

Inline Hockey New Zealand: National Club Championships Event Notice 2019

Organizing Authority:

The Organising Authority of the 2019 National Championship is a committee consisting of representatives from the NZIHA, Levin Thunder and any other members that the NZIHA wish to add for the purposes of running the event.

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

Rules:

The 2019 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:

- a. Treat each other with respect
- b. Observe appropriate standards for developing our members.
- c. Provide a safe playing environment for all participants.
- d. Show proper respect for referees, coaches and all other officials.
- e. Refrain from using inappropriate language.
- f. Show respect for facilities provided for inline hockey.
- g. 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, 2019. Additionally, female age grade players may play in a grade one year younger than their age at January 1, 2019.

Players can play for two teams at National Club Championships. (this is limited to 3 players playing up a grade for any team).

If a player applies to transfer to another club after 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 2019.

For a club team to be eligible for the National Club Championships, they MUST partake and meet all criteria to suit.

4. Players playing in another team: (to preserve team integrity)

Players may only play for one club during National Club Championship. A player may play for two grades within their club.

A team is limited to 3 players playing up a grade.

The only exceptions to this will be;

- a. If the team forfeits the game with an illegal player, points will be recorded as a 5-0 win to the other team.
- b. If there has been a dispensation awarded prior to National Club Championship starting and made known.
- c. Players playing within the U19 grade.

5. National Club Championship Qualification:

Qualification for the National Club Championships will be open to the top two teams in each age grade. Any team wishing to apply for 'wildcard' entry into Nationals must apply prior to 31st July 2019. (Last league games are August).

6. Dispensations:

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.

Dispensations for players at National Club Championships must be submitted prior to 31st July 2019 and be submitted on the link provided by [clicking here](#).

7. Players of Other Nationalities:

Players of other nationalities may play in major New Zealand competitions with New Zealand Club Teams, however they must have resided in NZ for at least 28 days, or have the prior approval from the IHNZ.

- a. This will be waived if the player has arrived in New Zealand and is registered with a club and IHNZ prior the final date of registrations.
- b. Where a player waiver is applicable (7a) the club and player must be able to demonstrate the player has participated in 25% of all regional level games for the team being entered and played at NZ National Championships.
- c. In any one team there will be no more than three (3) players who are not primarily living in New Zealand and who are not of New Zealand nationality.
- d. If in doubt the club may seek clarification and a ruling from IHNZ on individual cases.

8. Grades:

The 2019 National Club Championship grades are U10, U12, U14, U16, U19, Junior Women(14 and Under), Senior Women, Senior, Premier & Masters (35 years and over)

Grades may be removed where there are insufficient entries.

9. 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.

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

10. Draw:

The Club Regional Championship will run between the dates of 1st May and 26th August. The final date for the regional competition shall be no later than the weekend of the 26th August. The format will be decided by each region. Each region must be able to provide a ranking of clubs teams within each grade.

The draw for National Club Championship will be posted on the Inline Hockey New Zealand website (www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz). Changes to the draw will be made available on notice boards at the rink and the website.

11. Score Book and Results:

The IHNZ official score sheet shall be used for all games including those defaulted or forfeited. Results of games shall be forwarded by the Secretary of the club hosting the games to the Regional Secretary. Each team may request a copy of the score sheet from the host rink.

Score sheets for all regional qualifying games and nationals 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.

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 to the link provided [here](#).

12. Definition of Default and Forfeit:

- a. If a team does not plan to turn up on game day and do not step on the floor then the game is lost by default.
- b. If a team plays ineligible players, then the game is a forfeit.
- c. In each grade the points awards shall be as follows:

Win	2 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Default	0 Points

13. Venues:

The following rinks will be used; Horowhenua Events Centre, Levin.

14. Results:

If the addition of points brings two or more teams to an equal amount of points at the end of the round or pool play and positions are required. The final rank will be determined using the tie break process in order as follows:

- A. When only 2 teams are on equal points the victor of the head-to-head within the competition shall be awarded the higher rank. Where there have been multiple rounds the winner of most head to head competition wins. eg: Game 1: Team X 5 goal vs Team Y 2 goals, Game 2: Team X 2 goals vs Team Y 2 goals. Team X has more wins against team Y and is ranked higher.
- B. Goals For Goals Against Differential. Take the goals the teams score and subtract the goals against for all games in the round. eg: Team X scored 21 goals and had 16 against for a differential of 5 goals. Team Y scored 28 goals and had 17 against for a differential of 11. Team Y is ranked higher due to a higher differential.
- C. Goals Against. The highest ranked team has the lowest goals against for the whole round. eg: Team X has 6 goals against and Team Y as 5 goals against. Team Y is ranked higher than Team X.
- D. The team with the least penalty minutes for the entire round is ranked highest.
- E. The tied teams will dress players and proceed with a penalty shoot out at a time set by the Event Organising Committee.

Where more than 2 teams are tied. The tie break sequence is used to identify the highest rank team. Once the highest rank team has been removed begin the tie break process again from Head to head. eg: Team X, Team Y and Team Z are all on equal points. Team Y has the best Goals Against Differential so is ranked highest. Now Team X and Team Z need to be ranked so we start with head to head. Team X won the game against team Z. Final Ranking is: Team Y First, Team X second and Team Z third.

15. Tie Breakers:

Game results are required in Final and Elimination games tie breakers will be carried out as per Game Rule 502

16. Disciplinary Procedures:

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

17. 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 \$100 which is refundable if the protest is upheld.