



## City of Lakes Tournament History

The City of Lakes High School Tournament has provided close to 40 years of very competitive hockey for thousands of High School hockey players and their fans.

The tournament began in 1980 hosted by Prince Andrew High School (now named Woodlawn High). It started as an eight team event and ran for four years.

There was a pause of six years then in 1990 it started up again with a new organizing committee still hosted by Prince Andrew High. The competition began again and quickly grew to a sixteen team event with teams from New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

All Star Team and MVP selections were a very popular part of our event. City of Lakes also initiated a Bursary Program awarding two bursaries to tournament players. Today, the tournament currently offers a \$500 bursary to a player who is a standout in the community in the classroom and on the ice with solid academic effort, contribution to the tournament and high school hockey in general being considered.

Our tournament not only provides excellent competitive hockey but creates an exciting time for the students and teachers in all local schools.

In 2000, Prince Andrew passed the hosting duties over to Dartmouth High which hosted successful tournaments for over 10 years. In 2013, a new Non-Profit Organization was formed (City of Lakes Society) to carry on The City of Lakes High School Tournament to the present day providing close to 40 years of great hockey competition.

The City of Lakes Tournament remains as one of the premiere showcases of Boys High School Hockey in Atlantic Canada. After several years of hosting 12 teams in the former Bowles and Gray Arenas, the tournament moved to the RBC Centre 4-Pad in 2018 and thus were able to go back to a solid 16 team tournament with teams from Cape Breton, South Shore Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and now, we have a team from Manitoba coming in the last couple of years.

For the past few years, we usually have been able to secure Eastlink sports to broadcast opening tournament games and the championship. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, they are unable to offer a live broadcasts for the opening Thursday games but will be broadcasting the championship game on Sunday January 7, 2024..

The 2024 tournament starts with local play on Thursday January 4, 2024 with full tournament play picking up Friday January 5 to the championship game on Sunday January 7, 2024..

Good luck to all teams participating!