



# PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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## **BULLETIN**

**DATE:** November 29, 2023  
**FROM:** Carol McGregor  
PCAHA Executive Director  
**TO:** All Coaches and Managers  
PCAHA Integrated U18 teams  
**SUBJECT:** **2023-2024 PCAHA U18 "A" Scholarship Tournament.**

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The PCAHA U18 "A" Scholarship Tournament is the annual showcase event for the U18 "A" division. It is held to promote the ideals of scholastic achievement and sportsmanship combined with participation in Minor Hockey at the U18 "A" level, and to recognize the talents of graduating U18 "A" players in both the educational and athletic fields.

This year's Tournament, the 47th Annual, will tentatively be held **February 4-10, 2024** with finals scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> at Sungod Arena in North Delta. Your assistance is needed to nominate the players who will participate in planned tryouts for the four Tournament teams. To be eligible to participate in the Tournament, a player must:

1. Be a graduating U18 "A" player (defined as 17 years old as of December 31, 2023, born in 2006) registered with an Integrated U18 "A" team within the PCAHA.
2. Have attained a C+ grade average or better at school during the most recent reporting period.  
  
A C+ average is defined as a minimum 2.50 Grade Point Average based on the 4.0 grade point scale (A=4.0, B=3.0, C+=2.5, C=2.0, C-=1.5, D or I=1.0, E=0.0). No attempt will be made to assess the difficulty of the course load taken by the player (e.g., vocational vs. academic subjects).
3. Have demonstrated sportsmanship: any player who has incurred a Match Penalty or Gross Misconduct during the current season or who has incurred excessive penalty minutes will not be eligible for selection.

Each U18 "A" team is responsible for nominating a number of players (not including goaltenders) as follows:

- Each "A1" team - 5 players maximum
- Each "A2", "A3", or "A4" team - 3 players maximum

Please find enclosed a copy of the U18 "A" Scholarship Tournament nomination form along with relevant excerpts from the Tournament Operating Guidelines. Please read over the section dealing with player eligibility and selection, then **complete the form with your team's nominations.**

Also enclosed is a separate nomination form for goaltenders. This form is to be used to recommend goaltenders, both from your own team and from other teams. Goaltenders will be selected by the Tournament Committee based upon the recommendations received from teams within the integrated U18 "A" divisions and from their own observations. Each of the four tournament teams will be supplied with 4 or 5 goaltenders from which to select their 2 goaltenders for the Tournament.

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Please submit the following for each nominated player or goaltender from your team:

- **Most recent school report card.**

**If a particular school district or secondary school has not yet issued report cards, please submit the nomination form by the deadline and then submit the players' report cards as soon as they are issued.**

Nominations are to be submitted by email to: [scholarships@pcaha.ca](mailto:scholarships@pcaha.ca)

Nominations are due on or before: **Friday, December 22, 2023.** Nominations received after this date will only be accepted with the agreement of the Tournament Committee.

Volunteers are also needed to staff the Scholarship Tournament teams. If you are interested in participating as a Coach, Manager, or Safety Person in the Tournament or know of someone who is interested, please make use of the enclosed Coach/Manager Application Form. Please note that any team official who has incurred a Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match penalty during the current season is not eligible for selection.

If you have any questions, please contact PCAHA office at 604-205-9011 or email [scholarships@pcaha.ca](mailto:scholarships@pcaha.ca)

Thank you for your assistance in making this year's event a success.

cc. Larry Hayes, PCAHA Scholarship Tournament Coordinator  
PCAHA Executive Committee  
PCAHA U18 "A" League Managers  
Association Presidents  
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## P.C.A.H.A. U18 "A" SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES EXCERPTS

### A. GENERAL:

1. **Objective:** The PCAHA annually hosts the 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 year olds) in both the educational and athletic fields.
2. **History:** The U18 "A" Scholarship Tournament was established in 1978 to provide a recognition event for graduating U18 players in conjunction with the PCAHA Scholarship Program, also established that year. The late Bruce Allison, then PCAHA President, was instrumental in the establishment of both the Tournament and the Scholarship Program.

### B. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION:

1. **Basic Qualifications:**
  - (a) **Graduating U18 "A" players** only (17 years old as of December 31st of the current season),
  - (b) **Scholastic Ability Requirement** - To be eligible, a player must have attained a minimum **C+** average in the most recent school reporting period. A C+ average is defined as a minimum 2.50 Grade Point Average based on a 4.0 grade point scale (A=4.0, B=3.0, C+=2.5, C=2.0, C-=1.5, D or I=1.0, E=0.0). No attempt will be made to assess the difficulty of the course load taken by the player (e.g., vocational vs. academic subjects).
  - (c) **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) **Minimum Association Representation** - A minimum of one player from each Association entering a U18 "A" team shall be selected to the final Tournament teams, provided the U18 "A1" team from that Association nominated players (not including goaltenders) and the players attended try-outs (if applicable).
2. **Player Nomination Process:**
  - (a) The Committee shall allocate U18 "A" club teams to the Scholarship Tournament teams for purpose of distributing the eligible players.
  - (b) Each club team is responsible for nominating a number of players from among the eligible players on that team (excluding goaltenders), as follows:
    - Each U18 "A1" team - maximum 5 players/team
    - Each U18 "A2", "A3", and "A4" team - maximum 3 players/team
  - (c) Upon nomination, each player must submit (i) their latest school report card verifying a "C+" average (subject to B(1)(b), above). No player shall be permitted to participate in tryouts until the report card has been submitted.
  - (d) Player nominations shall be submitted not later than **Friday, December 22, 2023**. The Committee shall follow up with the Association Presidents involved in situations in which player nominations have not been received by this date.
  - (e) Goaltenders will not be nominated directly by the club teams but will instead be nominated by the Managing Director and League Managers, based on input from U18 "A" Division team officials by way of a "Goaltender Nomination Form". Goaltenders shall be required to meet the eligibility criteria in B(1)(a), B(1)(b), and B(1)(c).

3. **Player Selection Process:**

- (a) The coaching staff of each Tournament team shall select their team's final roster from among the nominated players, given that at least 1 player per Association entering an "A1" team must be selected (subject to B(1)(d), above).
- (b) Each Tournament team shall be permitted a maximum of four icetimes (outside of the Tournament games), of which at least the first two shall be tryout sessions, and of which up to two shall be team practices.
- (c) All nominated players shall attend a minimum of two tryout sessions conducted by the Scholarship Tournament team coaching staff. That is, no cuts shall be made until after the second tryout.
- (d) Coaching staffs must inform the Tournament Committee of the times, dates, and locations of all tryouts and practices.
- (e) Coaching staffs must maintain a record of player attendance at all tryouts and practices and submit this record to the Tournament Committee.
- (f) The final roster for each Tournament team shall be 19 players, of whom 2 shall be goaltenders. 19 players may play in any one game.
- (g) There shall be no reserve list.
- (h) There shall be no substitution of players between Tournament teams. The Committee may approve substitution for a player or goaltender rendered unavailable after selection for the following reasons only: (i) disciplinary reasons/suspension, or (ii) injury. However, a substitute, if permitted by the Committee, may only be drawn from among the nominated players or goaltenders released by that team after the tryouts.
- (i) If a selected goaltender is rendered unavailable by reason of injury or suspension and none of the goaltenders released by the team after tryouts are available/eligible, either (i) the Managing Director and League Managers may designate a replacement goaltender from among the club teams assigned to that Tournament team or (ii) the Committee may approve substitution of a goaltender released by one of the other tournament teams.
- (j) There shall be no player tryout fee charged prior to the selection of the teams. A player participation fee shall be charged all players selected to the final Tournament teams, which will entitle the player to retain their sweater. A portion of the participation fee will also go toward attendance by the player at the award ceremonies or wind-up (if any).

**C. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

1. **Dates:** The 2023-2024 U18 Scholarship Tournament will be tentatively held February 4-10, 2023, with final games scheduled for February 10, 2023 at Sungod Arena in North Delta.
2. **General Format:** The Tournament shall be a four-team single-round-robin series with a 3rd place game and championship final game. (Total = 8 games).
3. **Participating Teams:** Two (2) teams each per PCAHA Conference (2 Greater Vancouver Conference teams and 2 Fraser Valley Conference teams).
4. **Game Format:**
  - (a) Pre-game warm-up - 10 minutes.
  - (b) Periods will be three 20-minute stop time periods.
  - (c) There will be an ice clean prior to the game and between periods.



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## PCAHA U18 "A" SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT PLAYER NOMINATION FORM

ASSOCIATION/TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1.</b>	Player's Name: _____	<b>Enclose:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Latest School Report Card (to verify 2.50 grade average)
	Address: _____	
	City: _____ Postal Code: _____	
	E-mail: _____	
	Position: Defence <input type="checkbox"/> Forward <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Sweater Number _____ Birth Date: _____ Phone Number _____	

<b>2.</b>	Player's Name: _____	<b>Enclose:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Latest School Report Card (to verify 2.50 grade average)
	Address: _____	
	City: _____ Postal Code: _____	
	E-mail: _____	
	Position: Defence <input type="checkbox"/> Forward <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Sweater Number _____ Birth Date: _____ Phone Number _____	

<b>3.</b>	Player's Name: _____	<b>Enclose:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Latest School Report Card (to verify 2.50 grade average)
	Address: _____	
	City: _____ Postal Code: _____	
	E-mail: _____	
	Position: Defence <input type="checkbox"/> Forward <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Sweater Number _____ Birth Date: _____ Phone Number _____	

<b>4.</b>	Player's Name: _____	<b>Enclose:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Latest School Report Card (to verify 2.50 grade average)
	Address: _____	
	City: _____ Postal Code: _____	
	E-mail: _____	
	Position: Defence <input type="checkbox"/> Forward <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Sweater Number _____ Birth Date: _____ Phone Number _____	

<b>5.</b>	Player's Name: _____	<b>Enclose:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Latest School Report Card (to verify 2.50 grade average)
	Address: _____	
	City: _____ Postal Code: _____	
	E-mail: _____	
	Position: Defence <input type="checkbox"/> Forward <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Sweater Number _____ Birth Date: _____ Phone Number _____	

Team Official Completing Form: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and email to: [scholarships@pcaha.ca](mailto:scholarships@pcaha.ca) by Friday, December 22, 2023



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## P.C.A.H.A. U18 "A" SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT GOALTENDER NOMINATION FORM

Goaltenders for the PCAHA U18 "A" Scholarship Tournament will be designated by the Managing Director and League Managers, rather than as part of the regular nomination process. The input of all U18 "A" Division Coaches/Managers is requested and welcomed. Please complete this form with your recommendations and forward to **PCAHA Office by, Friday, December 22, 2023.**

### 1. Outstanding Goaltenders:

In your opinion, from among the goaltenders your team has played against this season, who are the outstanding goaltenders in the U18 Division?

	<u>Goaltender's Name</u>	<u>Association/Team</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

### 2. Goaltenders on Your Team:

Do you recommend that one or both goaltenders on your team be considered for selection for the Scholarship Tournament? Please only list goaltenders who meet the Tournament eligibility criteria.

<b>G/T #1</b>	Goalie Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____ Birth Date: _____ Playing Ability (rank 1-5): _____ (1=weak, 5=strong)
<b>G/T #2</b>	Goalie Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____ Birth Date: _____ Playing Ability (rank 1-5): _____ (1=weak, 5=strong)

#### TEAM OFFICIAL COMPLETING THIS FORM:

<b>Name:</b>	_____
<b>Team:</b>	_____
<b>Phone Number:</b>	_____
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	_____

**Note:** To be selected, goaltenders must meet the same requirements as skaters (see cover bulletin). If you are recommending a goaltender from your team, please submit his/her report card.

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## **P.C.A.H.A. U18 "A" SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT** **COACH/MANAGER/TEAM STAFF APPLICATION FORM**

Applications are open for Coaches, Manager, and Safety Person positions for the PCAHA U18 "A" Scholarship Tournament. Eight (8) Coaches and four (4) Managers will be appointed by the PCAHA Special Events Committee. Either one Safety Person for all 4 tournament teams or one Safety Person per team will also be appointed. If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please complete this form and forward it to **PCAHA Office by, Friday, December 22, 2023.**

Please note that any team official who has incurred a Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match penalty during the current season is not eligible for selection.

### **1. Position Applying For:**

Coach       Manager       Safety Person       Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Hockey Experience:**

Season	Association	Division	Team	Position
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

### **4. Certification/Qualification Held:**

Coach 1-Intro to Coach      Year: \_\_\_\_\_       Safety Program (HCSP)      Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach 2 Coach Level      Year: \_\_\_\_\_       Criminal Record Check      Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Development 1      Year: \_\_\_\_\_       CATT      Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Respect in Sport      Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **5. Comments:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and email to: [scholarships@pcaha.ca](mailto:scholarships@pcaha.ca) by Friday, December 22, 2023