

**Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association
ANNUAL U18 "A" SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT
PHILOSOPHY AND FORMAT**

A. General Philosophy:

The Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association hosts the annual U18 "A" Scholarship Tournament to actively promote the ideals of scholastic achievement and sportsmanship combined with participation in Minor Hockey at the U18 "A" level, and within this context to recognize the talents of graduating U18 "A" players (17 years olds) in both the educational and athletic fields.

B. Coaching Selection:

Coaches and other team officials for the four Tournament teams have been selected by the PCAHA Special Events 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 10-min. Misconduct, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match Penalty during the current season was considered, and all coaches are required to hold at least National Coaches Certification Program Intermediate Level/Developmental 1 certification.

C. Player Eligibility and Selection:

Players meeting the Tournament's participation criteria have been nominated by their club teams and if applicable have been invited to attend a number of try-out sessions, from which the coaching staffs have selected the final teams. The basic player selection criteria are as follows:

- (i) **Graduating U18 "A" players** only (17 years old as of December 31st of the current year), registered in the U18 "A" Division with a PCAHA-member Minor Hockey Association on a male/integrated "A" team.
- (ii) **Scholastic Ability Requirement** - A player must have attained a minimum C+ grade average in the most recent school reporting period. A C+ average is defined as a minimum 2.50 Grade Point Average based on a 4.00 grade point scale, with A=4, B=3, C+=2½, C=2, C-=1½, D or I=1, E or F=0.
- (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.
- (iv) **Hockey Ability.**
- (v) **Minimum Association Representation** - A minimum of one player from each Association entering a U18 "A" team will be selected to the final Tournament teams, provided the U18 "A1" team from that Association nominated players (not including goaltenders) and the players attended the try-out session(s) if applicable.

D. Tournament Format:

Two teams each will be selected from each of the two PCAHA Conferences, the Fraser Valley Conference and the Greater Vancouver Conference. These teams will participate in a four team

single round-robin, with a 3rd place game and a championship final game. A total of 8 games will be played.

E. Tournament Awards:

(i) **Special Bursaries** - Four (4) Special Bursary Awards in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded to the player on each team adjudged to have best exemplified excellence and sportsmanship during the course of the Tournament (1 award per team). Winners of the Special Bursaries will be announced at the awards ceremonies following the final games of the Tournament. Bursaries must be applied by the recipients towards post-secondary study according to the guidelines of the PCAHA Scholarship Program.

(ii) **Game M.V.P. Awards** - In each game, the player on each team adjudged to have best exemplified excellence and sportsmanship will receive the Game M.V.P Award.

(iii) **Team Awards** - The winning team will be awarded the Fred "Cyclone" Taylor Memorial Cup. Participants of the competing teams will receive the following:

Winning Team - gold medals.

Runner Up Team - silver medals.

Third Place Team - bronze medals ("3rd").

Fourth Place Team - bronze medals ("4th").