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## SPONSOR A PLAYER

### WHAT IT COVERS



#### REGISTRATION DUES

The Sponsor a Player Program will cover up to \$200 of the registration dues of those selected to the program.

*Seattle Pride Hockey Association is committed to aiding as many applicants as possible. Due to the large number of applications and limited resources, we are not able to award funding to all applicants.*

*Awards are limited to players aged 18 years or older at the time of their application/request submission.*

# SPONSOR A PLAYER PROGRAM

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

Upon selection to the Sponsor a Player Program, these terms & conditions become a legally binding agreement.

The Sponsor a Player Program (herein after referred to as the “**Program**”) is by and between Seattle Pride Hockey Association, Inc., a Washington Nonprofit Corporation, with a mailing address of PO Box 98256, Des Moines, WA 98198-0256, (“**SPHA**”), who produces the Frozen Pride Classic 2026 hockey tournament (“**FPC26**”), and the Program Recipient (the “**Recipient**” or “**You**” or “**Your**”).

### **Purpose & scope**

The Program is a donation-driven support initiative designed to reduce financial barriers to participation in SPHA programs. Unlike merit-based scholarships, this program is rooted in community generosity and exists to ensure that all players, regardless of financial circumstances, have the opportunity to participate fully in SPHA programs.

All sponsorships are contingent upon the availability of donated funds. Awards are not guaranteed and may vary in amount, timing, and distribution based on the level of contributions received and the number of applicants.

### **Selection**

By applying/requesting, reading and accepting the terms & conditions contained in this document, it does not guarantee any person’s selection into the Program. Every application received will be contacted by email and/or telephone to advise of the final determination of an application.

### **Sponsor a Player fund**

SPHA does not know in advance how many donations will be contributed to fund the Program. As such, the total number awarded could be as few as zero (0) if no donations are received.

### **Donor designations**

If a donor designates a recipient who does not apply/request or is found ineligible, the sponsorship will revert to the general pool to support other applicants in need.

### **Program allocation**

While donors may request that their contribution be applied to a specific player, SPHA retains full discretion to allocate sponsorships in alignment with fairness, compliance, and organizational mission.

### **Registration dues**

Upon selection (based on financial need) or upon designation by a donor, a \$200 credit will be applied to your mySPHA account to use and apply towards your registration dues to the team. The donation will expire at the conclusion of Frozen Pride Classic 2026, and may not be transferred to anyone else or any future program.

## **Meal & travel expenses**

The Program does not cover any meal and/or travel-related expenses.

## **USA Hockey**

You must have a current 2025-26 USA Hockey membership. If you do not have a current membership, you may procure one by visiting <https://membership.usahockey.com/>. You will need to obtain your USA Hockey # prior to registering for your team. The Program does not provide reimbursement.

## **Incidentals**

All incidentals throughout the course of the weekend, including, but not limited to, hockey equipment/gear, stick tape, stick wax, concessions, apparel, merchandise, and/or anything not explicitly covered by this Program (registration dues) are the sole responsibility of the Recipient and are not covered by SPHA nor this Program.

## **Renewability**

This Program does not automatically renew. You must re-apply if you wish to participate in the future.

## **Expulsion**

If you are expelled, suspended, involved in a fight, leave your team or otherwise voluntarily do not participate in all games (excludes incidents/injuries resulting in inability to continue play), are involved in discriminatory/hateful actions or words, or are otherwise removed from FPC26, or other extreme actions as defined by the SPHA Scholarship Committee, you will be disallowed from applying for future Programs offered by SPHA for a period of five (5) calendar years beginning Monday, February 16, 2026 through and including Sunday, February 16, 2031.

## **No cash value**

As part of this Program, SPHA will directly pay the costs towards tournament registration. There is no cash value to the Program.

## **Tax implications**

In most cases, the Sponsor a Player award is not taxable as it is applied directly to registration fees. However, recipients are encouraged to consult with a tax professional regarding their individual circumstances.

## **Equity & limits**

SPHA reserves the right to limit the number of times a single player may receive sponsorship to ensure equitable access for all members.

### **Non-transferable**

You may not transfer your award to any other person(s) or Program(s). You must accept or deny, in full, on your behalf only.

### **Cancellations**

If a Recipient cancels, withdraws, or otherwise fails to participate, funds will not be refunded to the donor but instead returned to the general sponsorship pool.

### **Program evolution**

Participation in this Program does not create a right or entitlement to future sponsorships. SPHA reserves full discretion to interpret and apply these Terms & Conditions.

### **Application/request process**

- Submit a confidential Sponsor a Player Request online utilizing the prescribed form.
- Sponsor a Player Request must be submitted prior to the established deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.
- The SPHA Scholarship Committee, which consists of the five (5) designated officers and/or staff (creating an odd number of committee members, so there is no tie in voting), will review all applications and determine selection to the Program based upon need, eligibility, the total number of applications, the number of donations received, and other factors considered relevant by the committee.
- The Program is only based upon the number of donations received, and only if donations do not designate individuals (i.e., the donor designates it may be used for any player who applies).
- The SPHA Scholarship Committee will communicate primarily via email to the email address provided on your application. We may call you if we have any questions.
- The SPHA Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request additional information from you at the time the application is being considered. **You must respond within 24 hours, or your application may be dismissed.**
- Your name and all information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Only the SPHA Scholarship Committee will review the applications, and no names will ever be published at the tournament.
- Recipients may choose whether their sponsorship is acknowledged publicly. Absent explicit consent, SPHA will not disclose the identity of sponsored recipients.
- **All decisions of the SPHA Scholarship Committee are final; there is no appeal process.**

## Program timelines

**All times are Seattle/Pacific Time.**

- Program application submissions will be accepted starting Monday, September 22, 2025, at 08:00 AM PT.
- Team registration & deposits open: Monday, September 22, 2025, at 08:00 AM PT.
- Sponsor a Player Request submissions end on the evening of Friday, December 5, 2025, at 11:59 PM PT.
- SPHA Scholarship Committee will review all applications beginning Saturday, December 6, 2025, through end of day Friday, December 12, 2025.
  - Additional information requests may be sent during this window.
- You will be notified of your acceptance or denial to the Program no later than 11:59 PM PT, Friday, December 12, 2025.
- If selected to the Program, you will have until 11:59 PM PT, Thursday, December 18, 2025, to **accept** or **deny** your award. If you do not respond by this time & date, it will be assumed you have **denied** your award, and another application will be selected.
- If the SPHA Scholarship Committee receives any number denials, we may re-review and select additional applications.