



## 42nd ANNUAL U21 SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT PHILOSOPHY AND FORMAT

### **A. General Philosophy:**

The Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association annually hosts the U21 Scholarship Tournament to promote participation in Minor Hockey at the U21 level (age 18-20) by showcasing those U21 Division players exhibiting the qualities of good sportsmanship, leadership, character, and playing ability. In addition, the Tournament aims to increase participation by U21 players in the PCAHA Scholarship Program.

### **B. Coaching Selection:**

Coaches and other team officials for the three Tournament teams are selected by the Tournament 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.

### **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 registered in the U21 "A" or U21 "C" Division with a PCAHA-member Association.
- (ii) Player nominations from club teams shall be based upon the qualities of good sportsmanship, leadership, character, and playing ability. First preference shall be given to graduating U21 players (those 20 years old as of December 31, 2023). If there are insufficient eligible 20 year olds, second preference shall be given to 19 year olds. Third preference will be given to other registered U21 players.
- (iii) Each member Association entering a U21 team will have as close to equal representation as possible on the Tournament team representing their Conference or grouping. (Some Association teams may not be represented as a result of a lack of eligible 20 year old players on those teams).
- (iv) 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 three Tournament teams will play a non-checking single-round-robin series, with the top two teams meeting in a championship final game for the Sinkie-Hanusiak Trophy. Please refer to the Tournament Rules and Regulations.

**E. Tournament Awards:**

- (i) **U21 Special Bursary Awards** – Three (3) \$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. The Special Bursary Awards will be allocated based on the number of players participating from each category A & C. ie. One (1) “A” award & Two (2) “C”.
- (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 Sinkie-Hanusiak Trophy
- (iv) **Participant Recognition** - Additional individual participation awards may be authorized by the Special Events Committee.