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# The 9th Annual 1883 Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament returns!

With the snow and cold settling in for their typical three-month stay, now is the time for Concord, NH, to rekindle its claim to be the US Hometown of Pond Hockey. The 9th Annual 1883 Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament begins Thursday, January 24th and runs through Sunday, January 27, 2019. It will feature ten age divisions and 98 teams at Concord's White Park on outdoor rinks.

Spectators can expect to see White Pond loaded up with rinks where as many as six games will be going on at once, allowing all teams to play as many as four, 30 minute, games as they try to earn the Black Ice title and take home the coveted "Hobey Stick", named after the legendary hockey player Hobey Baker, who attended Concord's St. Paul's School where it is said that the first hockey game in the US was played.

And, "Black Ice" means the purest of ice. Back in 1883 at St. Paul's School, in Concord, the school witnessed the first organized game ever played in the United States, on the Lower Pond.

The tournament today will feature tons of hockey, music and raffles making the weekend an incredible and unique fan experience. And with Concord's Main Street less than a mile away, visitors will have plenty of options for restaurants, hotels and shopping.

Concession stands will offer food and hot drinks to keep spectators warm and full. Parking can be found at White Park itself and side street parking

will be available around the park as well. For more information and to view live scoring for the tournament, visit [www.blackicepondhockey.com](http://www.blackicepondhockey.com).

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