

## Interregional Championships Event Notice 2014

*The Interregional Championship is staged annually giving an opportunity for regions to select their best players into representative teams across a range of grades to compete against the other NZIHA regions over Labour Weekend in October. Currently each region*

### Organising Authority

*The organising authority for the Inter-Regional Championship is the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association (NZIHA).*

*The NZIHA has delegated the organisation of the Championship to the Regional Committee of the host Region. For 2014 the host will be the Northern Region.*

### Venue and Dates

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014. To be held at the ActivZone Centre, 30 Downing Street, Glenfield, Auckland

### Rules

- The Interregional Championships will be conducted under the NZIHA Constitution, NZIHA Official Rulebook, Code of Conduct and this Event Notice.
- Where the NZIHA Rule Book and the Event Notice conflict, the Event Notice will take priority
- Note: There will be an exception to the current rules in relation to the game timing.

### Sportsmanship

- All participants involved in NZIHA sanctioned events will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, promoting a positive environment and comply with the provisions of the relevant NZIHA Codes of Conduct and Event Notice Rules.
- All parties are expected to observe the following, on and off the rink;
  1. Treat each player with respect,
  2. Observe appropriate standards for developing our youth
  3. Provide a safe playing environment for all participants.
  4. Show proper respect for referees, coaches and all other officials.
  5. Refrain from using inappropriate language
  6. Show respect for facilities provided for inline hockey.

### Teams

- Regions are encouraged to select teams in each grade contested wherever possible.
- Each Regional Committee is responsible for organising the;
  - selection of teams appointing coaches and officials for regional representative teams
  - ordering team playing uniforms

### Eligibility

- Each Region may enter one team in each of the following grades:- U12, U14, U16, U19, Senior Women, Junior Women, Masters (30 and over)& Veterans (40 and Over).
- Players can play for only one team with the exception of Junior and Senior Women subject to age restrictions for Junior women (U16)
- Players should be selected to play in their own age grade wherever possible. The special consideration which applies to female players in NZIHA sanctioned tournaments where they are permitted to play down one year, does not apply for the NZ Interregional Championships.
- Players must hold current NZIHA registration for a club in the region they are representing.
- All team officials must hold current NZIHA registration.
- Players of Other Nationalities: 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 regions should seek clarification and a ruling from NZIHA on individual cases.

### Entries

- Team Entries must be received by the NZIHA Operations Manager, P O Box 18001, Merrilands, New Plymouth. It would preferred if payments were made direct to the NZIHA bank account ( *ASB 12 3152 0082141 00*)
  - The entry fee is \$350 + GST per team (\$402.50)
- Player rosters must be notified to NZIHA by October 5th, 2014.
- Player rosters may not be added to after the start of the team's first game in the tournament.

### Draw

- The final draw shall be published on [www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz](http://www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz) and will be distributed to Region Secretaries and Clubs
- The Tournament Organisers reserve the right to alter the schedule of games or make whatever operational changes are deemed necessary in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Any changes during the Tournament will be notified on the Tournament Notice Board, with as much advance notice as possible.

### Format

- Where the number of teams in a grade is four, there will be a single round robin
- Where the number of teams in a grade is three, there will be a double round robin.
- Where the number of teams in a grade is two, there will be a best of three series.
- In the case of the Under 21 and Senior Men (Open Grade): These grades will be removed from Inter Regionals and be catered for with the provision of an alternative competition running concurrently at 2014 Inter Regionals. The "Open League Series" will be covered by the attached events notice.
- ~~In the case of Senior and Under 21 a round robin with all five teams will take place. Results for the senior and the Under 21 grade will be determined from the games where the same grade meets.~~

### Game Time

- Games will be 2 x 18 minute periods. There will be no overtime for tied games.
- There will be a three minute warm up time before each game. This time will be reviewed by the Tournament Manager 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 30 minutes before their scheduled start time.
- The Tournament Organisers reserve the right to start games up to 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time.

### Protests

- Protests must be notified to the game referee verbally by the Captain of the protesting team immediately after the game and in writing to the Tournament Manager no later than 60 minutes after the completion of the game.
- All protests must be accompanied by a fee of \$100 which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

### Interregional Championships Disciplinary Panel

- The Interregional Championships Disciplinary Panel will deal with all disciplinary matters. The members of this Panel shall be NZIHA members.
- The Tournament Director will organise the Discipline Panel as required ensuring members include an experienced referee, and two senior club members. Members can NOT be from the same club nor can they be from the club of the accused person(s).
- The Interregional Championships Disciplinary Panel is empowered to discipline players, teams, team officials, and clubs for their conduct both on and off the rink before, during, and after a game including any alleged involvement in acts of vandalism, and/or violent, abusive, dishonest, offensive or any other such behaviours that may bring the sport into disrepute.
- The Disciplinary Panel may impose disqualification, suspension, fine and/or other measures as deemed appropriate by the Panel.
- Hearings will be conducted at a time notified to the parties involved by the Tournament Director, and as far as is practical, during the Tournament.
- Penalties imposed in this Tournament will, if applicable, carry over to further NZIHA sanctioned games and to NZIHA trials.

### First Aid

- Teams are advised that they must as a condition of entry have a team official appointed to be responsible for team first aid provision and teams must supply their own first aid consumables.
- The host venue must ensure measures are in place to ensure the safety of spectators ( ie netting and/ or perspex erected around playing surface.
- Host is to arrange for an on-going supply of ice packs

### Puck

- An IDS puck shall be used for all games. The colour of the puck is black,

### Results

- The score as shown on the electronic scoreboard is subject to final confirmation upon completion of the Official Score Sheet.
- Completed Score Sheets will be available to Team Managers in the Tournament Office 60 minutes after games.
- A Results Chart and Standings Chart will be displayed on the Tournament Notice Board.

### Ties

- If there is a tie at the end of the round robin games, the NZIHA policy "Final Standings" will apply.

### Game Points

- In each game the points awarded shall be 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and zero points for a loss.

### Grade Points

- First in grade                    3 points
- Second in grade                2 points
- Third in grade                  1 point
- Fourth in grade                 0 points

### Interregional Trophy

- The Interregional Trophy is awarded to the winning region - that is, the region with the most grade points.
- If, after grade points are accounted for, two or more regions are tied, the following steps shall be taken to resolve the tie:-
  1. The placing shall be determined by a head to head calculation comparing the tied regions.
  2. In the event that a tie still exists after step 1, the placing shall be awarded to the region winning the most first places comparing the tied regions.

### Prizes

- Players and team officials will be awarded medals:-
  - first placed team in each grade - gold medal
  - second placed team in each grade - silver medal
  - third placed team in each grade - bronze medal

### Uniform

- All players in a team must be in matching jerseys and may wear their club playing pants.

### On and Off Floor Officials

- The referees' roster, including penalty box duties, will be compiled by the Referee Panel or their nominee.
- The score bench roster will be compiled by the Tournament Manager or their nominee.

### Score Sheets

- It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to check that the team roster is correctly recorded on the Official Score Sheet and to initial the Score Sheet before each game. Tournament Organisers may not be held responsible for omissions or errors in team rosters on score sheets.

## NZIHA Final Placings

**In the event of a drawn game in round robin or pool play  
EXTRA TIME WILL NOT BE PLAYED.**

**If the addition of points brings two or more teams to an equal amount of points at the end of the round robin and they are in a placement or move-up position, the team position will be determined as follows:**

- (A) The victor of the head to head within the competition round shall be awarded placement position.

**Team A 10 goals defeated Team B 6 goals**

**Team A will be declared the winner.**

- (B) If a tie still results from A) above then the next highest total of goals for minus goals against for the entire round shall be used to determine position for tying teams.

	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Differential</u>
Team A	15	10	+ 5
<b>Team B</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>+ 15</b>

**Team B will be declared the winner with the greater differential.**

- (C) If any teams are still tied after A) and B) above then goal average will be determined to place the teams. This is achieved by **goals for divided by goals against.**

	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Differential</u>
Team A	15	10	+ 5
Team B	23	18	+ 5

**Team A goal average is  $15/10 = 1.5$**

Team B goal average is  $23/18 = 1.27$

**Team A will be declared the winner with the higher goal average.**

- (D) If the teams are still tied after A, B or C then the team with the least penalty minutes for the entire round robin shall be used to place the teams.