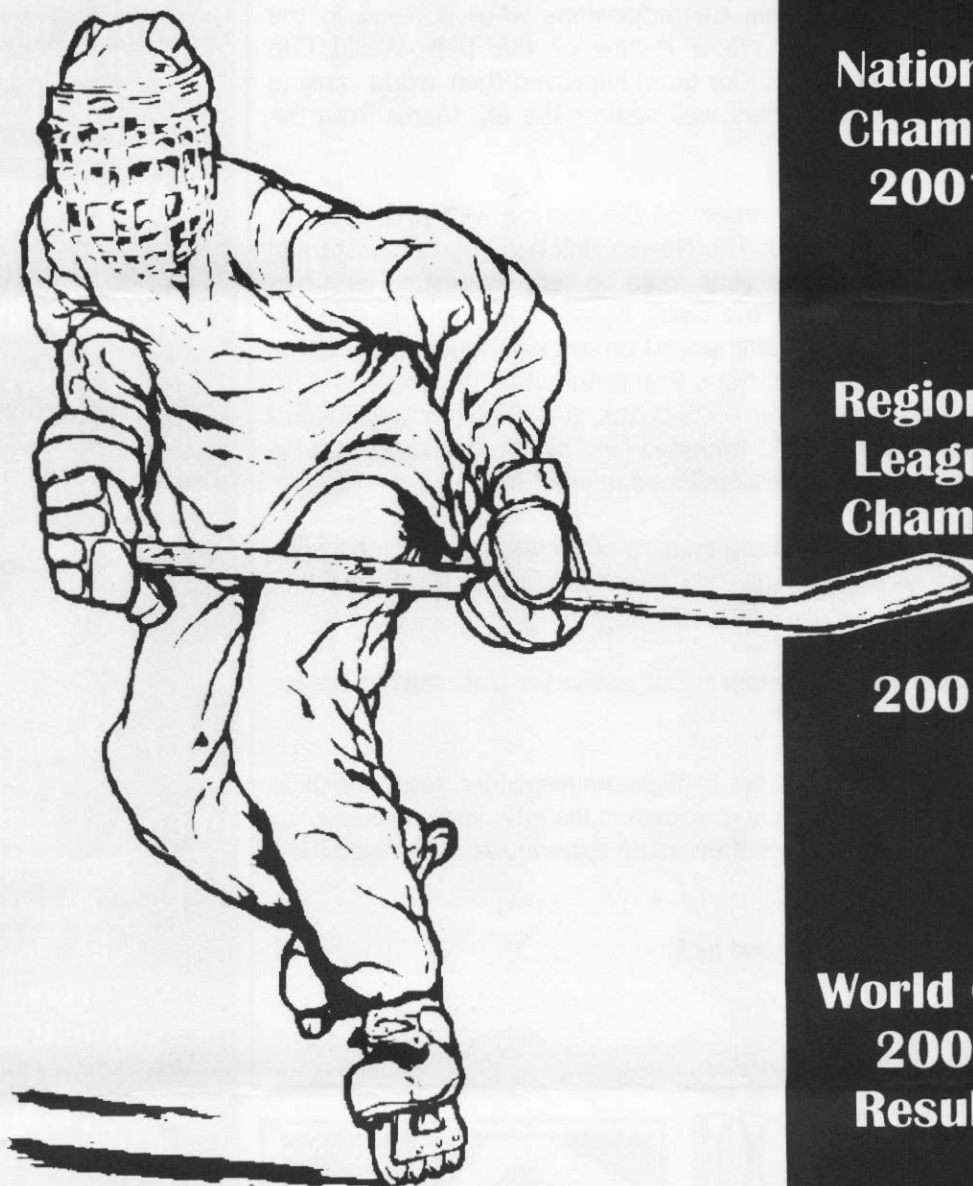


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# editors note

Well, the year is nearly over and National Champs are looming on the horizon. Top Five Champs are completed and teams are training hard to ensure competition will be hotly contested for the Grade Trophies.

The season has been busy with teams competing locally and internationally. The Oceania Championships were covered in the previous issue and we have a review of the IIHF World Cup Championship in this issue. Our team improved their world ranking and the team performed very well against the top teams from the USA and Europe.

There are exciting developments on the horizon with proposals for new rinks being developed. The Nelson rink has seen a substantial upgrade this year and next year could be very interesting with two international sized rinks in the pipeline and others on the drawing board. Construction has commenced on an international sized rink in Palmerston North, the New Plymouth club are expecting to commence shortly with their second rink, a feasibility study funded by the Hillary Commission is underway in Porirua, and a proposal is being developed in Auckland for an additional rink.

We have welcomed the amalgamation of Lightning and Hurricanes and affiliated two new clubs, one from Palmerston North and one from Christchurch.

Dunedin University is also looking at getting a club started up for 2002.

Take a moment to give thanks to the administrators, team officials, referees and players within your own clubs who work tirelessly to ensure their members enjoy their inline experience. We need their expertise.

See you at Nationals and good luck.

The Editor

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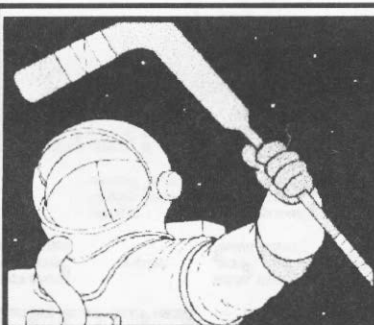
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## Membership 2001

Please ensure all Club Officials are registered for the 2001 season, players taking part in Regional League Championships and Nationals were required to be registered by July 31st as previously advised to clubs.

Membership for Officials is a voluntary \$10, get registered.



**The coach told the goalie  
to move into space...**



NutraLife Tournament  
Queen's Birthday Weekend  
Hosted by: Auckland Sabres

Tauranga Mighty Ducks  
Under 10 and Under 12  
Queens Birthday Tournament

- Under 14  
1st Auckland Sabres  
2nd North Harbour Blackhawks  
3rd Tauranga Ducks
- Under 16  
1st Auckland Fury  
2nd Northland Stingrays  
3rd Western Wildcats
- Under 18  
1st Auckland Sabres  
2nd Western Wildcats  
3rd Auckland Fury



- Under 12  
1st Canucks  
2nd Waihi Miners  
3rd Panthers

- Under 10  
1st Penguins  
2nd Dragons  
3rd Panthers

Auckland Sabres hosted 19 participating teams, 10 of them were Under 14 grade. The semi-finals and finals provided some hard fought games, many of them going into extra time and shoot outs.

Special Mention to Waihi Miners who got 4th by a penalty shootout.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: October 20, 2001  
Start Time: 9am  
Venue: Seddon Room,  
Collegiate Motor Inn, Wanganui

Clubs were notified on August 24th and further advised that remits are required to be forwarded to The Secretary, Box 7014, New Plymouth by September 10th, 2001.

Remits will be collated and distributed to clubs 28 days prior to the AGM as prescribed in the NZIHA Constitution.

Life is simple...

Eat, Sleep, Play...



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 2001**  
22nd-29th

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS  
TAUPO EVENTS CENTRE

**OCTOBER 2001**  
5th - 7th

U10, U12, U14  
SABRES CCM JUNIOR ALL STARS  
NUTRA-LIFE STADIUM - AUCKLAND

**OCTOBER 2001**  
19th/22nd

INTER-REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.  
JUBILEE STADIUM WANGANUI.

**2002**

**April 10 - 13**  
**OCEANIA GAMES**

NZIHA expect to have all Coaches and Selectors in place before Nationals and Inter Regionals.

## NOTICE to ALL CLUBS

Please have all applications for 2002 sanctioned tournaments to the NZIHA Box 7014 New Plymouth By October 21st.

Please refer to the Sanctioned tournament document available on the NZIHA website for guidelines.





## OCEANIA 2002

Age grades being contested for Oceania 2002 are as follows:

Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Under 20, Senior Men, Senior Women, Masters and Junior Women.

Please make special note that the Junior Women age grade will be Under 16 years as of January 1st, 2002 due to a special request from the Australian Association.

Nominations have been called for from clubs for Selectors and Coaches in all grades. Nominations must be received by September 10, 2001 (Box 7014, New Plymouth).

Oceania Games will be held at the Trafalgar Centre in Nelson from April 10 - 13, 2002.

## HOCKEY WEBSITES!

[WWW.NZIHA.COM](http://www.nziha.com)

(most NZ clubs are linked here)

[www.inlinehockeycentral.com](http://www.inlinehockeycentral.com)

[www.iihf.com](http://www.iihf.com)

[www.whockey.com](http://www.whockey.com)

[http://www.chillybeach.com/flash4site.html](http://http://www.chillybeach.com/flash4site.html)

[www.airhs.com](http://www.airhs.com)

[www.rollerhockey.com](http://www.rollerhockey.com)

[www.nhl.com](http://www.nhl.com)

[www.hhof.com/index.htm](http://www.hhof.com/index.htm)

[http://hockeylinks.net/links/](http://http://hockeylinks.net/links/)

[www.hockeyplayer.com/tips.html](http://www.hockeyplayer.com/tips.html)

[http://hockeycoach.com/tips1.html](http://http://hockeycoach.com/tips1.html)

[www.gbinline.com](http://www.gbinline.com)

[www.tigers.orcon.net.nz](http://www.tigers.orcon.net.nz)

[www.sportnz.co.nz/index.shtml](http://www.sportnz.co.nz/index.shtml)

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## I want all my kids to play hockey next year...

How do you evaluate yourself as a coach? Did you have a good year or a bad year? Should you keep coaching? Are you a good coach?

There are lots of different ways to evaluate a hockey coach. In fact, choosing how to evaluate a coach goes a long way towards determining the type of program you will have. For example, if a coach is evaluated mostly on win/loss percentage, you may

end up creating coaches who know how to win games, but destroy kids in the process. If you evaluate a coach based on how "organized, neat, and polite" his kids are, you may end up with little robots wearing ties who quit the sport. How about looking at practices, and picking the coach who knows the most drills? That may be great if we want Marine drill sergeants, but how

about helping develop the love of hockey?

There are so many benefits to playing hockey, and lessons that can be learned, but if a kid quits he won't learn any of them. The primary goal and method of self-evaluation is, "If all the kids on a team play hockey the next year, and love the game, they had a great year".





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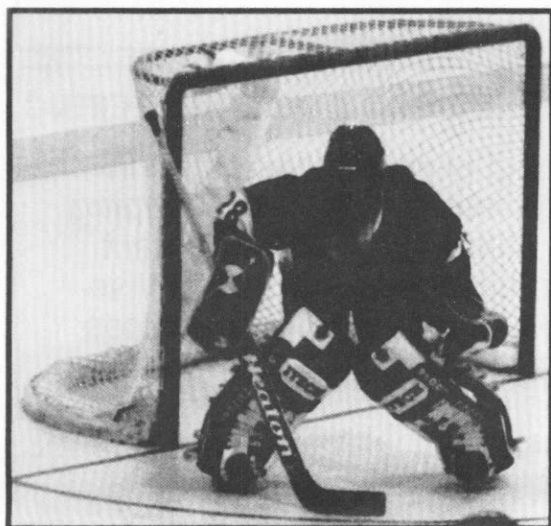
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## THANK YOU

On behalf of the New Zealand World Cup team and the NZIHA, we acknowledge the support provided by Bill Over and his team from RollerWorld in providing assistance with the NZ team uniform.

**BAUER**



The NZIHA acknowledges  
player support received  
from Info-Tools, Auckland.



# FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME...A TIMELY REMINDER

We've all seen it. Parents screaming at referees, parents yelling at kids, parents yelling at each other, and sometimes even fights breaking out. In return, coaches scream at parents, coaches and players yell at officials, and players yell at each other.

It's not a pretty sight, but unfortunately it is something we are all experiencing more and more in rinks around this country. Is this the right model for developing considerate, respectful and ethical young people?

To address and eliminate this type of behavior and to bring honor to the values offered by playing hockey, including fun, respect, positive development and team play, some associations are opting for doing something about it. *Primarily awareness programmes* are being developed and supported by signed commitments from all players, coaches and officials, including referees.

At the beginning the hockey season, all participants must commit to the principles of the program and sign a Fair Play Pledge. No athlete will be allowed to participate unless the athlete and the parents sign the forms. No team will be registered until all athletes and parents have signed the forms.

In Canada this programme is a model for ensuring that all participants in hockey understand the importance of making hockey a positive and enriching experience for everyone.

Some of the principles in the *For the Good of the Game*

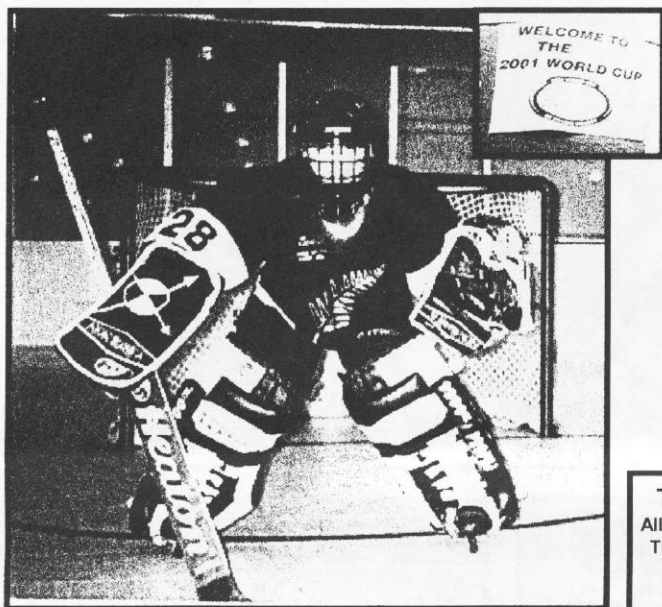
program include:

- Not to engage in unacceptable behavior: "An individual is considered to be displaying unacceptable behavior if they are verbally, physically harassing and/or abusing a game participant (player, coach or official)."
- To respect all participants, coaches, volunteers and referees
- To focus on fun, improving skills, making friends and doing one's best
- To acknowledge good performance — on both teams
- Never to force a child to play or participate in hockey
- To offer praise and encouragement
- Never to ridicule or yell at players for mistakes or poor performance
- To keep players and others as safe as possible

The programme is regarded as one of the most important initiatives ever undertaken. It is hoped that this program, as well as others such as the Fair but Not Equal Rink Time program, will continue to foster self-esteem among participants and encourage them to make hockey their sport for life.

Source: The Edmonton Hockey Association, Canada

New Zealand Inline Hockey Association has recently developed and adopted an Anti Harassment Policy, all regions are presently in the process of appointing a regional officer to mediate if any issues arise. FairPlay templates were also recently sent to clubs to adapt to their needs.



## SCOREKEEPING AND TIMEKEEPING

Would persons interested in Scorekeeping and Timekeeping for Nationals please contact their Club Secretary to advise of their availability giving dates available along with experience. An application form has been sent to clubs along with team entry forms and Tournament Rules.

## TEAM UNIFORMS – A REMINDER FOR NATIONALS

All players in a team are to be uniformly dressed (ie/ jerseys and leg apparel). The Tournament organisers may refuse to allow to participate in a game (or games) any players not complying.



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE





**2001****League  
Championship  
Results**

Under 10					Under 12			
	LOWER	CENTRAL	SOUTH	NORTH	LOWER	CENTRAL	SOUTH	NORTH
1st	Penguins	Miners	Whalers	Stingrays	Canucks	Ravens	Whalers	Panthers
2nd	Dragons	Ravens	Tigers	Panthers	Penguins	Miners	Tigers	Blackhawks
3rd	Canucks	Ducks	Flames	Sabres	Rangers	Avalanche	Redbacks	Stingrays
4th	Lightning United		Redbacks		Jackals	Ducks	Cyclones	Vikings
5th	Rangers				Lightning United	Devils		Sabres
Under 18					Senior			
	LOWER	CENTRAL	SOUTH	NORTH	LOWER	CENTRAL	SOUTH	NORTH
1st	Jackals	Ravens	Tigers	Wildcats	Canucks	Ducks	Tigers	Panthers
2nd	Penguins	Miners		Sabres	Dragons	Devils	Redbacks	Stingrays
3rd	Typhoons	Steamers		Panthers	Renegades	Miners	Thunderbirds	Fury
4th	Dragons			Vikings	Sharks		Flames	Redwings
5th	Lightning United			Fury	Lightning United			Redhawks
Under 14					Under 16			
	LOWER	CENTRAL	SOUTH	NORTH	LOWER	CENTRAL	SOUTH	NORTH
1st	Canucks	Ravens	Tigers	Blackhawks	Lightning United	Ravens	Whalers	Sabres
2nd	Lightning United	Ducks	Redbacks	Sabres	Rangers	Avalanche	Redbacks	Panthers
3rd	Jackals	Miners	Flames	Wildcats	Canucks	Ducks	Cyclones	Blackhawks
4th	Renegades	Pirates	Cyclones	Panthers	Renegades	Pirates		Stingrays
5th	Penguins	Avalanche	Whalers	Stingrays	Penguins	Steamers		Wildcats
Women					PREMIER			
	LOWER	CENTRAL	SOUTH	NORTH	LOWER	CENTRAL	SOUTH	NORTH
1st	Jackals	Ravens	Cyclones	Panthers	Rangers	Ravens	Flames	Sabres
2nd	Penguins	Devils		Blackhawks	Penguins			Redhawks
3rd	Dragons			Redwings				Panthers
4th	Typhoons			Fury				Blackhawks
5th								Redwings

Waihi Miners (1st) and New Plymouth Ravens (2nd)  
Winners of the Central Region Under 10 Grade

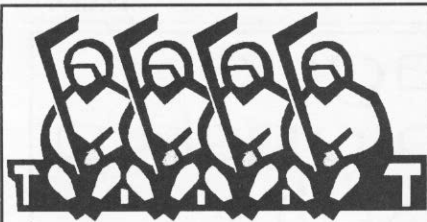


**NZ In-Line Hockey National Championship  
Spectator Entry Fees and Programme Cost**

Official Programme Cost.....\$1.00

***Spectator Entry Fees***

Day Pass.....	Adult	\$6.00
	Child (under 16yrs)	\$4.00
	Preschoolers	Free
Evening Pass (after 6 pm).....	Adult	\$4.00
	Child	\$2.00
4-Day Pass.....	Adult	\$20.00
	Child	\$12.00
Tournament Pass.....	Adult	\$30.00
	Child	\$20.00



# BENCH TALK

Listed below are some suggestions to help you develop a sound pre game mental plan.

**Good Training During the Week:** People are able to focus solely on their hockey skills if they have had a good week of training. This means ensuring that you are physically fit, that you are eating and sleeping well, that you are practicing your techniques/skills, and that you understand your coaches' game plan. Mental training works best when the physical, tactical, and technical aspects of training are already in place.

**Positive Mood:** Focus on doing what is right rather than what is wrong. Focus on doing your best; don't worry about the standings of the other team or something related to evaluation or outcome. Talk as if hockey is enjoyable, beneficial, and extremely valuable.

**Visualisation:** It helps to play the game in your mind before it even happens. Spend a few minutes thinking about your upcoming

opponent and what sort of things you can do to help your team win. Perhaps it is a certain move on a goalie or defenceman, a strategy on a face-off or power play, a specific strategy when dealing with a strong opponent, or just a general image of feeling good about yourself.

**Positive Self-Talk:** A positive attitude can be psychologically advantageous, so do your best to support your team and remember one very important point --- Complaining is Contagious!!!

**Increase Your Activation Level:** Move to activate yourself; right here, right now

**Finish Dressing and Final Preparation:** Be calm, confident, and ready to go! Remember that everyone has a different level of arousal prior to the game; make sure you know what works best for you!

**On Rink Warm-Up:** This is a time to get ready for the game. Make sure your passes are crisp, your shots are strong, you get the feel of the puck, and your mind is focused on the task at hand.



## Readers Note:

While every care is taken the views expressed in HOCKEYLINE are not necessarily those of the NZIHA Executive.



## A GOOD SPORT

- \* keeps it positive
- \* enjoys competing win or lose
- \* respects opponents
- \* respects officials
- \* plays hard within the rules!

## Referee Level III Course

*A proposal for a Level III course is being finalised at present. It is proposed to hold the course in Wanganui over Labour Weekend during the Inter Regional Champs. The Referee Chairperson will be in touch with Level II Referees to advise them of more detail.*

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# F Y I

For Your Information

## Results from Southern Regionals 2001

With fewer clubs in the Southern Region, the Regional play-offs, junior and senior, were able to be held in one busy, noisy game-filled weekend. The event kicked off on the Friday afternoon, with the Christchurch competitors making the 5 plus hour journey that morning.

In the U10 grade, the Nelson Whalers went through to national qualification with straight wins and the Canterbury Tigers put up some tough competition. These 2 teams played off in the finals at last years Nationals for first and second place, with the Whalers taking gold in a hard fought victory.

In the U12 grade, again the Whalers went on to win all their games. It was close going between the top three teams. This grade seemed to draw the loudest crowd to the event and the great support from the Tigers Club saw their team taking second place.

The U14 grade was the toughest, with all 5 teams making a strong effort to gain a top placing. In the end, it was the Tigers that took top honours with 3 wins and a draw. It was goal difference that decided the winners, with the Canterbury Redbacks also winning 3 and drawing one.

Only 3 teams entered the U16 grade, and once again, the Whalers won both their games, with the Redbacks a close second.

The senior games proved to draw in the crowds, and the Nelson rink, hosting an event this size for the first time since its recent \$250,000 upgrade, was filled to capacity with hockey supporters and curious onlookers. Free entry is always a great way to get our sport out there. The Tigers senior team won all their games with the Redbacks gaining the other spot on the qualifying board.

This year sees the Canterbury Tigers enter teams in the U10, U12, U14, U18 and senior grades, a great effort for one club.

# Referee Comment



### Cats Eye Cages (Goalkeepers)

Due to the amount of confusion regarding the legality of the 'Cats Eye' cage the NZIHA have decided to adopt the IIHF's lead and allow goalkeepers to continue using this type of protective cage provided that they have signed a waiver of responsibility. To this end the NZIHA has produced its own waiver of responsibility document and as from January 01, 2002 unless a goalkeeper, when asked, can prove that they have signed a waiver they will not be allowed to use such equipment.

The waiver is only available to those goalkeepers 19 years of age and older, there will be no waiver of responsibility available for goalkeepers under the age of 19.

Goalkeepers who wish to use these types of cages should in the first instance contact their club secretary, who within the next week or so should receive a master copy of this document.

### Off-Sides ( general play)

There apparently is still some confusion regarding this rule; A player is not off side just because they happen to be in their "attacking zone" while the puck is still in their "defending zone" they only become "offside" if they touch the puck:

1. Before a defender touches the puck after their own player has shot/passed the puck over the center red line, or

2. Before one of their own players, who did not precede the puck into the attacking zone, touches the puck after their own player has shot/passed the puck over the center red line.

There is an increasing incidence of officials and players screaming out for offside when the puck is still in their own defending zone. This is very distracting for the referees and also is disrupting to the flow of the game. If this practice continues a referee may choose to assess the offending team a 'Minor' penalty for Unsportsmanlike Conduct - refer to Rule 601 (a) *...attempts to incite an opponent or create a disturbance*.

### Helmet Straps

This continues to be an ongoing problem. Players should be aware that referees will be paying particular attention to this at the upcoming National Championships and Inter-Regional Championships.

Regards

Allan Christie

Chairman NZIHA Referee Panel

## Notes from the World Cup Team Diary...

thanks Jason



The team left New Zealand on 11<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30 pm. Our first flight was to LA (11 hours), another flight to Dallas, then another flight to Tampa Bay and on to Sarasota by bus. We arrived at our accommodation (the University Campus) at 3am.

The accommodation was OK, with a good swimming pool and a really good variety of meals, even if some of the food was a bit odd.

**Day 2**

The rink is a new facility and is around 35 minutes away from Campus. We made the trip there and back twice a day for training and games. The rink caters to both inline and ice with three rinks, two of them being ice rinks (one which they converted to an inline rink for the tournament) and an inline rink.

We had our fist training that evening. It was the first time I've played on Sport Court - it was fast and took a bit of getting used to, but I enjoyed playing on it.

After training we watched Finland play USA in an exhibition game. The score was 5-5 at full time.

**Day 3**

We used our morning training session to play a warm up game against the Tour Tritons. This was a good opportunity for the team to adjust to the different style of play. There is more contact and the games are played at greater speed. With a game time of 48 minutes, played in 4 quarters of 12 minutes at stop time this makes for a long game.

**Day 4**

An afternoon training session and some time to socialise and relax by the pool.

**Day 5**

Our first game was against the Czech Republic. The Czechs seemed to go for quantity of shots rather than accuracy - their final tally was 105 shots in the 48 minutes and their score was 25 to our 1. The team played really well and remained positive in light of the score.

**Day 6**

Played Sweden who won 34-1. The Swedes seemed to value accuracy more than the Czechs, taking fewer shots, and scoring more often.

**Day 7**

Lost to Austria 15-5. The NZ team played exceptionally well both defensively and offensively creating and capitalising on some good scoring opportunities.

**Day 8**

USA won 34-1. Enough said.

**Day 9**

We were losing 2-1 to Hungary at half time. The guys were doing an excellent job on defence and making good

use of the puck. The Hungarians came back hard in the second half and went on to win the game. The full time score was 7-1 to Hungary.

Watched Australia play Slovakia. The Australians thought they could take it to the Slovaks - they were wrong. The Aussies took a lot of silly penalties. The Slovaks just took a lot of penalties. Two of the Slovaks were sent for early showers and at one point they had five guys in the penalty box - it comfortably seats three.

One of the Australians scored and triumphantly threw his glove in the air. The Slovakian goalie caught his glove and skated off with it, dodging Aussie players until the ref stopped him and made him give it back.

During an Australian breakaway the Slovakian goalie prematurely lunged out toward the player, the player skated around the goalie and scored. The goalie took his helmet off, looked up at the crowd and jokingly showed that he couldn't see, and that his hair had been in his eyes the whole time, laughed, put his helmet back on and got ready for the face off.

The final score was Slovakia 14, Australia 7.

**Day 10**

Rest day. The IIHF provided a trip to the beach with smorgasbord and drinks. It was a nice relaxing way to spend our day off, lounging around in the sun and soaking in the warm water.

**Day 11**

We had our first win securing 11<sup>th</sup> position overall in the play off against Argentina. The team played with confidence and controlled the game, dominating the Argentinians. The full time score was 9-4 to NZ. We finally got to hear our national anthem. A great way to end the tournament which we celebrated enthusiastically.

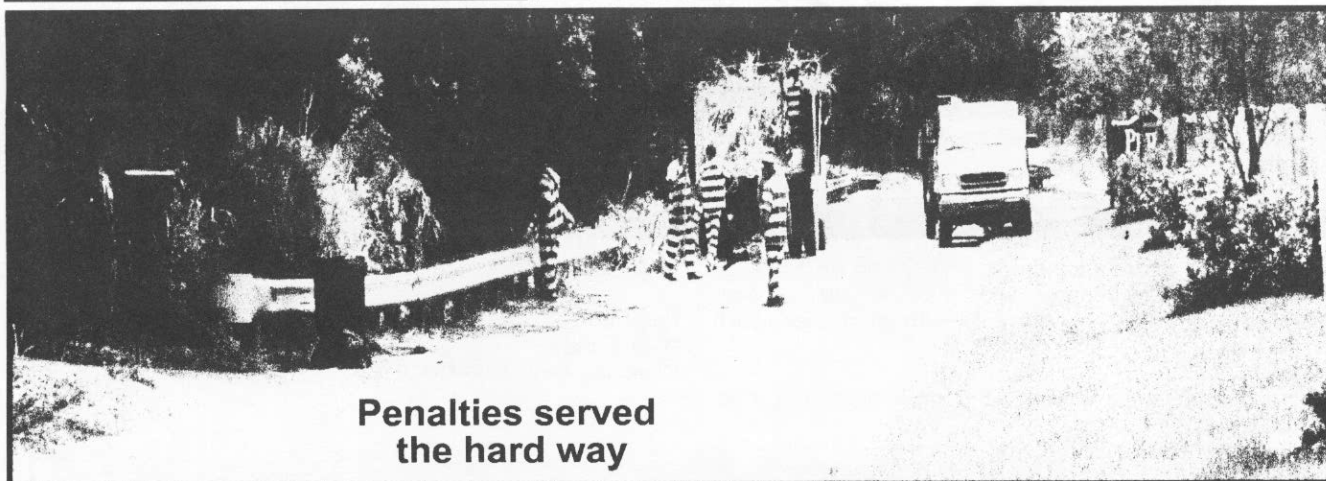
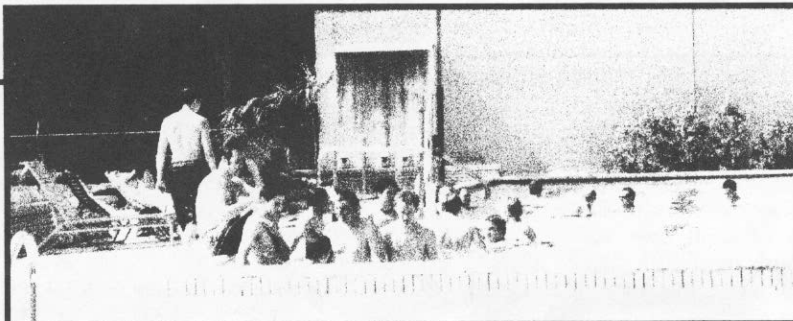
Overall it was a good experience. Nothing could have prepared me for the calibre of the other teams competing. The speed of the game, the accuracy of the shooters and the speed with which the shots were taken was like nothing I have faced before.

I've come back with renewed enthusiasm for my game and a desire to compete at that level again. I couldn't have travelled with a better group of guys.

Thanks to Matt and Noel for the great job they both did and thank you to Dion for the effort he put in as Captain of the team.

Nominations for World Cup Coach ,  
Manager and Selectors have been  
requested to be received by  
September 10, 2001.

To: NZIHA  
Box 7014, New Plymouth



**Penalties served  
the hard way**



# 2001 INLINE HOCKEY HEROES



ELLENTON, FL



Back Row: Noel Wilson (Manager), Malcolm Bremner, Dean Marsh, Kieran Leong, Joel Walton, Peter Lehmann, Matt Down (Coach)  
Front Row: Jason Rickerby, Shaun Scammell, Devon Kay, Jon Astrop, Kevin Gillespie, Dion Bunt (Capt), John Thomsen, Andrew Peddie, Daniel Christie, Ken O'Callaghan



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