

## Open League Series Event Notice 2014

The Open league Series is being run as a pilot program in 2014 and will take place at Labour Weekend in association with NZIHA Inter Regional Championships. A successful event will see the series extend into 2015 and beyond.

### Organising Authority

The organising authority is the NZ Coaching Panel and the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association (NZIHA)

The NZIHA has delegated the Northern region to host Inter regionals in 2014.

### 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

### The Format

- Four (4) teams to be selected by appointed coaches - expect up to 12 players and two goalies in each team
- Players can be either male or female. Coach decision is final.
- Games will be a round robin format with a 1stRR vs 2ndRR final game ( seven games in total)
- Game Timing: 2 x 15 full stop time game (expected 45 min total game time) subject to overall game scheduling.
- Game Rules include: No offside - No Icing - IIHF sized goals
- Time Out: One minute time out per game per team
- Penalties: 1.5 minutes for a minor - 4 minutes for a Major (Game misconduct rules etc will follow NZIHA rulebook)
- Referees: Five (5) x referees - coaches talk to chief referee to explain how they want games to run (Referee Panel to identify the 5 referees to take part)

### Team Selection

- Draft - Four appointed coaches pick teams from best possible players available regardless of age or gender
- Selection does not impact Inter Regional team eligibility (i.e. Players can play Open Series and their age grade)
- Trophy awarded to overall winning team
- Team Players and officials must hold current NZIHA registration
- A power-point display will be shown at 2014 NZ National Championships to encourage interest and participation from players
- Registration Fee to cover rink costs (\$80) This will cover entry fee, coach transport to Auckland, \$20 for prize pool (winning team) Fee to be paid to NZIHA at Nationals ( Eftpos) or by credit to NZIHA account on notification of interest. The total player fee is refundable in the event of non-selection. Refunds will be made by direct credit only.
- **Registrations open now** and close at end of Nationals to [nz.inline@gmail.com](mailto:nz.inline@gmail.com) (Email your full name, mobile number, Date of Birth, and confirm you are NZIHA registered with a club for 2014)
- Coaches - Will be advised at NZ National Championships. Coaches will not be players in any of the selected teams
- Seek sponsor for 56 water bottles for 4 teams
- Jerseys will be provided by league authority and remain the property of the NZIHA. (No jersey names - Four team jerseys sets numbered 1 to 14.)

### Rules

- Games will be 2 X 15 minute stop time
- There will be no offsides or icings played in this tournament
- The Open League Series will be conducted under the NZIHA Constitution, NZIHA Official Rulebook (with the exception of the rules identified above and subject to any other changes agreed before the tournament begins), 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. Other rule changes will be discussed with NZIHA referee panel and documented as an amendment in this events notice prior to Labour Weekend.

### Game Points

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

### Ties

- In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time, games will be decided by way of a 3 player shootout - followed by a sudden death shoot out if required. The rules of the shootout will follow those outlined in the NZIHA Official Rulebook

### 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.

### Player Nomination Fee

- Player Fee must be received by the NZIHA Operations Manager, P O Box 18001, Merrilands, New Plymouth. It would preferred if payments detailing your name were made direct to the NZIHA bank account (**ASB 12 3152 0082141 00**) or by *Eftpos at NZ National Championships*.
- Player rosters will be notified no later than October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Schedule

- 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.

### 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.

### Trophy

The “Open League Series Cup” will be presented to the winner.

### Prize Pool

- Prize Pool will be equal to the amount based on number of players over all four teams x \$20 pp

### Jerseys

Any team jersey not returned to NZIHA will incur a replacement cost of \$100. This will be charged to the player concerned.

### 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.