

NZ-LEAGUE

To strengthen NZ Hockey

The NZ-League has three stated goals:

- To improve the quality of inline hockey in the Country
- Develop Regional and New Zealand national team players
- To increase public awareness of the sport's existence

The proposal in a nutshell:

- National League for Premier, Senior & Age grade Reps.
- Under 18 min; dispensation for some U16's
- Develop the sports pathway in NZ – refs, coaches etc.
- Future expansion for Women & Juniors.
- Model based on four teams.
- Future opportunities for sustainability i.e. sponsors etc

The costs:

- Rink time during tournament
- Facility costs.
- Travel & Accommodation
- Rink facility costs
- Referees & Officials

Eligibility:

- Players need to be NZIHA club players i.e. Sabres
- Players eligible for NZ with limit on import players.
- Player origin rules – no team boundaries
- U18 and above; dispensation for U16

NZ-League Weekend Pilot 2014:

- Four teams; 8-12 players per team (ex goalies)
- draft held for set up of first teams
- protected players per team i.e. goalies etc
- teams play 6 games over weekend; 3 x 2 game series
- Nov-Dec and/or Feb/Mar
- Standard points; bonus points for series win & clean sweep