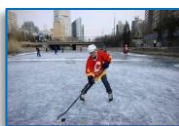




I live in the capital city of Beijing that has a population of 21.5 million people in the country of China located in East Asia that has a population of 1.371 billion people.



I love hockey. My best friend who is half Chinese and half Canadian immigrated to China and introduced me to ice hockey when I was 10 years old. We played inline hockey on the streets of Beijing and practiced everywhere, even on The Great Wall of China.



I started playing ice hockey at 13 on the frozen rivers of Beijing and trained and played on my first ice hockey team in the ice rinks around the city.



When I was 15 my friend and I made a pact that we would play for the Chinese National Hockey team and tried out for the Chinese Youth Hockey team.



When China was awarded the 2022 Winter Olympics in 2015 we committed to another goal and that was to play on the China Olympic Ice Hockey team. After China won its bid to host the 2022 Olympics, President Xi Jinping vowed to get 300 million of his people "on the ice," an initiative to encourage winter sports.



My dad works for the Beijing Iron & Steel Company. His company produces the steel that is building China and countries around the world.



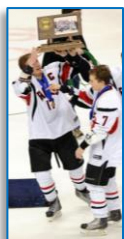
His company purchased a controlling interest in the Mesabi Iron Mine located in the Iron Range of Northern Minnesota. This is where all the iron ore came from that created the steel for World War II and helped build America. He has been charged with overseeing the management and operations of the mine for his company.



I learned today that my family is moving to the city of Mesabi, Minnesota that has a population of 3,000 people. Minnesota is the hockey capital of the United States. I am encouraged by my friend to go to the United States and to become the Yao Ming of hockey for my country.



My goal is to become a member of the Mesabi Miners Hockey team and help them make it to the Minnesota State High School Boys Hockey Tournament, the largest high school sporting event in the world.



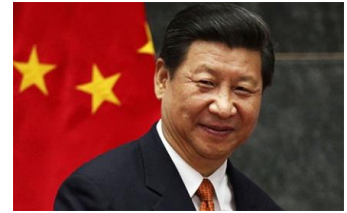
My goal is to help the Mesabi Miners win the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament again.

My dad's goals are to support me to become the best hockey player I can become and overcome the cultural and globalization challenges he is facing at the mining company and with the city of Mesabi community.

## Growth of Hockey in China

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Energy tycoons in China and Russia quickly made a deal to create Beijing's first professional hockey club, and Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Beijing for the signing ceremony with Xi last June. Kunlun Red Star was born. As part of its Olympic bid, President Xi Jinping and the Chinese government pledged a "three-hundred-million-person winter-sports" plan, hoping to boost its tepid participation numbers from less than 2 percent to 22 percent. Hockey, one of the most popular sports in the Winter Olympics, is a key part of that strategy.



The 2022 Beijing Olympics will assist China's status as a first-tier global power to prove is that it can become a stable society with an economy driven by a solid and sizable middle class.

Beijing 2022 won't be just a two-week sporting event but the culmination of a multi-year campaign to promote leisure, recreation, and domestic tourism.

<http://www.newyorker.com/business/currency/the-value-of-the-beijing-winter-olympics-for-china>

## Hockey in China

<http://www.thehockeynews.com/news/article/meet-the-chinese-billionaire-who-wants-to-grow-hockey-in-the-world-s-biggest-market>

## China

China, officially the People's Republic of China (PRC), is a unitary sovereign state in East Asia and the world's most populous country, with a population of over 1.381 billion. Covering approximately 9.6 million square kilometres (3.7 million square miles), China is the world's second-largest state by land area and third- or fourth-largest by total area. Governed by the Communist Party of China, it exercises jurisdiction over 22 provinces, five autonomous regions, four direct-controlled municipalities (Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai and Chongqing) and the Special Administrative Regions Hong Kong and Macau, also claiming sovereignty over Taiwan. China is a great power and a major regional power within Asia, and has been characterized as a potential superpower. Capital: Beijing



Population: 1.371 billion (2015) World Bank

President: Xi Jinping

Currency: Renminbi

Official language and national language: Standard Chinese

Official languages: Mandarin Chinese, Standard Mandarin

Government: Unitary state, Communist state, Socialist state, One-party state, People's democratic dictatorship

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China>



"Beijing" in regular Chinese characters

Literal Meaning "Northern Capital "Beijing, China's massive capital has history stretching back 3 millennia and a population of 21.5 million. Yet it's known as much for its modern architecture as its ancient sites such as the grand Forbidden City complex, the imperial palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Nearby, the massive Tiananmen Square pedestrian plaza is the site of Mao Zedong's mausoleum and the National Museum of China, displaying a vast collection of cultural relics.

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## Ice Hockey in China

Ice hockey is a minor sport that is gaining popularity in China.

The Chinese Ice Hockey Championship has been held since 1953. The country's top team, China Dragon, plays in the multi-national Asia League Ice Hockey. China has men's, women's and junior national teams.

Kontinental Hockey League is the other top tier league the Chinese compete in.

Andong Song was the first Chinese player drafted by the New York Islanders in the 6th round (172nd overall) in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft. The China national ice hockey teams are making major preparations for improvements in order to be competitive for the 2022 Winter Olympics.

## About China Hockey

Member Since	25 July 1963
Total Players	1,101
Male Players	222
Junior Players	585
Female Players	294
Total Referees	95
Indoor Rinks	154
Outdoor Rinks	206
Nation Population	1,367,485,388
Men's World Ranking	37
Women's World Ranking	16

<http://www.iihf.com/iihf-home/countries/china/>

## China Men's National Ice Hockey Team

The Chinese national ice hockey team is the national men's ice hockey team of the People's Republic of China. The team is controlled by the Chinese Ice Hockey Association and a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF).



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China\\_men%27s\\_national\\_ice\\_hockey\\_team](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China_men%27s_national_ice_hockey_team)

## Chinese Ice Hockey Association

The Chinese Ice Hockey Association (CIHA) is the governing body of ice hockey in the People's Republic of China. It's a member of International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) since 1963.



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It also used to take care of bandy in China and joined the Federation of International Bandy (FIB) in 2010. In

late 2014, China Bandy Federation was founded and replaced the ice hockey association as the FIB member.

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### **International Ice Hockey Federation**

The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF; French: Fédération Internationale de hockey sur glace) is a worldwide governing body for ice hockey and in-line hockey. It is based in Zurich, Switzerland, and has 74 members. It manages international ice hockey tournaments and maintains the IIHF World Ranking.



Although the IIHF governs international competitions, the IIHF has no authority and very little influence on hockey in North America, where the rules of modern hockey were developed and where the National Hockey League (NHL) is the most influential hockey organization. The Hockey Canada and USA Hockey federations have their own rulebooks, while non-North American federations usually follow the IIHF rules.

Decisions of the IIHF can be appealed through the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The IIHF museum was located within the International Hockey Hall of Fame Museum located in Kingston, Ontario from 1992 to 1997. After terminating the partnership with the International Hockey Hall of Fame, the IIHF signed an agreement with the NHL to house their museum within the Hockey Hall of Fame. In 1998, the IIHF museum relocated to Toronto, Ontario, occupying over 3,500 square feet (330 m<sup>2</sup>) within the Hockey Hall of Fame.

As part of the centennial celebrations of the IIHF's founding, the 2008 IIHF World Championship was held in Canada. This was the first time the championships were hosted in Canada. Russia won the 2008 Championship, with Canada as the runner-up.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Ice\\_Hockey\\_Federation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Ice_Hockey_Federation)

### **Beijing, 2022**

(Beijing 2022 was a successful bid by Beijing, China and the Chinese Olympic Committee for the 2022 Winter Olympics. The IOC selected the host city for the 2022 Winter Olympics at the 128th IOC Session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 31, 2015, which Beijing won. This makes Beijing the first city to host both Summer and Winter Olympic Games.



The 2022 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXIV Olympic Winter Games, and commonly known as Beijing 2022, is a multi-sport event that will take place in Beijing and towns in the neighboring Hebei province from 4 to 20 February 2022.

Dates: Feb 4, 2022 – Feb 20, 2022

Host city: Beijing, China

Opening ceremony: 4 February

Closing ceremony: 20 February

Nations participating: 90 (estimated)

Events: 102 in 7 sports (15 disciplines)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022\\_Winter\\_Olympics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_Winter_Olympics)

### **Olympics**

- More than 1 billion viewers worldwide watched the opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympics,

which broke all ratings records. The IOC estimates some 342 million people watched the start of the 2016 Rio Games, about the same number that saw the opening ceremony of the London Olympics four years ago.

- IOC, a Television and Marketing Services company reported that viewership of the 2016 Rio Olympics was on par with that in 2012 London Olympics, when some 3.6 billion people — or around half of the world's total population of 7 billion — caught at least one minute of the Olympic Games.
- Fans worldwide have access to more Olympics coverage than ever before. Networks in 2016, according to the IOC, have increased TV coverage 25 percent compared to 2012, with 125,000 hours of output, with digital coverage jumping to 81,500 hours available, 2.5 times what was on offer in London.
- Timo Lumme, managing director of IOC Television and Marketing Services, told *Reuters* that NBC's online viewership of the 2016 Summer Olympics achieved more than 2 billion streaming minutes and was higher than the activity for the previous five Olympics combined,

[www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/rio-olympics-worldwide-audience-top-920526](http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/rio-olympics-worldwide-audience-top-920526)

## **NHL – National Hockey League**

The NHL will play a vital role in helping to promote hockey culture across various regions of China. With a population of more than 1.3 billion, China is committed to hockey and expects to expand its participation in all winter sports to 300 million people by 2022.



The League will look to develop programs to provide schools with training and instructional content to implement these impactful hockey programs that promote physical education, sportsmanship, teamwork and fitness through participation in hockey.

First preseason NHL games conducted in China 2017 NHL China Games™ presented by O.R.G. Packaging in Shanghai and Beijing between the Los Angeles Kings and the Vancouver Canucks Tickets to the preseason games between the Kings and Canucks on Sept. 21, 2017 at Mercedes-Benz Arena in Shanghai and on Sept. 23, 2017 at Wukesong Arena in Beijing are available for purchase now via en.Damai.cn.

Canucks and Kings have each participated in youth hockey camps in China in recent years. In addition, several NHL clubs have conducted hockey camps for Chinese youth recently both in China and North America, including the Boston Bruins, Montreal Canadiens, New York Islanders, Toronto Maple Leafs and Washington Capitals.

The 2017 NHL China Games presented by O.R.G. Packaging are a joint effort of the National Hockey League, the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA), founding partner O.R.G. Packaging, Beijing Sports Bureau, Shanghai Sports Federation, Shanghai Sports Bureau, Beijing Sports Competitions Administration Center, Chinese Winter Sport Federation and Bloomage International Culture & Sports Development Company Ltd. The League will work side by side with many of these sports bureaus to develop grassroots hockey programs, support local youth hockey and hockey development at all levels over the following years.

Los Angeles will be designated the home team for the Sept. 21 preseason game at Mercedes-Benz Arena in Shanghai; Vancouver will be designated the home team for the game on Sept. 23 at Wukesong Arena in Beijing.

## **Beijing International Ice Hockey**

Beijing International Ice Hockey (BIIH) is a league made up of 140 expatriates and Chinese nationals that all share the passion of playing ice hockey in China. Players and supporters take an immense amount of pride to be a part of; not only a hockey league, but a way of life. Each year, players take flight to a variety of tournaments in and around Asia to compete in friendly and competitive matches. The goal of this league has never been forgotten; to create lasting experiences for our members, on and off the ice.



<http://www.beijinghockey.com/>



## China Iron Mining in Minnesota

Beijing Iron mining looks to iron range

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## Minnesota

Minnesota is a Midwestern U.S. state bordering Canada and Lake Superior, the largest of the Great Lakes. The state contains more than 10,000 other lakes, including Lake Itasca, the Mississippi River's primary source. The "Twin Cities" of Minneapolis and state capital Saint Paul are dense with cultural landmarks like the Science Museum of Minnesota and the Walker Art Center, a modern art museum.



Capital: Saint Paul

Minimum wage: 7.75 USD per hour (Aug 1, 2016)

Population: 5.49 million (2015)

Governor: Mark Dayton

Senators: Al Franken, Amy Klobuchar (D)

## Minnesota Mining Iron Range

Iron Range refers collectively or individually to a number of elongated iron-ore mining districts around Lake Superior in the United States and Canada.



## Hull-Rust Mahoning Mine View

Located 1 mile north of downtown Hibbing.

Over 4 miles long and 1.5 miles wide. This Open Pit Iron Mine is often considered the Grand Canyon of the North! Nestled amongst the abandoned foundations of "The Town that Moved", this scenic overlook is both vast and beautiful and will give you a true sense of the history of the industry and region. Over 519 million tons of waste material and 690 million tons of iron ore have been removed from the mine area since ore shipments began in 1895. The mine was listed as a National Historic Landmark, and added to the National Register of

Historic Places on November 13, 1966. The mine is still operated today by the Hibbing Taconite Company, where 'taconite' pellets are produced.

### **The Minnesota State High School League**

(MSHSL) is a voluntary, non-profit association for the support and governance of interscholastic activities at high schools in Minnesota, United States. The association supports interscholastic athletics and fine arts programs for member schools. As of 2010, the organization cited a membership of nearly 500 public and private schools, including home schools, charter schools and 435 high schools. The State High School League is an affiliate of the National Federation of State High School Associations.



The League also addresses sportsmanship, chemical health, scholarship recognition, and oversees tournament officials and judges. The League provides educational programs for coaches. The organization's operating revenue is derived solely from tournament ticket sales, broadcast rights, corporate sponsorship, and sale of tournament merchandise.

### **Minnesota State High School Boys Hockey**

The Minnesota High School Boys Hockey program is a high school ice hockey program in the State of Minnesota. Based on tournament attendance, ice hockey is the most popular high school sport in the state (approximately 256 schools and over 6,500 participants in total due to cooperative team arrangements) field sanctioned varsity teams competing in the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL). These teams are divided into two classes, AA and A. Each class is also divided into eight sections.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High\\_school\\_boys\\_ice\\_hockey\\_in\\_Minnesota](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_school_boys_ice_hockey_in_Minnesota)

### **Minnesota State High School Boys Hockey Tournament**

Attendance has been strong throughout the years, with 22 tournaments eclipsing the 100,000+ barrier, and in 2015 a record setting total of 135,618 (both classes). In the 2006 State Tournament, the average attendance per game in the championship brackets was 18,000 people. The Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament is currently the largest state sports tournament in terms of viewing and attendance, beating the Florida's State High School Football Tournament and Indiana's State High School Basketball Tournament.

