

## Want to vote for the Utah NHL team's nickname? Here's your chance



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, left, listens to Ryan Smith, co-founder and chairman of Smith Entertainment Group, speak during a news conference Friday, April 19, 2024, in Salt Lake City about the move of the Arizona Coyotes franchise to Utah. (Rick Bowmer/AP Photo)

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Here is a full list of the potential names (all preceded by Utah):



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Canyons  
Fury  
Mountaineers  
Yeti  
Mammoth  
Blizzard  
Swarm  
Powder  
Glaciers  
Caribou  
Blast  
HC (Hockey Club)  
Frost  
Freeze  
Outlaws  
Venom  
Squall  
Black Diamonds  
Ice  
Hive

Per Smith Entertainment Group, development of a logo, mascot, team colours and other branding elements will happen after a name is chosen.

The NHL board of governors officially approved the relocation of the Coyotes to Utah on April 13. They played their final game at Mullett Arena on April 12.

Beyond one “fox”—“weasel” if you prefer—indulging another, does this not suggest the end of civilization is near? Of all the possible names for the new Salt Lake City hockey team, this is the best we can do? How about “Mormons” (every penalty provides the pretext for handwringing and eschatology)? Gary Bettman has always enjoyed vexing lifelong, Canadian “hockey people”—while knowing they will fall into line hoping for more jobs for “their boys.” TJB