuttles, private transportation, etc.
- **What type of seating will be available at the Orleans Arena for the game?** All seating at the Orleans Arena will be reserved seating and all seats will be \$79, plus applicable ticketing charges.
- **Will there be any additional events or ancillary events for UND fans associated with this game?** Yes, there will. There will be a pre-game party on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 27, 2018 from 3 pm to 7 pm outside the Orleans Arena, prior to the 7 pm puck drop. The

pre-game party will be free to attend. Food and drinks will be available for sale at the pre-game party. Stay tuned for additional ancillary events and activities as the event draws near.

- **What is the weather typically like in Las Vegas in October?** Generally speaking, the weather in Las Vegas at the end of October is fantastic. The historical daytime high in Las Vegas on Oct. 27 annually is an extremely comfortable 74 degrees. October is a great month for Las Vegas travelers and a great time for outdoor activities, such as golf and sightseeing.
- **What types of transportation will be available?** Neither UND Athletics nor the event itself will be offering any type of ground transportation for this event. The Orleans Arena is attached to the Orleans Hotel and Casino. Event attendees will be responsible for taking care of their own travel and transportation arrangements for this event. There is no hotel shuttle between the Orleans Hotel and Casino and the airport in Las Vegas. You will need to make your own arrangements to get to the Orleans from the airport.
- **Where will event updates be posted? How do we find out about additional events and activities that are developed over the course of time before the event?** The official event website at [www.vegas18.com](http://www.vegas18.com) will be the place to go for all event information for the 2018 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game. Check back to get the latest updates periodically between now and the event.