

Penticton ready to welcome thousands for CSSHL Western Championships

(Penticton, BC – February 26, 2026) – Penticton is gearing up to welcome thousands of visitors from across North America as the Canadian Sport School Hockey League (CSSHL) Western Championships return March 7–22.

“Last year’s event brought more than 7,000 people to our community over a two-week period – and we look forward to welcoming everyone back this year,” says Mayor Julius Bloomfield. “Penticton is a passionate hockey community and we’re proud to host an event of this scale, featuring 106 teams from across western Canada, as well as the states of Idaho and Washington.”

Last year’s championship event generated a record \$6.725 million in economic impact, surpassing the 2024 record of \$5.231 million.

This event marks the third instalment of a 10-year agreement between the CSSHL and its partners including Okanagan Hockey Group, OVG360, Travel Penticton and the City of Penticton.

Games will be played at the South Okanagan Events Centre, with tickets available through their box office and at [soec.ca](https://www.soec.ca), with free admission for ages 18 and under.

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