



NATIONAL CLUB COMPETITION STRUCTURE

EVENT NOTICE

1. Grades

The National Competition Structure in 2016 will be trialled at the Premier team level. This will be referred to as NCS Premier from this point forward.

2. NCS Format

The NCS Premier will be contested over four rounds of current and/or new tournaments.

- Mt Wellington Invitational: Mt Wellington Roller Sports Club
- Ravens Invitational: New Plymouth Roller Sports Club
- TBC Regional Tournament:
- NZ Nationals: New Zealand Inline Hockey Association

Each individual tournament will feature round robin play for all teams attending.

3. National Champion

The National Champion will be determined by a play-off contested by the top eight (8) teams based on accrued NCS Premier Competition points at the end of the round robin of the (fourth) final tournament in the NCS Premier Calendar - The NZIHA National Club Championship.

Teams outside the top eight (8) will contest the Silver Play-offs.

In the event of low team entries then:

- a) top half play in Gold play-offs; bottom half in Silver
- b) there will be no split into Gold & Silver Divisions.

4. Organisers

The NCS Premier will feature a network of current tournaments that will be under the jurisdiction of the local tournament organising committee and their event notice - these committees will have Organisational Authority:

- Mt Wellington Invitational: Mt Wellington Roller Sports Club
- Ravens Invitational: New Plymouth Roller Sports Club
- TBC Regional Tournament:
- NZ Nationals: New Zealand Inline Hockey Association

5. Venues & Dates

The venues and dates to be determined by the Organising Committee of each tournament in the calendar year

- Mt Wellington Invitational: 25 March - 28 March
- Ravens Invitational: 4 June - 6 June
- TBC Regional Tournament: TBC
- NZ Nationals: 24 September - 2 October

Where existing tournaments are utilised then teams will attend the event and pay the fees as they normally would to participate. Games will be played under the event notice of these existing tournaments

6. Rules

The NCS Premier will be conducted under the NZIHA Constitution, NZIHA Official Rulebook, Code of Conduct and the NZIHA Events Notice Policy.

Where the NZIHA Rule Book and the Event Notice conflict the Event Notice will take priority. All NCS Premier Tournaments will be run under the jurisdiction of the individual Tournament Organising Committees.



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Modifications to the rules can be applied to the NCS Premier upon suitable consultation with the NZIHA and the respective Tournament Organising Committee.

7. Eligibility

The NCS Premier is open to all club teams in New Zealand. Teams must participate in all four rounds of the NCS Premier to be eligible to be National Champion.

7.1 Player Classifications

Players will be classed under two categories: NZ eligible or Import.

An NZ Eligible player is defined as:

- (a) All New Zealand born players are eligible to play in the N-League.
- (b) A foreign-born player will be considered to be a Naturalized Player if they fulfill qualification process to qualify for NZ National teams.

Import players:

Any player born outside NZ that does not qualify to represent NZ. These players will be considered to be an "import player". In any one team there shall be no more than three (3) players who are not primarily living in New Zealand and are not of NZ Nationality. If in doubt clubs should seek clarification and ruling from the NZIHA on individual cases.

1. Players can only play for one team per calendar year.
 - Any transfers in season must abide by NZIHA Transfer Policy.
2. Players must hold current NZIHA registration for the club that they are representing.
3. All team officials must hold current NZIHA registration.
4. Female players are allowed to play in the NCS Premier Competition.
5. Players can be added/subtracted from NCS Premier team rosters. These players must be registered to the club in any of their other teams i.e Seniors, U18 etc.

7.2 Age Requirement

- a) Any player aged 18 or over as of the 1st of the year in which the competition starts is eligible to play in the NCS Premier.
- b) Players aged 18 and under will be allowed to play but with only an approved application.

8. Declaration of Team Numbers

Clubs must declare their intention to take part in the NCS Premier by (insert date).

In the event of a team not being able to contest a round of the NCS Premier, the team will receive zero points.

Team rosters will be submitted to the Tournament Organisers of each individual tournament as per event notices.

9. Team Entries

1. Teams must abide by each of the individual tournament entry processes and event notices.
2. Entry fees will be determined by each of the individual tournaments organising committees
3. Team rosters are to be supplied prior to each tournament. Additional/subtractions must be noted. Teams are not allowed to add players to the roster after the first



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game in each individual tournament.

10. Safety

1. Each player is personally responsible for wearing the correct protective equipment for all games and warm-ups as per NZIHA rules.
2. First Aid services will be provided by each individual Tournament Organising Committee

11. Uniforms

1. All players must be uniformly dressed in matching jerseys and shell pants.
2. Teams must endeavour to have an alternative strip available in case of a clash.
3. In the event that the Organising Committee declares that there is a clash, the team listed as HOME will be required to wear their alternative strip.

12. Game time

NCS Premier games will be played over two (2) periods of 18 minutes.

Individual Tournament Organisers reserve the right to reduce the game to no less than 15 minute halves. All teams must be notified of the change prior to the first modified game.

There will be a three minute minimum warm up time before each game. The warm up time can be reviewed by the individual Tournament Organisers and advised to the Chief Referee, if games run late.

Teams are permitted one only one minute time out per game.

Teams must be ready to play 40 minutes before their scheduled start time.

The Tournament Organisers reserve the right to start games up to 40 minutes prior to their scheduled start time.

13. Officials

1. Referees
Two referees will officiate in each NCS Premier game.
2. Scorer/Timekeepers
The Official NZIHA Score sheet will be used for NCS Premier matches. For each game there is an official scorer, game timekeeper and penalty keeper.

14. Result Confirmation

1. It is the manager's responsibility to confirm the score with the referee at the end of the match.
2. Once the score card is with the Tournament Manager, the result will stand.

15. Points Allocation after each tournament

Points will be allocated after each tournament on a descending scale.

1st place: 14 points

2nd place: 12 points

3rd place: 10 points

4th place: 8 points

5th place: 6 points

6th place: 4 points

7th place: 2 points



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8th place: 1 point

9th place and below: 0 points

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Points Allocation Worked Example Below

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Tournament Placings								
Mt Wellington (AP)		Queens Bday (AP)		Lower Challenge (AP)		Nationals (ARR)		
1	Panthers	14	Penguins	14	Renegades	14	Penguins	14
2	Sabres	12	Ravens	12	Penguins	12	Sabres	12
3	Penguins	10	Sabres	10	Ravens	10	Renegades	10
4	Devils	8	Jokers	8	Panthers	8	Panthers	8
5	Renegades	6	Whalers	6	Sabres	6	Stingrays	6
6	Stingrays	4	Devils	4	Vipers	4	Jokers	4
7	Jokers	2	Panthers	2	Stingrays	2	Devils	2
8	Whalers	1	Renegades	1	Devils	1	Ravens	1
9	Ravens	0	Stingrays	0	Whalers	0	Vipers	0
10	Vipers	0	Vipers	0	Jokers	0	Whalers	0
(AP) - After play-offs								
(ARR) - After Round robin								
Overall Standings		R2		R3		R4		
1	Panthers	14	Penguins	24	Penguins	36	Penguins	50
2	Sabres	12	Sabres	22	Sabres	28	Sabres	40
3	Penguins	10	Panthers	16	Panthers	24	Panthers	32
4	Devils	8	Ravens	12	Ravens	22	Renegades	31
5	Renegades	6	Devils	12	Renegades	21	Ravens	23
6	Stingrays	4	Jokers	10	Devils	13		
7	Jokers	2	Renegades	7	Jokers	10	Devils	15
8	Whalers	1	Whalers	7	Whalers	7	Jokers	14
9	Ravens	0	Stingrays	4	Stingrays	6	Stingrays	12
10	Vipers	0	Vipers	0	Vipers	4	Whalers	7
							Vipers	4



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16. Draws

All draws will be provided by each individual Tournament Organising Committee with the assistance of the NZIHA.

Final draws shall be published on www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz and will be distributed to all clubs once confirmed.

Teams will be seeded after each tournament based on their competition points gained in previous tournaments. Competition points are accrued over the course of the NCS Premier Competition.

17. Disciplinary Committee

1. The Disciplinary Panel for each Tournament will deal with all disciplinary matters. The members of this Panel shall be NZIHA members.
2. The Tournament Director of each tournament will organise the Discipline Panel as required ensuring members include an experienced referee, and two senior club members.

18. National Team Talent Identification

The NCS Premier Competition will form a part of the National Team Talent Identification process. Potential players will be able to receive feedback and regular assessment from the National Team coaches where applicable.

Potential National Team players will not be disadvantaged if they do not play in the NCS Premier Competition.

Draft for Discussion & Feedback



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Key Points for Feedback

1. How many tournaments?
2. Preferred Dates?
3. Preferred Venues?
4. Timeframe for National Club Competition Structure over the whole year or condensed into 3 months before Nationals?
5. For tournament what consideration should be afforded to travelling teams in respect of the draw?
6. Costs - Should the event trial next year be on current basis where all parties absorb costs associated with attendance?
7. Should NZIHA investigate a cost equalisation model where all costs shared equally (similar to Ice Model) for this tournament structure.
8. Please provide two contact points (one administrative, one player) and their email and phone for your Club on this matter for correspondence in the future.
9. Other matters for consideration

Submission to be received by 20 January 2016

Please send to : nz.inline@gmail.com

Thanks you in advance to all players and Clubs for considering this proposal and providing feedback.