

Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association
ANNUAL FEMALE U18 SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT
PHILOSOPHY AND FORMAT

A. General Philosophy:

The Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association annually hosts the Female U18 Scholarship Tournament with the following objectives in mind:

- 1) To showcase the talents of graduating Female U18 players.
- 2) To promote participation by Female U18 players in the PCAHA Scholarship Program.
- 3) To promote the growth and development of Female Hockey.

This event recognizes players who exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship, leadership, character, and playing ability.

B. Team Official Selection:

Coaches and other team officials for the Tournament teams have been selected by the Tournament Steering Committee on the basis of their philosophy of the game, past coaching record, and personality. No coach or other team official who has incurred a Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match Penalty during the current season was considered, and all Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to hold Coach Stream/Coach Level certification or higher (Developmental 1/Intermediate Level preferred).

C. Player Eligibility and Selection:

Players meeting the Tournament criteria have been nominated by their club teams to participate in the Tournament. The basic player selection criteria are as follows:

- (i) Players must be graduating U18 players (17 years old as of December 31st of the current season).
- (ii) Players must be registered on a Female U18 "A" or "C" team with a PCAHA-member Minor Hockey Association.
- (iii) Sportsmanship Requirement - Any player having incurred a Match Penalty or Gross Misconduct during the current season shall be ineligible for participation in the Tournament. In addition, players may be disqualified for excessive penalty minutes upon review of their penalty record.

D. Tournament Format:

The Tournament teams will play a single-round-robin series, with the top two teams meeting in the Gold Medal final game and the 3rd and 4th place team meeting in the Bronze Medal final game. Please refer to the Tournament Rules and Regulations.

E. Tournament Awards:

- (i) **PCAHA Special Bursary Awards:** Four (4) \$500.00 PCAHA Special Bursary Awards will be presented to the players adjudged to have best exemplified excellence and sportsmanship during the course of the Tournament.
- (ii) **Game M.V.P. Awards** - In each game, two players adjudged to have best exemplified excellence and sportsmanship will receive the Game M.V.P Award.
- (iii) **Participant Recognition:** Participants of the competing teams will receive the following:
 - Winning Team - gold medals.
 - Runner Up Team - silver medals.
 - Third Place Team - bronze medals.
 - Fourth Place Team – bronze medals.