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Event Notice for New Zealand National Club Championships

The National Club Championships is the culmination of the regional club championship which has occurred during the 2011 season.

Organizing Authority

- The organising authority for the National Club Championships is the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association.
- The Tournament Director is appointed by the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association Executive.

Venue and Dates

Dates:- School Holidays October 2011 (expected to be October 8th-16th, 2011)

Venue:- **to be advised**

Rules

- The National Club Championships will be conducted under the NZIHA By-Laws, NZIHA Official Rule Book and this Event Notice.
- Where the NZIHA Rule Book and the Event Notice conflict the Event Notice will take priority.

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.

Eligibility

- Male players can play for only one team at National Club Championships.
- **Female players for 2011 only:** *The 2010 trial will be extended into 2011 allowing female players to play for a mixed team (abiding by age grade eligibility rules) and also for a Senior Women's team from the same club holding the individual's registration. This initiative is based on the view that allowing female players to play both a single gender team and a mixed gender team at NZ Club Championships may result in an increase in the number of female teams entering this event. A review of this initiative will take place at the end of the championships. Note: This may create some scheduling difficulties and insufficient game breaks for affected players, there will be no rescheduling.*
- All players aged 16 and over must have registered with NZIHA prior to competing and no later than 31 July 2011.
- All players aged under16 must have registered with NZIHA prior to competing and no later than 1st September 2011.
- All players must hold current NZIHA registration for the club they are playing for.
- All officials must hold current NZIHA registration.

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- When players have played in a regional club championship within the current season and thereafter transfer to another club they are ineligible to continue playing in the regional championship or at the national club championship unless a transfer and dispensation have been granted by NZIHA prior to 31 July, 2011.
- **Floor players may not play in their age grade if they have played more than three times in a higher age grade or higher age grades in the Regional Club championships.**
- **Goalies may not play in their age grade if they have played in goal more than six times in a higher age grade or higher age grades in the Regional Club championships.**
- Entry is open to NZIHA member clubs that have qualified for an entry based on the performance of their best placed team within each grade in the Regional Club Championships.
- There is a maximum of one team entry per club per grade, except the Open grade.
- NZIHA reserves the right to allocate additional teams per region to enhance the competition at National Club Championships.
- Players of Other Nationalities: Players of other nationalities may play in major New Zealand Competitions with NZ Club Teams, however they must have resided in NZ for at least 28 days, or have the prior approval from the NZIHA Executive. *This will be waived if the player has arrived in New Zealand and is registered with a club and NZIHA prior the final date of registrations.* 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 the club should seek clarification and a ruling from NZIHA on individual cases.

Grades

- In 2011, the grades for National Club Championships are Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Senior Women, and Open.

All grades except Open

- The maximum number of teams in the grade competition will be 8.
- There will be a minimum of one team per grade per region where a regional championship competition has taken place and a maximum of two teams per region per grade where the number of teams in the regional championship in that grade numbers three or more.
- If this results in less than eight teams eligible to compete at National Club Championships, clubs may apply for a wildcard entry.

Open Grade

- There will be two distinct grades in the Open Championship; Premier and Senior
- Clubs and Regional Committees are free to determine how their teams are deemed and ranked Premier or Senior and this should be clearly established in detail in each region's event notice which must be published and approved by NZIHA prior to the commencement of the Regional Club Championships. As a guideline this decision should be based on the best performance of teams within the Open grade in the Regional Club championships.
 - **SENIOR GRADE**
 - There will be a maximum number of eight (8) teams in the Senior championship. (Two teams from each region)
 - **PREMIER GRADE**
 - Based on team numbers in previous years New Zealand National Club Championships will cater to a maximum of ten (10) Premier grade teams.
 - Allocation for Premier Teams at New Zealand National Club Championships
 - Top 3 teams from Northern and Lower North Regions
 - Top 2 teams from Central and Southern Regions

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- Where a region cannot fulfill their allocation in either the Premier Grade or Senior Grade, wildcard entries may be accepted.
- Premier and Senior grade players and goalies may not play in more than one team.

Format

- The format of the championship in each grade will either be pool play or round robin. NZIHA will endeavor to provide 4 – 5 games per team subject to the number of team entries and available time.

Entries

- Entry must be made on the official entry form and be received by the NZIHA Executive Officer, P O Box 18001, Merrilands, New Plymouth, by **5pm on 12th September, 2011**.
- The entry fee is \$600 (GST inc.) payable by **12th September, 2011**. The entry fee covers team entry, referee reimbursements and spectator entry to National Club Championships. Payments should be made by direct credit to NZIHA account held at the ASB bank, New Plymouth. Account Number: 12-3152-0082141-00 and clearly state which club has made the deposit.
- The team roster is to be supplied with the official entry. The Player Roster may not be added to after the start of the team's first game in the championships.
- If an entry is not received by the NZIHA Executive Officer by 12th September 2011, NZIHA may allocate the place to the team which was placed next in the Regional Club Championships.
- Entries are subject to the attending club agreeing that each entered team will fulfill its rostered duties (e.g. goal judging and/or scorekeeping as required).
- In the event that a team withdraws after official entry (i.e. after 12th September 2011), the team will forfeit the entry fee and the club may have a \$500 withdrawal penalty fee imposed, subject to NZIHA discretion.

Draw

- The event game schedule will be published 14 days prior to the first day of the event on www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz and distributed to clubs and members via email or bulletin.
- The Tournament Organiser reserve the right to alter the schedule of games or make whatever operational changes are deemed necessary in case of unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be notified on the Tournament Notice Board.

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.

Ties

- In the event that there is a tie at the end of pool play or a round robin, the NZIHA policy "Final Standings" will apply.

Game Time

- Games will be 4 x 10 minute periods. There will be no overtime period for tied pool games or round robin games.
- Stop time will be played as per the NZIHA Official Rule Book.
- 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.
- In 2011 warm up time will be restricted to a maximum of 5 minutes and may be reduced to 3 minutes at the discretion of Tournament Organisers if deemed necessary.

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Results

- The score as shown on the electronic scoreboard is subject to final confirmation upon completion of the Official Score Sheet.
- Copies of completed Score Sheets will be available to Team Managers in the Tournament Office 30 minutes after each game.
- A Results Chart and Standings Chart will be displayed on the Tournament Notice Board.

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 Office no later than 30 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.

National Club Championships Disciplinary Panel

- The National Club 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. No member can be from the same club nor can they be from the club of the accused persons.
- The National Club 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, 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.

Uniform and Protective Equipment

- All players are to be uniformly dressed (i.e. jerseys and leg apparel). Players failing to comply will be ruled from the playing surface and not permitted to play until uniformly dressed. Referees will strictly enforce as per the playing rules.
- All teams must have an alternate jersey. In the event that the Tournament Director declares a clash of colours of the two competing teams, it is the Home Team that must change its jersey.
- It is the personal responsibility of all players to wear protective equipment approved for the game of inline hockey as stipulated in the NZIHA Official Rulebook

First Aid

- A person qualified in first aid must be present at rink side for all games
- The host venue must ensure measures are in place to ensure the safety of spectators (i.e. netting and/or perspex erected around playing surface).

Puck

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

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- The Referees Roster is compiled by the Chief Referee. In each pool game or round robin game there shall be a minimum of three referees (two on floor and one in the Penalty Box); in each semi-final or final there shall be five referees (two on floor, one penalty box, two goal judges).
- A list of available Referees shall be provided to the NZIHA Executive one month prior to the event commencement date. A copy of the referee game schedule shall be provided to the Tournament Director on the first day of the event with daily updates throughout the tournament.

Score Bench

- The Score Bench roster is compiled by the Tournament Director.
- Clubs are asked to supply to the NZIHA Executive Officer the names and email addresses of experienced score bench officials who are willing to volunteer to assist on the scorebench and provide these names with their team entries.
- In the event of insufficient volunteers, teams may be required to provide a scorebench official for this purpose.

Default

- In the unlikely event that a team defaults a game, NZIHA shall pursue disciplinary action which may include a penalty fee of up to \$1000.

Prize Giving

Team Prizes:-

- 1st in Grade - Trophy, banner, and plaque.
- 2nd in Grade - banner and plaque
- 3rd in Grade - banner and plaque

Medals will be awarded to the players and officials in the teams placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the conclusion of the championship. Prize Giving will take place immediately after the final game in each grade. Silver Trophies are to be handed back to the NZIHA Executive Officer for engraving and safe-keeping. Banners and plaques become the property of the club.

Special Note: Clubs winning team silver trophies may request permission to hold trophies provided they are able to guarantee their security, engrave them with the correct winner information and follow previous engraving font, size and style already in place. Further, silver trophies must be polished and then safely and securely packaged and couriered back to NZIHA one month prior to the championships (in 2011 to be received by September 9th) Any repair or replacement required will be charged back to the club concerned.

Drug Free Policy and Testing

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- *Condemns* the use of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods in sport;
- *Seeks* to protect the health and welfare of Athletes by removing the use of potentially dangerous Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods from sport;
- *Seeks* to ensure that Athletes are able to compete in fair and equitable sporting events; and
- *Recognises* that Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

NZIHA advises all players at National Club Championships that drug testing may be carried out.