

Inline Hockey New Zealand: National Club Championships Event Notice 2021

Organising Authority:

The Organising Authority of the 2021 National Championship is the IHNZ board. An organising committee consisting of representatives from the IHNZ board, the host club and any other IHNZ members appointed for the purposes of running the event.

Note: The IHNZ/NZIHA reserve the right to make administrative changes if/as necessary.

Rules:

The 2021 National Club Championships will be conducted under a collaboration of the following; the IHNZ Constitution, IHNZ Policy, the Official IHNZ Rule Book and this document.

Where the Official Rule Book and this event notice conflict, the event notice will take priority.

The Regional League will be used as the qualifier for the National Club Championships as determined by each region.

1. Sportsmanship:

All Players, Coaches, Officials and Spectators will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner that promotes a positive environment that complies with the provisions of the relevant IHNZ Code of Conduct and Event Notice Rules.

The Event/club organisers hosting any IHNZ or club run event will take all matters of physical and verbal abuse seriously and will not hesitate to manage this appropriately, which may include being evicted/trespassed from the facility.

All parties are expected to observe the following, on and off the rink:

- Treat each other with respect
- Observe appropriate standards for developing our members.
- Provide a safe playing environment for all participants.
- Show proper respect for referees, coaches and all other officials.
- Refrain from using inappropriate language.
- Show respect for facilities provided for inline hockey.
- Abide by rink rules.

2. Drug free Policy

<https://drugfreesport.org.nz/national-sports-organisations/the-anti-doping-rules/>

3. Eligibility – Teams and Clubs:

All players must hold current IHNZ registration for the club they are playing for prior to competing and must be registered no later than June 30th in order to be eligible for Club Nationals qualifying.

All players playing in regional events must hold current IHNZ registration for the Club for which they are playing.

All team officials must also be registered with IHNZ.

For age grade eligibility players must be under the designated age on January 1, 2021.

Players can play for **one team** at the National Club Championships, excluding junior women and senior women grades. Women players may also play in either a junior or seniors women team.

If a player applies to transfer to another club after the regional league has commenced and prior to it ending, they must apply for a transfer.

If a transfer has been granted they are no longer eligible to play in the regional league or qualify for Nationals for their previous club. Transfers must be applied for and granted prior to 31st of July 2021.

Every club intending to enter a team at Nationals must enter a team in the same grade of their local regional league.

Players must play at least 70% of their regional league for the club they intend to attend Nationals with.

4. National Club Championship Qualification:

Qualification for the National Club Championships will be open to the top two teams in each region for each age grade. Any team wishing to apply for 'wildcard' entry into Nationals must apply prior to 31st July 2021. (Last league games are August).

5. Dispensations:

Regional Leagues:

May occur at times subject to the agreement of the Regional committee. All dispensations for Regional League may happen at any time before or during the league. This is to enable a viable league competition to be played across all grades. Dispensations that may affect qualification for Nationals must be documented and forwarded to the IHNZ.

Nationals:

Dispensations for players at National Club Championships must be submitted prior to 31st July 2021 and be submitted on the IHNZ Dispensation Form in the time frame specified.

6. Grades:

The 2021 National Club Championship grades are as follows:

- 10U,
- 12U,
- 14U,
- 16U,
- Junior Women (14 and Under),
- 18U,
- Senior Men
- Senior Women,
- Premiers,
- Masters (35 years and over).

Grades may be removed where there are insufficient entries.

7. Entries and Fees:

Each club shall enter their team using the official entry form to be made available online. Team rosters can be updated until the first game at which point no players may be added.

Entry fees are \$690 (incl GST) per team. Fees are due by 10 September 2021.

Should a team withdraw after officially entering, the team will forfeit the entry fee and may have an additional withdrawal penalty imposed at the discretion of the IHNZ board

8. Draw:

The Club Regional Championship will run between the dates of 1st March and 26th August. The final date for the regional competition shall be no later than the weekend of the 31st August 2021.

(Note some regions may start later and finish later.)

The format will be decided by each region. Each region must be able to provide a ranking of club teams within each grade by 1 September.

The draw for the National Club Championship will be posted on the Inline Hockey New Zealand website (www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz) and emailed to all clubs.

Changes to the draw will be made available on notice boards at the rink and the website.

9. Score Book and Results:

The IHNZ official score sheet shall be used for all games including those defaulted or forfeited.

Each team may request a copy of the score sheet from the Event Manager

Score sheets for all National Club Championships games are to be made available to IHNZ officials upon request.

It is the responsibility of the Team manager to ensure the team roster is correct before the start of the game at National Club Championships.

Final game results are recorded on the official score sheets. Copies are to be available to both teams participating in each game and must be uploaded at the completion of the game.

10. Definition of Default and Forfeit:

If a team does not plan to turn up on game day and do not step on the rink, then the game is lost by default.

If a team plays ineligible players, then the game is a forfeit.

In each grade the points awards shall be as follows.

A Default shall be recorded as a win to the non-offending team.

Win	2 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Default	-1 point to the offending team.

11. Results:

Two Team Tie Breaker

Most Points - The placement of teams within each pool shall be according to the *most number of points accumulated in round-robin play*. If after addition of points, two or more teams are determined to possess an equal amount of points in the round robin, the team's position is determined as follows:

- (a) **Head to Head** - The victor of the head-to-head competition in the round-robin shall be awarded the higher placement position
- (b) **Most Wins** - If a tie remains, the highest total of wins among the tied teams, during all games in the round robin
- (c) **Goal Differential** - If a tie remains, the best goals differential between goals-scored and goals-against in the round robin (ex. GS 8, GA 3 - Result +5).
- (d) **Goals Against** - If a tie still results, the team with the lowest number of goals-against for the entire round robin shall be used to determine position for the tied teams.
- (e) **Goals For** - If a tie still results, the highest total of goals scored for the entire round robin shall be used to determine for the tied teams
- (f) **Shootout** - If teams are tied after applying the above criteria, a shootout will take place as defined in Rule 1.3(e) of the IHNZ Rule Book.

Three or more team Tie Breaker

Most Points - The placement of teams within each pool shall be according to the *most number of points accumulated in the round-robin*. If after addition of points, two or more teams are determined to possess an equal amount of points in round robin, the team's position is determined as follows:

- (a) **Most Wins** - If a tie remains, the highest total of wins among the tied teams, during all games in the round robin.
- (b) **Partial Goal Differential** If a tie remains, the best goals differential between goals-scored and goals-against among the tied teams.
- (c) **Total Goal Differential** If a tie remains, the best goals differential between goals-scored and goals-against in the round robin.
- (d) **Goals Against** - If a tie still results, the team with the lowest total number of goals-against for the entire round robin shall be used to determine position for the tied teams.
- (e) **Goals For** - If a tie still results, the highest total of goals scored for the entire round robin shall be used to determine position for the tied teams.

When one team is eliminated in the criteria listed above, the remaining teams (if 3 more then 2) will start from Point 1 Most Wins.

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Play Off Tie Breakers:

Game results are required in Final and Elimination games tie breakers will be carried out as per Rule 1.3 of the IHNZ Rule Book.

12. Disciplinary Procedures:

The IHNZ Disputes and Disciplinary Policy and the IHNZ Disciplinary and Disputes Procedures shall be used at all levels and events.

13. Protests:

Protests must be notified to the Tournament Office by the Team Manager, Coach or other club official no later than 60 minutes after the completion of the game.

All protests are to be accompanied by a fee of \$200 which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

14. Sponsorship

21.1 Any person wishing to or intending to use any commercial sponsorship, advertising or promotion at any IHNZ sanctioned events must gain the prior written approval from IHNZ.

21.2 IHNZ reserves the right to permit or refuse any application for commercial sponsorship, advertising or promotion.